

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held January 10, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on January 10, 2023.

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, Fay and Rojas. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to excuse Trustee Pennington. President declared said motion carried. Treasurer was present. Corey Buck present.

Attorney Lesage not present.

VISITORS: Sylvia Saunders, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Steven & Bev Opalka, Ryan Fletcher, Chief Cicchetti, Chad & Ali Stauffer, Denise Cheek, Mary Francis,

MINUTES: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the December 13, 2022, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to accept the December 13, 2022, executive minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

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: Bev Opalka came before the Board to present to the Board the consideration of partnering with NexTrex for the collection of recycled plastic. After a brief presentation President Labash stated interest as it would be a benefit to the community. President Labash will follow up with board members to research the project.

ADMINISTRATION: President Labash addressed the current Vacation Accrual Policy with the Board members. He would like to revise the accrual policy for approval later.

Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Ali Stauffer to the part time position of Deputy Clerk starting at \$17.00 hourly with a start date of 1/11/23. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to appoint Brooke Duffy to IMRF Authorized Agent and move Paula Diehl to Temporary Web Administrator effective immediately. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the Bobcat 68 AB Broom for \$6,000.00. Ryan Fletcher described that it's a smaller unit and would be effective at clearing snow from Village Property sidewalks and park walking paths without damaging the cement. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: No Report.

FINANCE: Trustee Rojas reminded Board members to start planning for the upcoming budget meetings.

PARK & RECREATION: No Report

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling reported that the new hires are working out well. Gerald Bennet has an official start date of 1/19/23. Trustee Kolling reported that the sale of the old squad truck should be an item on the next Agenda.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Fay reports that he received the revised copy of the new Building Code and should be an item on the next Agenda.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: President Labash reminded the Board and Public of the upcoming informational meeting regarding Grace academy on Thursday January 26, 2023, at 6 PM at DLR Jr. High.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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 January 24, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President