

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

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

**VISITORS:** Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Tiffany West, Jennifer Robinson, Chris Corcoran, Ryan Fletcher, Larry Vickers

**MINUTES:** Trustee Hopkins moved, and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to approve the June 28, 2022, minutes as presented with the correction to remove Kolling as present. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. President Labash reported that the Sullivan's Agreement is to the stage where the Village is to receive 50% of the Sales Tax from Sullivan's. President Labash advised Board members to keep an eye on that line item in the future.

**CURRENT BILLS:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented. With the addition of Sterling Vault Company in the amount of \$2625.00 for parking blocks for Dillehay Park. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**PETITION & COMMUNICATION:** Larry Vickers came before the board to inquire about the ordinance on lawns, what to do about neighbors' trees, and various State Highway Roads. President Labash explained the process on the Ordinance for Lawns, advised Larry to communicate with his neighbor regarding the trees over hanging his property, and directed Larry to reach out to IDOT for any concerns regarding their roads.

Chris Corcoran brought to the Board's attention the property on Rt 64 with the building in bad shape, and tractors in the yard. President Labash advised this matter has already been addressed with the property owner. Chris also voiced concerns about the machinery on the Rt 64 next to Mobil. President Labash advised he would address this with Code Enforcement.

Tiffany West and Jennifer Robinson from the Let Freedom Ring Committee came before the Board to thank the Village for their donation to the festival for the Fireworks display.

**ADMINISTRATION:** No report.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Higley reported that, the street department will start redoing/replacing sidewalks throughout the Village next week. President Labash asked that the street department provide to the Board a list of sidewalks that were replaced, upon completion. Village Engineer Corey Buck reported there was minor changes to the plans for Sunset and the plans will be resubmitted for approval. The work on Sunset will start August/September.

**WATER/SEWER:** No Report.

President Labash reminded residents about the lead service line letter sent out and requested residents' cooperation for the survey. The water department will be going around to determine lead lines, and appointments can be made if necessary. Trustee Pennington added that there is a deadline for the survey and the replacement of the service lines determined to be lead. There is an option to opt out of the survey/replacement of the lines, but there is the possibility of grant funding for the replacement of the lead service lines within the Village.

**FINANCE:** No Report.

**PARK & RECREATION:** No Report.

**POLICE DEPT:** No Report.

**ORDINANCE:** No Report.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Stauffer reported that the cannon at Palmer Park will be pressure washed and potentially repainted. Trustee Stauffer expressed the plans to move forward with the modified Price Fountain design for the campus. There will be modifications to the base, it will be filled with rock that the water will wash through to a storage tank where it is chemically treated and recycled through the fountain. This will prevent standing water in the basin and the need for clean out/monitoring.

Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to accept the bid for the Price Fountain quote from Oasis Pond not to exceed \$15,000. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

President Labash weighed in that the Village is moving towards Historical Preservation for the downtown district and campus. Having the fountain restored would add to that value.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee Hopkins addressed the need for cameras around the campus and various parks. Trustee Stauffer and Trustee Hopkins will get together with Chief Cicchetti about the options. President Labash expressed that ARPA funds could be used for the cameras.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No Report.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 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 July 26, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

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Brooke Knight, Deputy Village Clerk

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Phil Labash Village President