

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held April 8, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on April 8, 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, McConnell and Hopkins voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

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

Village Treasurer Absent. Press Absent. Village Attorney Absent.

VISITORS: Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Jessica Cash with Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, Kathy Heid, Jeff Bold, Paula Diehl, Rob Urish, John Finrock, Ryan Fletcher, Chief Cicchetti, Brent Wolber, Ed Baker,

MINUTES: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to accept the March 25, 2025, Minutes as presented. Upon the roll being called Trustees Kolling, McConnell, Hopkins, and Rojas voted "Aye." Trustee Higley Abstained. The president declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Hopkins 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:

ADMINISTRATION: Jessica Cash with Shining Star came before the Board to describe what a pivotal group Shining Star is for the community. April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Village President Labash read the Proclamation declaring such for the Village of Mt. Morris.

STREET DEPT: Trustee Higley reports that the Grasshopper mower sold for over \$2,000, which was more than was offered for trade.

WATER/SEWER: No Report

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to enter Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the purpose of discussing threatened litigation under 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.

FINANCE: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to enter Executive Session at the end of Regular Session for the purpose of discussing personnel salaries pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

Trustee Rojas directed Board Members to review the budget draft and items to consider for final approval based on recommendations from Auditors, and wage negotiations.

Trustee McConnell moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to postpone the recommendation from Economic Development Group to review it and vote at a future meeting. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION: Trustee Hopkins reports that there is a meeting this month with the construction company that will be doing the Zickhur Park design before breaking ground. Ryan Fletcher reports that games and practices continue to be held at Dillehay Park in the evenings and weekends. Avalanche girls did a great job with spring cleanup at Dillehay.

ORDINANCE: No Report

PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report

END REGULAR SESSION: Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to end the regular session at 7:16 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 7:46 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted “Aye.” President declared said motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Hopkins discussed the potential to add a memorial type of program for those residents to wish to honor a passed family member.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas 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 April 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Brooke Duffy, Village Clerk

Phil Labash, Village President