

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

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

Trustee Kolling moved and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to excuse Trustee Higley. 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:** Eva Bennett, Stephanie King, Raiden Zimmerman, Immanuel Arellano, David Wehler, Mallory King, Chad Stauffer, Ryan Fletcher, Stan Ballard, Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Tiffany West, Jennifer Robinson, Kelly Cryer, Jeff Bold, Chief Cicchetti, Mike Delany.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Fay seconded the motion to accept the March 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:**

**CURRENT BILLS:** Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee McConnell 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:** Immanuel Arellano, David Wehler, Mallory King, and Raiden Zimmerman came before the Board to discuss their Project Paw Park, for "My Hometown Is Cool" grant opportunity. If awarded the grant, they would receive \$2,000 that would go towards a dog park within Mt. Morris. There were questions regarding location, time frame and labor. The group responded that they are open to location, video submission would be April 14<sup>th</sup>, and the construction of the dog park would be volunteers from their organization. The Village Board of Trustees will work with the group as the process continues. There is no time frame that the dedicated funds must be used by.

Kelly Cryer came before the board to read his sworn affidavit regarding 310 N Wesley Avenue.

**ADMINISTRATION:** No Report

**STREET DEPT:** Superintendent Fletcher reports that the mini skid loader has arrived.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to repay the interfund loan from Water to Sewer Reserve Fund in the amount of \$50,000. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the separation of the water line from Kelsey Excavating, in the amount of \$7,200 not to exceed \$8,000 at well house 3 by the grain bins. Kelsey Excavating has done work for the Village in the past. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

**POLICE DEPT:** The Police Station remodel is complete. Kelly Cryer offered his "Thanks" to the police department for the increased patrol and efforts to slow traffic.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve Constellation for 36 months at a rate close to .07272 for the pumps. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted “Aye.” The president declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to approve Constellation for 36 months at a rate of .04094 for street lighting. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted “Aye.” The president declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas commented that the budget has been finalized. President Labash added that there have been cuts to budget.

**PARK & RECREATION:** Superintendent Fletcher reports that JV boys’ baseball has been utilizing field 2 for practice every night.

**ORDINANCE:** No Report

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the use of the campus for the annual Let Freedom Ring event, along with the street closures. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted “Aye.” The president declared said motion carried.

The Village will continue to support the Let Freedom Ring event, with a grant of \$10,000 if approved in the budget, by hosting the Patriotic Program and Bell Ringing, closing various streets for the parade, and offering space at Mounder Park for the block party.

Trustee Fay reports that the new keyless entry system has been installed.

**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 7:41 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 April 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

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Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk

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Phil Labash, Village President