

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held August 22, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on August 22, 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.

Press Present. Village Attorney Present

VISITORS: Sylvia Saunders, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Chad Stauffer, Ryan Fletcher, Jeff Bold, Derek Thompson, Darin Stykel, Sally Gray, Denise Cheek, Chief Cicchetti

MINUTES: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the August 08, 2023, as presented. Upon roll being called Trustees Kolling, McConnell, Hopkins, Higley, & Rojas voted "Aye." Trustee Fay abstained. President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas 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: Sally Gray came before the Board to invite Board Members and the public to the Tourism Event. The event takes place on Sunday, August 27th starting at 11am at the Campus. Events include a free narrated bus tour around the rural countryside, soloist, and ensemble musicians on the campus green, "The Science of Sound" on the top floor of the Old Sandstone hosted by Mary Ley, as well as a historic campus cell tour.

ADMINISTRATION: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to approve ordinance 08-23-2023 approving the sale of Village Property (PIN 08-26-152-001) to Ted Gesin in the amount of \$50.00. Attorney Lesage provided comment that this property is located within the Village's TIF2 District which allows the sale of this property under this method. The Village published three times in the Ogle County Life July 22nd, July 29th, and August 5th, 2023. A bid from Ted Gesin was the only bid received in the amount of \$50.00. The property will be conveyed to Ted Gesin by Quit Claim Deed on an "as is, where is" basis with no warranties with respect to the condition of the property. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the Sunset Main Change Order from 8 inch to 10 inch with an updated total cost of \$126,391.00. A brief discussion ensued about why this is necessary. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the proposal for professional design services from Fehr Graham for the McKendrie Avenue Reconstruction design with half the contract price paid in the current fiscal year 2023, and the remaining contract price to be paid in the next fiscal year 2024. There was discussion about this project relating to the location of the New Fire Department and its impact. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to Approve the West Lift Station and Force Main agreement from Fehr Graham with half of the contract to be paid fiscal year 2023, and the remaining half to be paid fiscal year 2024. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to approve the Public Works Master Services General Engineering Contract from Fehr Graham not to exceed more than \$25,000. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Superintendent Stauffer shared that Brandon will be taking his Wastewater Class in September.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling reports that the new Central Square software for Police Report Documentation is up and running. There is a delay in the Camera Installation at Mounder Park, due to Commonwealth Edison needing to replace a pole at that location.

FINANCE: No Report

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization Form to include the updated concept and cost. A brief discussion about the new equipment and updated concept was had. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Hopkins updated that there was new paint in one of the pickleball courts. If this does well through the winter, there could be potential to update all the courts with this same paint. This seems the better option after pricing alternative surfaces for the courts.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 8-22-23 Annexing Parcel 08-26-478-019 (2119 N. Everett Road) to the Village of Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Illinois (Pursuant to the Petition of Ted N. Gesin) as recommended by the Planning Commission. Discussion ensued regarding surrounding property being within the Village Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to waive the demolition fee for the Firehouse Project. Discussion was had about the property that the new Fire House would replace. 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 Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 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 12, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President