

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held July 26, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session in the Board Room in Village Hall in said Village at 7:00 PM on Tuesday July 26, 2022.

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

Press, Attorney Lesage, and Village Engineer Corey Buck were absent.

VISITORS: Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Sylvia Saunders, Gary DeSmedt, Jeff Bold, Chris Corcoran, Ryan Fletcher, Stan Ballard, Kelley Cryer, Brian Sutter, Mike Fay.

MINUTES: Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to accept the July 12, 2022, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: No Report.

ADMINISTRATION: President Labash updated that a recent tour of Wesley 1895 showed great progress and Village Board Members are invited to tour the site and see the progress, but to keep in mind the "Open Meetings Act" and schedule time accordingly. President Labash met with Mt. Morris Fire Department and the Fire Board about their new station and is happy they seem committed to staying in the downtown area, though not sure the exact location.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley reported that the County is opening the bids for the Sunset Lane Project. Once bids are received, Corey Buck will make recommendations and proceed with the project. Street department has been working on replacing problem sidewalks in town and progress is moving along. The street sweeper is in for repairs, replacing two pumps. The leaf vac from Bonnell's will be here around August 22nd. Should any situation arise before delivery, we have a second leaf vac that can be utilized.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Pennington reported that there is a water main leak at the corner of Center and Wesley. The building owner is aware. Trustee Pennington also reminded Village residents that they water department employees will be starting to gather information for the IEPA Lead Service Line Survey. Information will be mailed out, as well as the Village website and Facebook page.

FINANCE: No Report.

PARK & RECREATION: President Labash updated on the plans for Zickhur park project. By winter they hope to have a new parking lot in the park, swing set painted, chains replaced, pavilion painted and potentially moved, basketball courts refurbished. There are plans to move forward with a dog park at Zickhur park next year.

The street department is pulling the white wooden parking posts at Dillehay Park and replacing them with parking blocks.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling reported that Chief Cicchetti plans to meet with Trustee Stauffer and Trustee Hopkins about cameras.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Stauffer met with the Planning Commission, Village Code Enforcement and Village Attorney about a new Building Code Ordinance. Trustee Stauffer provided Board members with a copy of the proposed Ordinance to review and vote on later.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Stauffer reported that the cannon at Palmer Park has been pressure washed along with the concrete pad, walks and shelter. The cannon will need to be repainted. Parks department is aware.

Fountain prep work is under way, the concrete will be poured on the 27th and require a week to cure. The fountain project should be wrapped up by the end of August.

Plans for the celebration of the Bandshell's 100th Birthday are being finalized for August 12th. Pork Producers will have pork chop sandwiches and will start serving at 6:30pm, followed by cupcakes. Village President Labash will open the celebration, Trustee Stauffer will provide a brief history of the Bandshell through the years. Friday Night Jamboree will conclude the celebration.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Rojas moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 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 August 9, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Knight, Deputy Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President