

REGULAR VILLAGE OF MOUNT MORRIS BOARD MEETING

October 21st, 2024 | Mount Morris Village Hall | 117 Main Street, Mount Morris NY

Present: Mayor Joel Mike; Deputy Mayor Bill Manthey; Trustees Beth Shea, Kelly Richardson, and Tim Bryant; Village Attorney Eli McWhinney; Village Engineer JP Schepp; Village Code Enforcement Officer Mark Mullikin; Chief of Police Mark Brado; Officer Ronald Huff; Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kaylee Leone

Also present: Town Supervisor Dave DiSalvo; Town Councilmember Joe Rawleigh; Village Justice David Provo; Community members Ron Pellicane, Beverly Sackett, Jen Young, Gertrude Hoffman, Wayne McKenzie, Deb Yencer, Sonya Roberts, Jeremiah Roberts, GJ Saunders, Josh Kelley, Cathie Gehrig, Joshua Bacon, Kelly Bacon, Justin Megliore, and Karyn Bryson Abbott

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joel Mike called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and warmly welcomed First Class Scouts David Kelley, Josh Reader, and Jeremiah Roberts. Mayor Mike then asked the Scouts to lead those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Joel Mike stated that the evening's meeting would not be open for public comment.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT, MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Joel Mike provided an overview of the October abstracts:

Abstract 11, FY 2024

A: General \$19,996.39, Vouchers 223-251

F: Water \$6,353.88, Vouchers 145-160

G: Sewer \$6,814.02, Vouchers 105-119

Abstract 12, FY 2024

A: General \$97,681.01, Vouchers 252-285

F: Water \$22,833.32, Vouchers 161-181

G: Sewer \$4,920.41, Vouchers 120-134

Abstract 13, FY 2024

A: General \$86,786.76, Vouchers 286-299

F: Water \$2,149.62, Vouchers 182-186

G: Sewer \$7,221.92, Vouchers 135-139

A motion to accept abstracts 11, 12, and 13 as stated was introduced by Deputy Mayor Bill Manthey and seconded by Trustee Kelly Richardson, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

Mayor Mike opened the floor to board comment regarding the meeting minutes from the September 8th, 2024, Special Village Board Meeting and the September 16th, 2024, Regular Village Board Meeting.

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Hearing none, a motion to accept the September 8th, 2024, Special Village Board Meeting Minutes and the September 16th, 2024, Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes as written was introduced by Deputy Mayor Bill Manthey and seconded by Trustee Kelly Richardson, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

Mayor Joel Mike stated that funds from Ridge Solar have been received and need to be apportioned.

A motion to transfer \$5,000.00 into A2705 (Gifts and Donations), and to transfer \$5,000.00 into A5182 (Street Lighting) was introduced by Deputy Mayor Bill Manthey and seconded by Trustee Beth Shea, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

Mayor Joel Mike opened the floor to board comment regarding recent communications regarding Village health insurance. Trustee Tim Bryant inquired as to whether an agency representative would be able to provide additional detail, to which Deputy Mayor Bill Manthey confirmed. Mayor Mike tabled further discussion until the board's next meeting.

Mayor Joel Mike stated that voucher 84 from abstract 4 in fiscal year 2024 paid to Rochester Paint Center, Inc. in the amount of \$1,984.20 needed to be reclassified from A5112.2 (CHIPS) to 5182.4 (Street Contractual).

A motion to reclassify voucher 84 from abstract 4 in fiscal year 2024 from A5112.2 (CHIPS) to 5182.4 (Street Contractual) was introduced by Trustee Kelly Richardson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bill Manthey, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

A motion to void check 3897 in the amount of \$18.58 associated with voucher 202 from abstract 21 in fiscal year 2023 was introduced by Trustee Kelly Richardson and seconded Trustee Beth Shea, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

A motion to renew the Hach Service Partnership Agreement for a period of one year was introduced by Deputy Mayor Bill Manthey and seconded by Trustee Kelly Richardson, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

Mayor Joel Mike provided an update on the Village's acceptance of credit card payments for water and sewer payments. Mayor Mike stated that though the service is too new to provide in-depth data on whether payment delinquency will begin to decrease, he hopes that providing this new payment method will result in fewer relevies being forwarded to Livingston County for collection.

Mayor Joel Mike stated that unpaid Village Taxes and water and sewer relevies in the amount of \$135,907.64 were forwarded to Livingston County on October 1st, 2024, and were comprised of the following underlying classifications:

Base Taxes: \$95,031.59

Penalty: \$8,891.14

Unpaid Water: \$14,029.13

Unpaid Sewer: \$17,955.78

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Tim Bryant stated that Anthony Regatuso submitted a letter of resignation with an effective date of October 31st, 2024.

A motion to accept Anthony Regatuso's letter of resignation with regrets was introduced by Trustee Tim Bryant and seconded by Trustee Kelly Richardson and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

A motion to award the sewer roof project to bid number two, Spring Sheet Metal and Roofing, LLC in the amount of \$39,720.00, was introduced by Deputy Mayor Bill Manthey and seconded by Trustee Tim Bryant and was voted on by members as follows:

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Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

Trustee Tim Bryant stated that Ryan Goodwin from RNG Custom Metal has requested that his deposit check be returned should he not be awarded the sewer roof project bid. Mayor Joel Mike stated that no resolution would be required.

Village Engineer JP Schepp from MRB Group gave an overview of the progress of the Village's WIIA Project. JP Schepp stated that bids were opened on July 29th, 2024, and that the lowest bids were STC Construction and Concord. On August 19th, 2024, the bids were reviewed and awarded. On September 26th, 2024, all required documentation had been received and reviewed. Also on September 26th, 2024, a pre-construction meeting was held and a notice to proceed was issued. Paperwork for parts, equipment, and materials have been trickling in and approved items can now start to be purchased. The project must be substantially complete by June 23rd, 2025, and final completion must be accomplished by July 23rd, 2025. JP Schepp stated that contract caveats that require American iron and steel may cause lead times on materials and equipment to delay delivery until late spring or early summer. JP Schepp stated that as such, construction will likely commence in winter with major work likely not beginning until spring. JP Schepp added that the grant is administered by the Environment Facilities Corporation and is overseen by the NYS Department of Health.

Community member Cathie Gehrig inquired as to who the project manager for this development was, to which JP Schepp stated that he was.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Mount Morris Police Chief Mark Brado stated that Officer James Reed submitted a letter of resignation with an effective date of August 16th, 2024.

A motion to accept Officer James Reed's letter of resignation with regrets was introduced by Trustee Kelly Richardson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bill Manthey and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

Chief Mark Brado stated that the department is still short-staffed and is currently conducting a background check for a new employee, while another background check is pending. Chief Brado stated department members recently went to the range and that all officers are range-qualified. Chief Brado explained that the Village of Mount Morris Police Department was recently approved for the Governor's Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00, which is an increase from prior years. Chief Brado stated that he is

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working on getting departmental software upgrades to the NYS TraCS 20 system. Chief Brado detailed that funds awarded from a DA Grant have been used to provide two new laptops and printers in patrol cars, two office computers, and an all-in-one printer. Chief Brado also stated that DWI enforcement will soon be submitted for reimbursement totaling nearly \$3,500.00. Chief Brado noted that the department is currently 33% under budget. Compliments from community members related to increased radar and traffic stops along Main Street and police presence at the recent Bourbon Brew and BBQ event were shared with the board by Chief Brado.

Mayor Joel Mike added that all of Route 36 through the Village will soon be made into a no-passing zone.

CODE, PLANNING, ZONING

Deputy Mayor Bill Manthey stated that a letter of interest to join the Joint Town and Village of Mount Morris Planning Board was submitted by Village resident Brianna Rawleigh. Mayor Joel Mike confirmed with Town Supervisor Dave DiSalvo that Ms. Rawleigh was appointed at the October 17th, 2024, Regular Town of Mount Morris Board Meeting. Mayor Mike stated that the Village Code requires joint appointments by both the Mount Morris Town Board and the Mount Morris Village Board.

A motion to appoint Brianna Rawleigh to the Joint Town and Village of Mount Morris Planning Board was introduced by Deputy Mayor Bill Manthey and seconded by Trustee Beth Shea, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

Village Attorney Eli McWhinney provided copies of the proposed Village Solar Energy Systems Law to the board. Mr. McWhinney explained that a draft of the proposed law had been sent to the County Planning Department for review and comment, and the resulting comments are now reflected within the current draft. Mr. McWhinney stated that he believed that a public hearing on the proposed law should be stayed until November as he recommends the Village Board declare itself the lead agency for SEQRA purposes. Mr. McWhinney explained that advance notice of the Village's intent to declare itself lead agency is required to be provided to bordering municipalities to allow for objections and comments. Mr. McWhinney also read the proposed motion in its entirety to those in attendance. Community member Cathie Gehrig asked if NYS Parks and Recreation was included in the list of agencies to be notified, to which Mr. McWhinney denied. Mayor Joel Mike stated that he would ensure that NYS Parks and Recreation would be added to the motion and notified accordingly.

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**RESOLUTION 129.24
RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT MORRIS
TO DECLARE ITS INTENT TO SEEK LEAD AGENCY STATUS
IN REGARD TO PROPOSED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS LAW**

Adopted: October 21st, 2024

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris met at a regular board meeting at the Village Offices of the Village of Mount Morris, New York, on the 21st day of October 2024, commencing at 6:00 P.M. at which time and place the following members were:

<u>Present:</u>	Mayor	Joel Mike
	Trustee	Bill Manthey
	Trustee	Beth Shea
	Trustee	Kelly Richardson
	Trustee	Tim Bryant
<u>Absent:</u>	N/A	N/A

WHEREAS, all Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article 7, §104 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris is considering the adoption of a new solar energy law to ensure harmonious use and implementation of solar energy within the Village; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provision of Section 617.6 (Initial Review of Actions and Establishing Lead Agency) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, (6 NYCRR part 617) the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris has determined that the proposed amendments to the Village zoning guidelines and creation of a new solar law are a Type I Action which requires a Coordinated Review seeking the input of other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris believes itself to be the most appropriate agency to act as lead agent in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Law, as the Village Board is the legislative body with the authority to approve the local law known as “Solar Energy Systems”; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris now desires to declare its intent to seek lead agency status in regard to the proposed local law entitled “Solar Energy Systems”; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris must provide notice of its intent to make such declaration to the following agencies pursuant to Section 617.6 of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act:

1. Livingston County Planning Board
2. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

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3. New York State Department of Transportation
4. New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
5. New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting
6. Wyoming County Board of Supervisors
7. Wyoming County Planning Board
8. Town of Mount Morris
9. Town of Leicester
10. Town of Groveland
11. Town of West Sparta
12. Town of Nunda
13. Town of Portage
14. Town of Castile
15. Livingston County Department of Soil and Water
16. New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and

NOW ON MOTION OF Trustee Bill Manthey which has been duly seconded by Trustee Beth Shea, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris hereby declares its intent to seek lead agency status for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act in regard to the proposed local law entitled Solar Energy Systems; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris hereby authorizes the Village Attorney to complete part one of a full environmental assessment form, and provide a copy of such form along with a notice of intent to declare the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris as lead agent under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and that notices will be sent to the following agencies for a Coordinated Review in accordance with Section 617.4 of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Regulations:

1. Livingston County Planning Board
2. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
3. New York State Department of Transportation
4. New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
5. New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting
6. Wyoming County Planning Board
7. Wyoming County Board of Supervisors
8. Town of Mount Morris
9. Town of Leicester
10. Town of Groveland
11. Town of West Sparta
12. Town of Nunda
13. Town of Portage
14. Town of Castile
15. Livingston County Department of Soil and Water
16. New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Quorum Present: Yes

Dated: October 21st, 2024

GRANTS AND RECREATION

Trustee Beth Shea gave the board an overview of the progress that has been made toward securing the National Baseball Grant for the Village. Trustee Shea stated that she's worked with Mount Morris Central School Superintendent Greg Bump and Village Superintendent of Highways, Water, and Sewer Chris Young to gather the necessary information to obtain fencing and dirt for the softball and baseball fields. Trustee Shea stated that the school will be purchasing equipment to maintain the fields. Trustee Shea stated that she's also met with Skylar Dougherty with regard to the pocket park at the corner of State Street and Main Street to potentially have BOCES students add hardscaping elements to the park.

A motion for the Village of Mount Morris to provide supplies associated estimated at a cost of \$2,000.00 with cosmetic improvements to the grandstands and dugouts at Bellamy Park and to permit Mount Morris Central School to complete said cosmetic improvements for the purposes of maintenance was introduced by Trustee Beth Shea and seconded by Trustee Tim Bryant, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mayor Joel Mike provided time for community member Wayne McKenzie to speak to those in attendance. Mr. McKenzie stated that Mount Morris Kiwanis plans to host a largescale festival and vendor fair at Bellamy Park on October 11th and 12th of 2025. Mr. McKenzie stated that a committee will be established to plan for parking, security, code compliance, and planning. Mr. McKenzie stated that as the annual fall craft show that had traditionally been held at Letchworth State Park and more recently in Perry has been cancelled, the community could greatly benefit from capturing the traditional fall tourism.

Mayor Joel Mike stated that he has granted usage of the fire bays for this year's Christmas in Mount Morris event. Mayor Mike provided time for community member Deb Yencer to speak to those in attendance regarding this event. Ms. Yencer stated that the date for Christmas in Mount Morris is December 14th, 2024, and stated that permission is sought to use the Main Street Fire Hall on that date as well as in the weeks leading up to the event to allow time for volunteers to help decorate. Ms. Yencer also stated that permission is being sought to use and decorate the pocket park on the corner of State Street and Main Street, to set up and decorate memory trees next to the Mount Morris Veteran's Memorial Park, and to host a parade on Main Street.

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A motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of contracts, litigation, and personnel was introduced by Deputy Mayor Bill Manthey and seconded by Trustee Kelly Richardson, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

A motion to exit executive session was introduced by Trustee Tim Bryant and seconded by Trustee Kelly Richardson, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

Community members Josh and Kelly Bacon requested a prolongation of the current lease payments at The Firehouse Youth Center located 119 Main Street at a rate of \$100.00 monthly.

A motion to set a \$100.00 monthly rate of rent at 119 Main Street in the Village of Mount Morris for lessees Josh and Kelly Bacon was introduced by Trustee Tim Bryant and seconded by Trustee Kelly Richardson, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

A motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of contracts, litigation, and personnel was introduced by Deputy Mayor Bill Manthey and seconded by Trustee Tim Bryant, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

The board requested Dave Provo to be present.

A motion to exit executive session was introduced by Trustee Tim Bryant and seconded by Trustee Kelly Richardson, and was voted on by members as follows:

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Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

A motion to appoint community members Jim Olverd, Steve Soto, and Amanda Coniglio to the Village of Mount Morris Comprehensive Plan Committee was introduced by Trustee Tim Bryant and seconded by Trustee Kelly Richardson, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried.

A motion to adjourn was introduced by Trustee Tim Bryant and seconded by Trustee Kelly Richardson, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Mike, Manthey, Richardson, Shea, Bryant)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried, and the October 21st, 2024, Regular Village Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaylee R. Leone
Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Mount Morris