

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held September 27, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on September 27, 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.

VISITORS: Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Tiffany West, Casper Manheim, Gary DeSmedt, Catherine Higley, John Murray, Denise Cheek, Paula Diehl, Peggy Morgan, Ryan Fletcher, Gatlin Good, Maverik Good, Mike Cicchetti.

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

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to approve the September 12, 2022, Executive minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Hopkins 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:

ADMINISTRATION: President Labash reminded the board members that positions for Trustee of Water/Sewer, Police, and Finance will be up for re-election. Current Trustees in those seats will be required to run again. President Labash encouraged any member of the community to grab a packet and run for the election as well. President Labash addressed the resignation of Trustee Stauffer as Building & Grounds/Ordinance. Trustee Stauffer was presented with a plaque commemorating his years of service to the community. Residents and board members were invited to partake in refreshments and cake after the meeting to celebrate Trustee Stauffer's accomplishments throughout his years of service. Due to Trustee Stauffer's resignation mid-term, President Labash will advise his nominee for the position at the next board meeting for approval.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley reported that, the work on Sunset will start this week. Village Street department has ground 25 stumps throughout the Village in a span of 2.5 days. The new leaf vac is set to arrive next week. The new parking blocks for Dillehay park arrived, and the guys are working on getting the wooden posts replaced. Trustee Higley has heard great feedback from the community as it's recognized the work that the street department is doing with the sidewalks and various projects throughout the Village.

WATER/SEWER: No Report. Trustee Pennington did want to update the board that Suez accepted the counteroffer from the board regarding the tower cleaning. Trustee Pennington will add this to the agenda for the next meeting for approval.

FINANCE: No Report.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins verified that the parking blocks for Dillehay had arrived and that the guys had started replacing the wooden posts, as well as a new bench was put in at Zickuhr park in memorial of Jan Hough.

POLICE DEPT: No Report.

ORDINANCE: John Murray came before the board on behalf of Jeff Bold, and the planning committee to discuss the solar ordinance the committee has been working on. After some discussion it was advised that the Planning Committee hold a public hearing. President Labash recommended the Planning Commission define the fee associated before the public hearing date.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Tiffany West came before the board to request permission to use the campus for a Let Freedom Ring fundraising event. There are plans to have games, food vendors, craft vendors, and a carved pumpkin contest. Trustee Stauffer granted permission as chair of public property for the use of the campus.

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 Stauffer seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 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 October 11, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Knight, Deputy Village Clerk

Phil Labash Village President