

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held August 9, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on August 9, 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: Kolling, Pennington, Hopkins, Higley, Stauffer. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to excuse Trustee Rojas. 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.

**VISITORS:** Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Denise Cheek, Jeff Bold and Larry Vickers. Andy Shaw Blackhawk Hills via telephone.

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

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:** No Report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** 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 Hopkins moved, and Trustee Pennington 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:** Larry Vickers came before the board to inquire about the Village's plans for street maintenance throughout the Village. President Labash responded that the Village is taking a pro-active approach, doing roto-mill and blacktop vs seal coating. Vickers also asks about the Village's policy on feral cats. Labash explains that its on going situation throughout the Village and that we currently have a program, catch, spay, neuter and release. Vickers also has concerns about dogs in his neighborhood who are unleashed? Village has a leash law. He was asked if he had reported this to the authorities?

**ADMINISTRATION:** Trustee Labash asks for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 08-01-22 Amending Ordinance 01-02-18 Amending the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone Boundary. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Killing seconded the motion to Amend Ordinance 08-01-18. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Village President Labash also asked for a motion in Support of the Ogle County Resolution recognizing the importance of broadband in rural areas throughout the county. Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Stauffer seconded the motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. President Labash reminds the audience and the Board of the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of the Bandshell. And asks that all Board members be in attendance. They will be introduced and are asked to assist in serving food and setup. The Price Fountain is also almost complete. The water feature and lighting are working.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Higley reported that the street sweeper has been repaired and is back in service. Dump truck has also been repaired. 300-400 feet of sidewalk repairs should be done by the end of the month. Bid opening for Sunset is August 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 here at Village Hall.

**WATER/SEWER:** Employees are starting to collect the lead survey information. Wastewater treatment plant took in a lot of water and waster water with the recent storm.

**FINANCE:** No Report.

**PARK & RECREATION:** Trustee Hopkins reported that the swing sets at Zickhur Park are being repainted. Getting quotes on resurfacing the basketball court and doing research on a dog park at Zickhur.

**POLICE DEPT:** No Report.

**ORDINANCE:** Trustee Stauffer reminds the Board about the building code regulations that were distributed to Board members, hasn't heard from anyone, need s feedback before September when he would like to adopt the codes.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**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 7:49 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 23, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

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Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

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Phil Labash, Village President