

## Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held May 13, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on May 13, 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, Fay and Hopkins voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

Village Treasurer Absent. Press Absent. Village Attorney Absent.

**VISITORS:** Dave & Mary Jane Warkins, Jeff Bold, Ryan Fletcher, Chief Cicchetti, Sylvia Saunders

**MINUTES:** Trustee Fay moved, and Trustee McConnell seconded the motion to accept the April 22, 2025, Minutes. Upon the roll being called all trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No Report

**CURRENT BILLS:** Trustee Hopkins 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:**

**ADMINISTRATION:** Village President Labash mentioned that WREX is doing a news video about Mt. Morris, it will air Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6PM. All elected Trustees and Village President were sworn in by Clerk Duffy.

**STREET DEPT:** Trustee Higley moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the application for street closure for Idle Hour during the Let Freedom Ring Festival as in the past. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried. Trustee Higley reports that the work at Zickhur Park continues and is going well. Trustee Higley will meet with IDOT in Oregon on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss MFT Funds.

**WATER/SEWER:** Trustee McConnell reports that he has a few projects in the works with Fehr Graham and will update the Board when he has more information.

**POLICE DEPT:** Trustee Kolling read a press release from Chief Cicchetti regarding a search warrant that resulted in drug charges.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Rojas moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the Recommendation from Economic Development group to grant the Hill Street Project \$250,000. Upon the roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." The president declared said motion carried. Trustee Rojas along with Treasurer Sasscer recommended rolling over a \$1M CD, 1 Year at 4.02 APY with Harvard State Bank. The Board is aligned with this.

**PARK & RECREATION:** Trustee Hopkins reports that there is a meeting with Ed Hoffman Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans for Zickhur Park.

**ORDINANCE:** Trustee Fay met with Village President Labash, Code Enforcement and Chief Cicchetti. There is a plan moving forward for ordinance violations.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Trustee Fay Reports that Jeff and Larry got the signs down. We have received the memorial bench for Gerry Knodle and will be reimbursed by the family. This bench will be placed at the bandshell.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee McConnell asked about an update on the Sharky's property, President Labash commented that there some minor issues to address regarding grading and seeding, but it's moving forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Labash reminded the Board that moving forward the Village will have a heavy role in the Memorial Day Program. Once he has met with the American Legion, he will update the Board in what capacity participation is requested.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 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 May 27, 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