

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held June 25, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on June 25, 2024.

The Village President called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll being called the following Trustees answered present: Kolling, McConnell, Hopkins, Higley, Fay, and Rojas. President declared said motion carried.

Village Treasurer Present. Press Present. Village Attorney Absent.

VISITORS: Sylvia Saunders, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Chad Stauffer, Paula Diehl, Chief Cicchetti, Catherine Higley, Ryan Fletcher, Jeff Bold, Chad Stauffer, Larry Callant Ogle County IT Director, Audrey Miller with Surf Internet.

MINUTES: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to accept the June 11, 2024, minutes. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye". President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

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

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented with the addition of an invoice in the amount of \$500.00 to the American Legion for flags. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Larry Callant the Ogle County IT Director addressed the Board regarding the iFiber project and the progress that has been made partnering with Syndeo. The owner of Syndeo will attend the next Board Meeting to update the Board and answer any questions.

Audrey Miller from Surf Internet presented to the Board that they are ready to move forward with a pre-design meeting to configure how to best serve residents of Mt. Morris.

Mary Jane Warkins commented that Village employees and volunteers are doing a great job maintaining the flowers throughout town.

ADMINISTRATION: No Report.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the road closure of Brayton Road, in front of the old DLR, presented by the Let Freedom Ring Committee. The parking lots will remain accessible. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the request from Idle Hour to block off 5 parking spots in front of the business from July 3rd – July 7th, to provide space for additional seating and bag toss boards. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Higley reports that all alleys north of Route 64 are sealed and he is still following up on the issue regarding the landscaping on the south side of Sunset.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 24-09 amending Title 8 Chapter 1 section 8-1-5 of the Mt Morris Village Code (minimum water service charge). Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

Trustee McConnell updated the Board that there have been meetings with Fehr Graham regarding a 7-year Project Plan, Sunset project prices, and waterline projects. Trustee McConnell also reports that the required Lead Service Line Survey Project is close to the deadline for completion. With more than 300 still outstanding, Fehr Graham can provide verbiage to residents to help get the survey completed for grant funding.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling addressed the Executive session that was listed on the agenda. President Labash would like this to be reviewed by the Village Attorney before presenting it to the Board.

FINANCE: No Report

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the approval of the Memo of Understanding between the Village of Mt. Morris and Oregon Park District. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

Fencing for extending the foul lines is completed at Dillehay Park. Village employees started to repaint the Pickleball Courts at Mounder Park.

ORDINANCE: No Report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the Museum Lease at \$625 per month, locked in for three years. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Fay updated on the various building improvement projects going on. The painting at Village Hall in the entryway and Clerk's office is complete. The signs coming into town have been given a fresh coat of paint. American Concrete will be starting work on the basement flooring on July 8th. Boss Carpet submitted a quote to redo the flooring in the Clerk’s office. Dixon Glass is looking into fixing the door to the election room. Trustee Fay met with Fehr Graham regarding the flooding issue at that door. With the amount of rain, the Village has seen over the past few weeks, the new gutters seem to have helped with the flooding issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 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 July 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President