

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held September 12, 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 September 12, 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, Rojas, Pennington, Hopkins and Stauffer. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage, Treasurer Sasscer and the press were present.

**VISITORS:** Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Jeff Bold, Ryan Fletcher, Chad Stauffer, Chief Cicchetti.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the August 23, 2022, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Pennington abstained. President declared said motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Pennington abstained. President declared said motion carried. The Treasurer reported that TIF 2 revenue was up about \$9000.00 more than last year at this time. Video gaming has also doubled since 2020.

**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:** Mary Jane Warkins asked if the white lettering on the Village welcome signs on the edge of town could be repainted?

**ADMINISTRATION:** Jerry Stauffer came before the Board to read his letter of resignation. His last official meeting as a Trustee is September 30, 2022. President Labash thanked Trustee Stauffer for his many years of service not only on the Board as a Trustee but his service to the community.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Higley reports that the Street department are continuing to replace sidewalks throughout the Village. The new street vac should be here by the end of September. Parking blocks for Dillehay are still to come.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee Pennington reports that the Water/Sewer Department are still working on the lead service line inventory. Supervisor Stauffer said that they have not found any lead lines to date. Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the Purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee pursuant to Section 2 (c)(1). Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**FINANCE:** No Report.

**PARK & RECREATION:** No Report.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to purchase a 2022 Dodge Ram from Thomas Dodge/Chrysler in the amount of \$29,335.00 for the Police Department. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**ORDINANCE:** No Report

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Stauffer reported that the HVAC/Furnace Project for Village Hall has been completed by Loescher. And the plumbing of the men's restroom should be completed also by the end of the week. Dixon Glass is still on schedule for the replacement of windows in Village Hall by the end of September early October.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to recess Regular Session at 7:34 PM and go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee pursuant to Section 2 (c)(1). Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to reconvene Regular Session at 7:47 PM. No action was taken at this time. Chad Stauffer was instructed to get with the Village Clerk about running an ad for the position in the Sewer Department vacated by Carter Fruin at the end of the week. Attorney Lesage suggested that the Village may want to pass an ordinance stating the classification requirements for the position.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Supervisor Stauffer asked about an ordinance regarding the replacement of water and sewer lines by homeowners/contractors where the lines should be capped? There will be further discussion at a later date.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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 September 27, 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