

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held February 25, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on February 25, 2025. The Village President called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll being called Trustees Rojas, Kolling, Higley, Fay, and Hopkins voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to excuse Trustee McConnell. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

Village Treasurer Present. Press Absent. Village Attorney Absent.

VISITORS: Fen Niu, Scott Cooper, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Sylvia Saunders, Denise Cheek, Ryan Fletcher, Lou Finch, Dan Terhark, Catherine Higley, Chief Cicchetti, Jeff Bold

MINUTES: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to accept the February 11, 2025, Minutes as presented. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

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

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas 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: Fen Niu from NextEra Energy provided a brief overview of their project at the Bocker Family Farm to the Board. There were no questions from the Board.

ADMINISTRATION: Trustee Fay moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 25-06 Amending the number of Class A Liquor Licenses. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley moved and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to purchase a Stand-On compact loader from Johnson Tractor in the amount of \$37,539.76. Ryan Fletcher discussed that is a need for this equipment especially when replacing sidewalks throughout town. It would be beneficial to own rather than renting the equipment. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee Rojas moved and Trustee Hopkins moved the SCADA Computer Agreement. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the Purpose of Considering the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee Pursuant under 5ILCS 2 (c)(1). Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

FINANCE: No Report

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reports that in regards to Zickuhr Park design, they have trimmed it down another \$33,000. There is another meeting with Hitchcock Design Group set up. Trustee Hopkins will update the Board.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Fay discussed the current ordinance regarding the age limit to serve alcohol within the Village of Mt. Morris and the consideration to reduce the age limit. The variance will be presented at a future Board Meeting.

President of the Golf Course Board – Lou Finch discussed with the Board the need for the variance in order to keep open positions during big play days, weekends and weekdays.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Fay briefly updated the board on the various projects including upgrading the phones at Village Hall, work on the doors into the building, as well as some new banners for the street lamps up town.

Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to allow Let Freedom Ring use of the Campus on April 12, 2025 for the adult easter egg hunt, and to waive the fee for the 50/50 raffle tickets to be sold at the Spaghetti Dinner and Live Dessert Auction March 15th at The Center. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried

END REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to end the regular session at 7:49 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to reconvene the regular session at 8:05 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Action from Executive Session: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion, that due to unique circumstances, the approval of one time carry over for the additional 108 hours of vacation time for Paul Lindstrom which must be used within the year 2025. 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 Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 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 March 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President