

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held October 22, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on October 22, 2024. The Village President called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll being called Trustees Rojas, Kolling, Hopkins, Higley, Fay, and McConnell voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Village Treasurer Absent. Press Present. Village Attorney Present.

VISITORS: Jeff Bold, Chief Cicchetti, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Ryan Fletcher, Paula Diehl, Sandra Stengel, Denise Cheek.

MINUTES: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to accept the October 08, 2024, Minutes as presented. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to accept the October 08, 2024, Executive Minutes as presented. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to accept the October 15, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report.

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the Current Bills as presented. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Mary Jane Warkins came before the Board to ask if there was a plan to prune or trim trees at the parks and on the campus? Trustee Higley responded that there was a plan, and they will be communicating with the tree trimming team when they are scheduled to be in town next.

Sandra Stengel presented the Board with the results of the Media Campaign. There is great outreach, and the Village plans to continue with the Media Campaign in the future. The results of this year will give a better target zone for next year.

ADMINISTRATION: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to immediately enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Probable or Imminent Litigation Involving the Village Pursuant to Section 2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

END REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to end the regular session at 7:25 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to reconvene the regular session at 7:50 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley discussed the new snow plow being ready in a few weeks. The approval for payment of \$146,987.32 is included in the Current Bills total. Leaf pick up has started. The Board agreed that there should be no leaf pick up services to those residents who live outside of the Village limits.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at the end of the Regular Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee pursuant to Section 2 (c)(1). Upon roll being called, all the Trustees present voted “Aye.” The President declared said motion carried.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the initial purchase of 5 Taser 10 packages with reimbursement from a grant through ILEAS. Upon roll being called, all the Trustees present voted “Aye.” The President declared said motion carried.

FINANCE: No Report.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to approve the amendments from Hitchcock Design, amendment #1 for \$3,100 and amendment #2 for \$3,200. Upon roll being called, all the Trustees present voted “Aye.” The President declared said motion carried.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the Recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding a petition for text amendment with respect to the addition of “self-service storage facility” to the list of C-2 special uses under the Village’s zoning ordinance authorizing President Labash to sign the Petition. Upon roll being called, all the Trustees present voted “Nay.” The President declared said motion failed.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the rental of Christmas light display from Winterland Rentals on a 3-year lease in the amount of \$6,000. Upon roll being called, all the Trustees present voted “Aye.” The President declared said motion carried.

END REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to end the regular session at 8:26 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to reconvene the regular session at 8:30 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the wage increase by \$1.00 for Brandon Hafer for successfully completing Sewer Certification Class 3, starting September 27, 2024. Upon roll being called, all the Trustees present voted “Aye.” The President declared said motion carried.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 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 November 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President