

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held April 9, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on April 9, 2024.

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

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

**VISITORS:** Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Jerry Stauffer, Chris Corcoran, Wendy Lambrigtsen, Jeff Bold, Jessica Cash, Denise Cheek, Chief Cicchetti.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to accept the March 26, 2024, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**CURRENT BILLS:** Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Fay 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:** Mary Jane Warkins inquired about the status of the new signs as you come into town, Trustee Fay will follow up with interested parties to accomplish this as it is budgeted for this year.

Chris Corcoran addressed the board about the new "No Parking" signs put up in the intersection by his place of residence. It was explained to him that it is State Law that prohibits parking in an intersection, even though it is a "T intersection" it is still an intersection by State definition. He lamented about the lack of parking and stated they would drive over the curb, or through the private property of Phoenix to park in the front yard.

**ADMINISTRATION:** President Labash read the Shining Star Proclamation. Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to declare the month of April as Child Abuse Awareness Month in the Village of Mt. Morris. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**STREET DEPT:** No Report.

**WATER/SEWER:** No Report.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Kolling directed the Board to the calls for service reports provided by Chief Cicchetti.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve a donation to the Mt. Morris Coliseum in the amount of \$10,000.00 to help offset Boiler repair costs. Wendy Lambrigtsen discussed the unexpected cost. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to enter into an Executive session at the end of the regular session to discuss personnel salaries under section 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**PARK & RECREATION:** Trustee Hopkins reports that the new garbage bins and picnic tables have arrived, and they will start being placed at Dillehay.

**ORDINANCE:** No Report.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Fay addressed the Board on a solution to the overflowing trash bins on the campus. Clerk Duffy will follow up with Northern Illinois Disposal.

**CIVIL DEFENSE:** No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**END REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to end Regular Session at 7:46 pm to enter an Executive session to discuss personnel salaries under section 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to Reconvene the Regular Session at 8:08 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the wage increase as discussed. 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 Rojas moved, and Trustee McConnell 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 April 23, 2024, 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