

## Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held May 10, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on May 10, 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 absent. Treasurer Jordan Sasscer absent. Village Engineer Corey Buck absent.

**VISITORS:** Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Jeff Bold, Sylvia Saunders, Mike Fay, Scott Beck, Chris Corcoran, Lawrence Vickers.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Pennington moved, and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to approve the April 26, 2022, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE MINUTES:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Rojas read the treasurers report on behalf of Treasurer Jordan Sasscer. Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**CURRENT BILLS:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**PETITION & COMMUNICATION:** Mike Fay came before the board to commend the street department on a job well done with the roto mill and overlay work on Brayton Rd. and Bruce Ln. Chris Corcoran came before the board to inquire if the street department would notify residents of Sunset Street about closures before work is to begin? President Labash said notification would go out to residents. Lawrence Vickers came before the board to inquire about the ordinance on leash law and fence ordinance. He inquired about police salary and board member residency. Lawrence also inquired about the criminal reform law. Attorney Lesage addressed that he was aware there are laws regarding this, but as he's not a police officer he can't speak on it. President Labash advised he would have a conversation with the new police Chief about the issues addressed by Lawrence and pass on contact information. President Labash stated the board was now aware if that was the intent of Lawrence.

**ADMINISTRATION:** President Labash advised that at fiscal year it is his responsibility to appoint the trustees to their departmental positions and at this time does not wish to make any changes to the appointed positions. Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to keep Board Trustees in their current positions until the next fiscal year. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Higley discussed the current leaf vac and the need for an upgraded leaf vac. The street department received three quotes to review. The street department will retain the 2002 leaf vac, this trade value will come off the quote from Bonnell. More equipment options, lower overall cost, and parts/repair availability were considered. Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to purchase a leaf vac from Bonnell Industries in Dixon at a price of \$73,417.00. Trustee Pennington inquired about the warranty of the equipment; Trustee Higley stated the warranty would be 100%. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**WATER/SEWER:** No report.

**FINANCE:** No Report

**PARK & RECREATION:** Trustee Hopkins moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the annual contract with Oregon Park District Agreement. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**POLICE DEPT:**

**ORDINANCE:** Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded to approve the Ordinance Authorizing a Variance Pursuant to The Petition of Warren and Beverly Stultz at 501 E. Hitt Street. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** No Report.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Village President Labash presented the idea to create a full time Public Works labor position to help assist in the departments throughout the Village with the hourly wage to be divided between the departments. The candidate for the job should possess a CDL license to as to help the Street Department with snow removal in the winter.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 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 May 10, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

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Brooke Knight, Deputy Village Clerk

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Phil Lash Village President