

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held November 14, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on November 14, 2023.

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

Press Present. Village Attorney absent. Treasurer present.

**VISITORS** Jeff Bold, Dave and Mary Jane Warkins, Ryan Fletcher, Chief Cicchetti, Chad Horner, Jennifer Alvarez, Garrett Buske, Paul Hackerson.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to accept the October 24, 2023, as presented. Upon roll being called Trustees McConnell, Kolling, Rojas, Hopkins, Higley voted "Aye." Trustee Fay Abstained. President declared said motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:** No Report

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas 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 Fay moved, and Trustee Hopkins 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:** Chad Horner addressed the Board and introduced himself as running for Coroner of Ogle County and made the Board and attendees aware he was available for questions.

Mike Rock addressed the Board and introduced himself as running for States Attorney of Ogle County. Mike Rock was open to questions from the public and Board members.

**ADMINISTRATION:** No Report

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Higley reported that the work on Sunset continues, and the road should be down soon. Leaf pick up continues, with a total of over 150,000 pounds of leaves collected so far. Trustee Higley also reports that 10 new trees have been planted throughout the Village with the help of Hidden Timber Gardens.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to enter Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the purpose of Considering the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of a Specific Employee. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**POLICE DEPT:** A brief discussion was had regarding funding a fifth full-time position in the police department. Chief Cicchetti will move forward with compiling a list of possible candidates.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to enter Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the purpose of Discussing 2024 Calendar year Employee Health Insurance. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the 23-04 Inducement Resolution to Jeremy Nesmeier regarding a redevelopment project pursuant to the Illinois Tax Increment

Allocation Redevelopment Act. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to approve the Village of Mt. Morris Tax Levy excluding the Public Library and Library Maintenance for the Fiscal year 2023/2024. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**PARK & RECREATION:** Trustee Hopkins reports he is pursuing the option of indoor Pickle Ball for the winter.

**ORDINANCE:** No Report

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Fay reports that he had an inspection of the roof done at Village Hall by Adam Wolf with the finding of a need to patch a spot on the flat roof for winter.

**END REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to end regular session at 8:01pm. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to reconvene regular session at 8:15pm. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve a wage increase for Brandon Hafer based on successful completion of Class 4 Sewer Certification effective September 12, 2023, at a rate of \$20.40 per hour. Upon roll being called Trustees Fay, Higley, Hopkins, Rojas, and Kolling voted “Aye.” Trustee McConnell Abstained. President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the shared Insurance increase with a 50/50 split between the Village and Employees. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

The next regular Village Board Meeting will be held on November 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

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Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk

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Phil Labash, Village President