

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held November 22, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on November 22, 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: Hopkins, Higley, Kolling, Pennington, and Rojas. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to excuse Trustee Fay. President declared said motion carried. Press was present.

Attorney Lesage and Corey Buck were not present.

**VISITORS:** Sylvia Saunders, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Bev Opalka, Mickey Tate, Andy Martin Jeff Bold, Ryan Fletcher, Chief Cicchetti and Chad Stauffer.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to accept the November 8, 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:** No Report.

**CURRENT BILLS:** Trustee Kolling 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:** No Report.

**ADMINISTRATION:** President Labash asks for a show of hands to cancel the December 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Approved.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Higley moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 11-01-22 Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property Owned by the Village of Mt. Morris. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Higley reports that the first block of Sunset work is complete. Higley also reported that he spoke with the postmistress at the post office about the replacement of the second mailbox and she responded that it was not a priority. Will continue to pursue it replacement at some point in time. Campus lighting will be complete by November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee Pennington moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to hire Brandon Hafer at \$17.50 per hour in the sewer department. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. His start date is December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Rojas moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to Employee Health Insurance as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. The Village increase this year was 16%. 5% will be passed on to the Employee and the Village will absorb 11%. Trustee Rojas moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to accept the renewal contract with Northern Illinois Disposal which will go into effect May 1, 2023. The increase per residential household will be \$3.75 per household. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. The Village has not had an increase in over ten years.

**PARK & RECREATION:** Parks are closed no meetings until February.

**POLICE DEPT:** No Executive Sesseion. Officer Wigton has turned in his resignation effective December 4<sup>th</sup>. President Labash announced that he has accepted Wigton's resignation.

**ORDINANCE:** No Report.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 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 December 13, 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