

## Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held July 23, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on July 23, 2024.

The Village President called the meeting to order and directed the Deputy Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

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

**VISITORS:** Chief Cicchetti, Jeff Bold, Silvia Saunders, Ryan Fletcher, Paula Diehl, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Steven Gabrielson, Jerney Nesemeier, Emmie & Lily Nicholson.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to accept the July 9, 2024, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES:** Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to accept the July 9, 2024 executive minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." Trustee Hopkins abstained. President declared said motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Sasscer read the treasurer's report as of June 30, 2024. Treasurer Sasscer shared that the water fund was negative but should see an increase as the water rates have been increased. It then was discussed the ending funds also included the first distribution of property taxes. Trustee Rojas moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**CURRENT BILLS:** Deputy Clerk Stauffer read the current bills. Trustee Rojas 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 addressed the board about the Mount Morris signs for East and West Route 64 coming into town. Trustee Fay stated he is working on landscaping and new designs for the signs.

**ADMINISTRATION:** President Labash addressed the Board and the Public regarding Resolution 24-01R to include Compensation Paid Under an IRC 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings for discussion and approval. Discussion was had on the resolution needing to be passed based on Illinois compensation under IMRF. Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve Resolution 24-01R to include Compensation Paid Under and IRC 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Higley discussed road closures for Friday Night Concerts for Wesley Avenue between Main Street and Center Street around 6pm for the performances. Discussion continued about how to block off roads safely and make exiting/entering the area Front Street. It was also discussed that for safety, concert seating should not be in the streets. Trustee Higley stated he will be meeting with Fehr Graham about street work for the new Fire Department. President Labash addressed the board and the public about the Hill Street Project regarding the beginning phases of planning for infrastructure and streets. Attorney Lesage stated he will be helping with the Hill Street Project on the financial aspects for the organization but will not have any connections with the Village of Mt. Morris on the project.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee McConnell addressed the board and public about the final review for the Sunset Lane Reconstruction. President Labash asked where the funding will be coming from for this project. Trustee Higley stated the Street Fund will be loaning the funds to the Sewer and Water Funds to complete the project. Treasurer Sasscer clarified how the funds will be distributed. Attorney Lesage suggested a budget resolution to reflect the fund changes. Trustee McConnell moved to approve the

Contract from Fehr Graham, Proposal for Professional Design Services – Sunset Lane Reconstruction Design for discussion and approval. Trustee Rojas seconded the motion, upon the roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Kolling informed the Board that cameras for the Police vehicles will be installed August 13, 2024. National Night Out will be on August 6, 2024.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Rojas discussed for approval Ordinance 24-10 An Ordinance approving the amendment No. 1 to Tax Increment Finance Campus Redevelopment Project Area (TIF #2) Redevelopment Project and Plan. Attorney Lesage stated this is the final step in the process of finalizing the approval of the amendment. Copies of the signed Ordinance will be forwarded to the Ogle County Clerk and the Illinois Comptroller’s Office. Trustee Rojas moved to approve Ordinance 24-10 An Ordinance approving the amendment No. 1 to Tax Increment Finance Campus Redevelopment Project Area (TIF #2) Redevelopment Project and Plan, Trustee Kolling seconded the motion, upon the roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas moved to approve the County Line Design Redevelopment Agreement, Trustee McConnell seconded the motion, upon the roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas moved to approve FY25 Appropriation Ordinance, Trustee Kolling seconded the motion, upon the roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

**PARK & RECREATION:** Trustee Hopkins discussed three different quotes for replacing the roof on the Dillehay Park Building. Trustee Hopkins moved to approve the bid from Total Construction Services from Sterling, IL \$22,197.48, Trustee Rojas seconded the motion, upon the roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Hopkins moved to approve Soil and Material Consultants, INC. proposal 22,222 Regarding Zickuhr Park Geotechnical Investigation Report \$5,312.00, Trustee Rojas seconded the motion, upon the roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Hopkins also stated that the rubber playground cover at Mounder Park will be removed and replaced with new mulch.

**ORDINANCE:** No Report.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Fay discussed new blinds being installed in Village Hall and new carpet will be installed for the Clerk’s office. The Police Department Remodel is on the schedule for this winter.

**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 7:47 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 August 13, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

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Ali Stauffer, Deputy Village Clerk

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Phil Labash, Village President