

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held April 12, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on April 12, 2022.

Village President Labash called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll being called, the following answered present: Rojas, Kolling, Pennington, Hopkins, Higley, Stauffer. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President Labash declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage was present. Press present. Treasurer Jordan Sasscer absent. Village Engineer Corey Buck present.

**VISITORS:** Sandy Blake, John & Marion Thompson, Mike Fay, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Lou Finch, Nick & Kiana Izer, Brent & Amy Wolber, Bill & Cathy Clark, Jessica Cash, Rose Avey, Stan & Angie Burke, Mickey Tate, Julie White, Chris Corcoran, Rob Urish, Denise Cheek, Sally Gray, Matt Duffy, Dan Elsasser, Jim Winters – Sycamore Police Chief, Jeff Bold, Howie Herman, Alex & Meghan Miller, Katie McKanna, Ron McNett, Al & Julie Millhouse, Warren Stultz, Michelle Cicchetti and family.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the March 22, 2022, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Pennington and Trustee Higley abstained. President declared said motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:** Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to approve the March 22, 2022, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Pennington and Trustee Higley abstained. President declared said motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No Report

**CURRENT BILLS:** Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented with the addition of \$30,672.00 to Holden Construction for the Wesley 1895 construction. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**PETITION & COMMUNICATION:** Jessica Cash from Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center came before the board to request the Village of Mt. Morris adopt the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month. Village President Labash read the proclamation declaring April 2022 as National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Village President Labash swore in new Police Chief Mike Cicchetti.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept BLR 14220 & BLR 0552 for the 2022 sealcoat project of various streets throughout the Village. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Corey Buck gave an update on the Sunset & Bruce Lane projects. Starting with Sunset Lane they will widen the road one block at a time until complete. The Bruce Lane project will include roto mill and overlay of the entire street. Funding for these projects will come from the Motor Fuel Tax fund.

**WATER/SEWER:** No Report.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Rojas reported that the first draft of the Village budget is uploaded to the Teams folder. Trustees are to review and address any concerns or changes.

**PARK & RECREATION:** Trustee Hopkins made the board aware that DLR is having a student workday on May 15<sup>th</sup> if any departments need help.

**POLICE DEPT:** Village Clerk swore in new Patrolman Nick Izer.

**ORDINANCE:** No Report

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Stauffer reported that he is looking for summer help.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Village President Labash addressed the retirement of Chief White.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

The next regular Village Board Meeting will be held on April 26, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

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Brooke Knight, Deputy Village Clerk

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