

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held June 13, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on June 13, 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 Absent. Village Engineer Absent. Village Attorney Present.

VISITORS: Chief Cicchetti, Ryan Fletcher, Denise Cheek, Dave and Mary Jane Warkins, Chad Stauffer, Jeff Bold, Sylvia Saunders, Brian Sutter, Lori Peterson, Tiffany West, Kathrine Higley, Jorden Sasscer

MINUTES: Trustee Hopkins moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to accept the May 23, 2023, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." 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 stated the Auditors will be out later in the summer to complete the 2022 Audit. Trustee Kolling moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Trustee Rojas 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 added a current bill for the Price fountain clean up by Oasis Ponds for a new liner, rocks and pump for \$750.00. Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented with the addition of the fountain clean up. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Tiffany West from the Let Freedom Ring Committee discussed the approval of road closures of Wesley and Main for July 3 starting at 3pm. Road closures for July 4 at 1:30pm through the end of the parade for the Fourth of July parade route. Along with road closures, use of the Bandshell for festival activities, festival setup, and festival clean up July 2 through July 5. Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to approve the road closures and bandshell use presented by the LFR committee. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION: No report.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley discussed the purchase approval of F-550 Truck from Bonnell Equipment in the amount of \$143,469.86. Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the F-550 truck. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Discussion of a quote from Wolber and Sons for resurfacing various alleys throughout the Village. The quote presented for chip sealing the alleys was in the amount of \$16,402.00, Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the quote for chip sealing of the alleys. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Higley informed the board he is waiting to hear back from the Village Engineer and IDOT for the completion of the second phase for the Sunset Lane repair project. Once Trustee Higley receives a response, they will be sending out bids to complete the project later this summer.

Discussion of the building at 109 S Wesley regarding tar on the sidewalk out front. Barricades have been placed around the tar and will remain until it is removed. Contact has been made with the owners regarding cleanup.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee McConnell discussed the recommendation to hire Paul Hackerson for the part-time seasonal mowing of Water & Sewer property at minimum wage with an immediate start date. Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to hire Paul Hackerson for mowing. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

Presentation of the Water Tower cleaning quote from National Wash Authority in the amount of \$8,500.00 for approval. Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the Water Tower cleaning quote. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

Discussion of the purchase of a Super Duty F-250 Truck for the Sewer Department from Kunes Auto Group in the amount of \$66,222.00. Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the F-250 Truck. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling discussed updates regarding cameras that are to be installed throughout the Village, installation should begin within a month. Comed has advised that a few utility poles will need to be replaced prior to the camera installation with a lead time of 4 to 6 weeks. Cameras are set to be installed on the Campus, Dillehay Park, and Mounder Park. After cameras are installed, additional cameras can be added in the future if needed.

FINANCE: Trustee Rojas discussed the Emerging Leaders Beautification Project, through the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has created a project to beautify the parks in the Village by adding flower boxes.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins discussed the Grant Application for IDNR Recreation Grant with Hitchcock Design Group to not exceed \$20,000.00 from ARPA funds for Zickuhr Park. Trustee Hopkins moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the Grant Application for the IDNR. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Fay presented an Application from Sharkey’s Sports Bar for a License to conduct a Raffle with proceeds benefiting Serenity Hospice and Home. Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the Application for the Raffle License and waive the application fee. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Fay reports that the issue of water leaking in the stairwell on the West side of Village Hall has been mediated by US Waterproofing. Downspouts and eave’s will be installed soon.

Discussion of Fire Safety Survey from Fire by Design, for fire suppression system and safety signage for Village Hall has been received. Trustee Fay will now contact vendors for installation of the suppression system and signage.

Discussion of edging and mulch being added to the Campus.

Repair Lower-Level restrooms at Village Hall is pending as Loeschler has not scheduled a start date for the project.

New desks and office furniture were installed in the Village Clerk’s office with help from the Street and Water/Sewer Departments.

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 7:42 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 June 27, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Ali Stauffer, Deputy Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President