

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held September 12, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on September 12, 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. Treasurer Present.

VISITORS: Sylvia Saunders, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Jeff Bold, Kris Wachs, Gary Desmedt, Mona Phillips, Officer Izer, Seargent Sutter, Chris Corcoran

MINUTES: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to accept the August 22, 2023, as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling 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 Rojas moved, and Trustee McConnell 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: Gary Desmedt came before the Board to discuss concerns regarding the recent dog mauling and dogs running at large within The Village. Gary Desmedt described the recent incident to the best of his knowledge, cited a few communities that had breed specific bans in their ordinances, and posed some questions to the Village Board and Village Attorney. President Labash assured Gary Desmedt that his concerns were valid, and that The Board and Police Department was taking this matter seriously. Attorney Lesage spoke about the Animal Control Act and explained that in 2003 the breed specific ban legislation was adopted by Illinois therefore it goes against the law to have a breed specific ordinance/ban. There was lengthy discussion surrounding the definition of the law, legal action that can be taken, and discussion on individual safety. A brief discussion was had about restructuring the fine for dogs running at large, Village Trustees will discuss this further and present it to The Board later for action.

ADMINISTRATION: No Report

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley reported that the work on Sunset is delayed due to a few couplers being on back order. They are hoping to have them in by the end of the week.

Trustee Higley reports that Street crew has replaced around 300 feet of sidewalk with the hopes of 150 more feet before the weather turns.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee McConnell reported that the Water Treatment plant had a surprise visit from OSHA. The result was three minor infractions, that are already being addressed and corrected. President Labash commented that this OSHA inspection speaks volumes to the work that Superintendent Stauffer does to make sure things are running efficiently and safely.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to hire Cassie Rogers for the position of part-time police officer, at a rate of \$20.00, effective immediately. 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 reported that the Friday Night Concerts have wrapped up, and he feels it was a successful year. Jeff Bold from Encore acknowledged the work that the Trustees put in this year to make the series successful.

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 8:09 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 26, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President