

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

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

MINUTES: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to accept the September 26, 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 as of September 30. Treasurer Sasscer shared that the Village received the fourth Property Tax Distribution at the end of September. A brief discussion was held on the process of applicants receiving TIF funds. 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: Deputy Clerk Stauffer read the current bills. Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented with the addition of payment to the band for the LFR Fall Festival. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: No Report.

ADMINISTRATION: President Labash addressed the Board and the Public regarding a letter received from Gerald Podraza regarding the Revival of Twin Cities Zephyr – Chicago to East Dubuque. President Labash then read the resolution "Be it resolved, The Mount Morris IL Board or Trustees fully endorse a Federally or State of Illinois funded FEASIBILITY study that would evaluate/determine economic viability and everyday usefulness of revival of AMTRAK service (BNSF/UP) Chicago to East Dubuque". Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the resolution as read. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

President Labash addressed the Board to set the Halloween Hours for Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 5p-8p.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley discussed updates on the repair project for Sunset Lane. Trustee Higley also informed the Board that the new chassis for one of the snowplow vehicles is ready for installation. A quick discussion was had about leaf pick up beginning in the next week or two.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee McConnell gave a few updates: repairs for Well #3 are still ongoing, the water main for the Sunset Lane repair is almost complete, the OSHA inspection has been completed and closed, and Brandon Hafer successfully passed his first IEPA exam. Trustee McConnell then informed the Board that the Mount Morris Water Treatment Plant was nominated for Treatment Plant of the Year through the Illinois Rural Water Association.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling informed the Board that the installation of cameras throughout the Village has begun and should be complete within the next week. Trustee Kolling discussed that new hire Officer Cassie Rogers has started working regular shifts and that there have been continuing discussions on

updating current dog ordinances. President Labash led a brief discussion of the potential to have additional law enforcement personnel hires in the future.

FINANCE: Trustee Rojas discussed the approval of the TIF Amendment Proposal to include the property on the corner of Hitt Street and Wesley Avenue in the TIF District. Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the TIF Amendment Proposal. Village Attorney Lasage discussed the purpose of this amendment and how it will affect the TIF District. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas discussed the approval for the Fire Department TIF Redevelopment Agreement for \$50,000 per year up to the amount of \$250,000, with proof of expenditures that are TIF eligible. Village Attorney Lasage discussed the requirements for proof of expenditures and waiving of building/demolition fees. Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to approve the Fire Department TIF Redevelopment Agreement. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION: No Report.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Fay discussed the updating of ordinances pertaining to parking vehicles throughout the Village, updating and approval will be voted on in the coming months.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee McConnell asked for an update on the clean-up of properties on Wesley Avenue, President Labash stated that the properties have been greatly improved.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 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 October 24, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Ali Stauffer, Deputy Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President