

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held March 11, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on March 11, 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 McConnell voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas moved and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to excuse Trustee Hopkins. 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: Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Ryan Fletcher, Kelly Cryer, Chief Cicchetti, Officer Rogers.

MINUTES: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the February 25, 2025, Minutes as presented. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the February 25, 2025, Executive Minutes as presented. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee Rojas 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.

Treasurer Sasscer presented the Audit finding with the Board and Public. Treasurer Sasscer also presented the repayment of the \$50,000.00 Sewer Reserve Interfund Loan to be voted at a future Meeting.

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: Kelly Cryer came before the Board to address the issue of cars speeding on N. Wesley. A brief discussion ensued regarding increased patrol on that block as well as the potential of additional Speed Limit signs. Kelly Cryer also requested the Board consider a crosswalk at the intersection of Wesley and Hitt/Rt 64. Trustee Higley responded that he had reached out to IDOT regarding this, and was informed of the steps and cost the Village would incur. A brief discussion ensued about the location of current crosswalks in that area, and that the safest place to cross Rt. 64 is at the stop light on McKendrie. Kelly Cryer also brought up the issue of a guard rail that was not up to code, President Labash requested he not wait, and to report these issues to Code Enforcement.

Mary Jane Warkins expressed to the Board that the clean up of the properties located at 1 & 3 N Wesley is looking nice.

ADMINISTRATION:

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley moved and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to Authorize Ryan Fletcher to enter into contract on behalf the Village of Mt. Morris with the State of Illinois for Salt. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: Trustee McConnell updated the Board on a review process for water shut.

POLICE DEPT: No Report

FINANCE: No Report

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to accept the Bid from E. Hoffman, Inc. for the Zickuhr Park Project. President Labash briefly discussed the changes that were made to lower cost for the project. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” The President declared said motion carried.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 25-07 Amending Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 3-2-25 (EMPLOYEES). It was explained that lowering the age limit within the ordinance doesn’t violate any state law, these employees would not work alone without an older adult supervising. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees Fay, Rojas, Kolling and McConnell voted “Aye.” Trustee Higley Abstained. The president declared said motion carried.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Trustee Fay briefly updated the board on the various projects within the Village Hall building.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 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 25, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President