

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held February 27, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on February 27, 2024.

The Village President called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll being called Trustees Rojas, Kolling, Higley, and Fay voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to excuse Trustees McConnell, and Hopkins. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Village Treasurer Absent. Press Absent. Village Engineer Absent. Village Attorney Absent.

VISITORS: Chief Cicchetti, Jeff Bold, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Sylvia Saunders, Paula Diehl, Sandra Stengel, Denise Cheek, Ryan Fletcher.

MINUTES: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to accept the February 13, 2024, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented, with the addition of \$101.50 for the remainder of the clean-up work in the basement, as well as an addition of \$6,499.94 for Midwest Thermal. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION:

ADMINISTRATION: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to accept the contract renewal from Illinois Fiber Resources Group with an annual cost of \$600.00. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Clerk Duffy will follow up and keep an eye on invoices from ifiber.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley discussed the unauthorized removal of a Village tree on the terrace by a resident. Trustee Higley outlined the process moving forward and the fine structure associated. The street department will also replace the tree that was removed.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-06 authorizing the sale of Village property 2013 Dodge Ram. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Clerk Duffy will follow up with Superintendent Stauffer regarding posting and notifications.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling reported the Police activity log for the month of February. Officers responded to or initiated over 600 calls. Eighty-six of these calls were related to speed enforcement and forty-three resulted in traffic stops.

Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a new squad for the department with a cost of \$51,423.80. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the purchase of new body cameras for the department in the amount of \$17,450.02. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried. Chief Cicchetti commented that he has applied for a grant to cover around 90% of the funding for these.

FINANCE: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the recommendation from the Economic Development Group regarding the TIF application for Skills on Point, LLC in the amount of \$44,000. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the purchase of 12 picnic tables and 13 trash cans with lids not to exceed \$13,000.00. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

ORDINANCE: No Report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the quote from Ted Gesin for the Clerk office remodel not to exceed \$30,000.00. A lengthy discussion ensued. 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 7:50 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 March 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President