

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held March 26, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on March 26, 2024.

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

VISITORS: Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Denise Cheek, Catherine Higley Tiffany West, Jennifer Robinson, Ryan Fletcher, Chief Cicchetti.

MINUTES: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the March 12, 2024, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees 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 \$20,000 to Mobility Connection for ADA Compliance at College Hall. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Dave Warkins addressed the Board about the North Wall at Sharky's. The Village President replied that Economic Development would follow up with the property owner regarding TIF Funding availability.

ADMINISTRATION: President Labash addressed the Board to look over the first draft of the budget with the Treasurer and Finance Chair.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the road closure for the Let Freedom Ring Festival for the usual parade route and festival activities scheduled for July 3, 2024 – July 7, 2024. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to name President Labash in the Certificate of Authority by Vote for the State of Illinois Rock Salt Joint Contract. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Higley addressed some issues with the Sunset Reconstruction project. He has addressed these issues with the engineering firm Willett and Hofmann and will follow up.

WATER/SEWER: No Report.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling read the calls for service report provided by Chief Cicchetti. There were 588 calls for service for the month of March. These calls consisted of 14 Ordinance Violations, 76 Trouble Areas – Running Radar, and 26 stops related to speeding.

FINANCE: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve a donation to the Let Freedom Ring Committee in the amount of \$10,000.00 to go towards the Fireworks. The Committee reports that the Fireworks are an integral part of the festival, and the cost is continually increasing from \$20,000 to \$35,000. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to approve the Redevelopment agreement for Skills on Point. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reports that they are looking into quotes to reroof the building at Dillehay and will present to the Board the quotes they’ve gathered for a vote. Avalanche has been using Dillehay for practices and tournaments, and the High School has used the fields for a game recently.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Fay addressed a phone call he had received from a resident about the Ordinance about having poultry within the Village limits. Following a brief discussion, Board members did not express any immediate concerns regarding the need to modify the current Ordinance.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Fay updated the Board and the public that new “Slow down for pedestrian” signs have been purchased for use during the summer concerts and festivals.

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 McConnell seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 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 April 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President