

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held May 9, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on May 9, 2023.

The Village President called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Village Treasurer Present. Press Present. Village Engineer Absent. Village Attorney Present.

VISITORS: Morgan McConnell, Chief Cicchetti, Ryan Fletcher, Deb Cheek, Dave and Mary Jane Warkins, Chad Stauffer, Jeff Bold, Jerry Stauffer, Kris Wachs, Dale and Darlene Preoger, Joyce Long, Jeff Pennington, Jorden Sasscer

MINUTES: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the April 25, 2023, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee McConnell abstained. President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Sasscer read the treasurer's report and gave updated information regarding CDs and her recommendations for them in the new fiscal year. Trustee Rojas moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Kolling 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: President Labash addressed the board members and meeting attendees to swear in the new Board Members. Melissa Rojas, Chris Kolling, Mike Fay, and Morgan McConnell were sworn in by the Clerk. President Labash thanked Trustee Pennington for his service and commitment to the Village Board for the past eight years. Joyce Long came before the Board representing the Evangelical Free Church with wanting to host Summer Food/Lunch program with the Northern Illinois Food Bank. They would like to use the Bandshell or Coliseum as a distribution site for the program and have a space for those children to play. President Labash expressed his appreciation for the Evangelical Free Church wanting to provide this program again for our community and granted approval for use of Village public property for the program. Mary Jane Warkins came before the Board expressing concern of pets being brought to campus during Village events. The Village Board agreed to look into a solution for this issue. Dale and Darlene Preoger addressed the board regarding a letter they received from the Village Attorney about the building they own on Wesley. Village President Labash advised he will set up a meeting to discuss the matter and come to a resolution.

ADMINISTRATION: President Labash addressed the board and meeting attendees on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church submitting an application for a Raffle License for a Quilt Raffle. Proceeds will be donated to HOPE of Ogle County. President Labash asked to approve the application and wave the Raffle Fee. Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the application of the Raffle License and wave the Raffle Fee. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley discussed a request from the Mount Morris Pharmacy for 2 reserved parking spots for pharmacy patrons during business hours for curb side service. Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to approve the request for 2 reserved parking spots. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee McConnell discussed retaining Mike Fay for mowing Water/Sewer Property for a contract not to exceed \$2,000. Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve retaining Mike Fay. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” Trustee Fay abstained. President declared said motion carried.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling discussed the purchase of 5 new laptops and docking stations for Squad vehicles for a purchase price of \$19,130. Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the purchase of 5 new laptops and docking stations. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried. Trustee Kolling discussed upgrading Police Department software to Central Square for a price of \$5,947.50. Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the purchase of new software. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

FINANCE: No Report

PARK & RECREATION: No Report

ORDINANCE: No Report

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Fay reports that a new water heater was installed in Village Hall. Discussion for the Kable Band Agreement to begin June 14 through August 2. Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the Kable Band Agreement. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried. Repair Lower-Level restrooms at Village Hall for an estimate from Loescher in the amount of \$18,375.00. Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to approve the restroom repairs. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried. Discussion of Fire Safety Survey from Fire by Design, for fire suppression system and safety signage for Village Hall for the amount of \$2,250.00. Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the Fire Safety Survey. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried. Address the issue of water leaking in the stairwell on the West side of Village Hall with an estimate from US Waterproofing in the amount of \$19,500.00. Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the repairs to the stairwell. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried. Recommendation from Economic Development Group to Gift parcel 08-26-152-001 to Ted Gesin. Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the Gift of parcel 08-26-152-001. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

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 Fay seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 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 May 23, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Ali Stauffer, Deputy Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President