

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held April 23, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on April 23, 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 Present. Press Absent. Village Engineer Absent. Village Attorney Present.

VISITORS: Mary Jane Warkins, Jeff Bold, Denise Cheek, Fire Chief Hough.

MINUTES: Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the April 9, 2024, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called Trustees Rojas, Kolling, McConnell, Hopkins, and Fay voted "Aye". Trustee Higley abstained. President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to accept the April 9, 2024, Executive minutes as presented. Upon roll being called Trustees Rojas, Kolling, McConnell, Hopkins, and Fay voted "Aye". Trustee Higley abstained. President declared said motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented with the addition of \$15,821.80 to Nicholson 1 Communication for the system installation on the new squad. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION:

ADMINISTRATION: President Labash addressed the Board and public regarding the recent fire uptown. The Village is working diligently with our legal team, property owners, and code enforcement to ensure we are operating within our legal limits as well as protecting public safety.

President Labash read the Motorcycle Awareness Proclamation. Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to declare the month of May Motorcycle Awareness Month in the Village of Mt. Morris. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve reimbursement to Bryan Immel in the amount of \$2000.00 for his CDL course with a conditional 1-year retention agreement with the Village. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Higley reports he received a second opinion on the compression of the blacktop on Sunset. He advised Willett and Hofmann to proceed with the sealing of the street. The terraces should be filled and seeded in the next few weeks.

Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the hiring of Andrew McKanna for part-time seasonal help starting May 13, 2024, at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling reports that the new squad is up and running the body cameras have arrived, and the police department is working through the training.

FINANCE: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the budget presented by Treasurer Sasscer as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to Place Village of Mt. Morris, Illinois, Campus Redevelopment Project Area Tax Increment Financing District Amendment No. 1 on file in the Village Clerk's office for public inspection. Attorney Lesage summarized the process for adding new properties to the TIF District. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a Grasshopper Mower to Birkey's in the amount of \$18,000.00. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee McConnell commended all the personnel involved in containing the fire uptown. The water usage was roughly 300,000 gallons.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reports that mowing in the parks has started. All the new garbage cans are out, and the crew is working on getting the picnic tables put together. Trustee Hopkins will follow up with Fred at MMHS regarding Pickle Ball.

ORDINANCE: No Report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Rojas extended an invitation to all the Board Members and the public to the Ribbon Cutting and Open House at the Mt. Morris Senior and Community Center next Tuesday at 6 PM. Trustee Rojas attended the 100 Women Who Care meeting and presented on behalf of the Mt. Morris Senior and Community Center and was awarded a \$8,600.00 check.

Trustee McConnell requested an update on the iFiber in town. President Labash will follow up with Economic Development.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 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 May 5, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President