

# Almost two weeks into office...!

Dear Village of Mount Morris community,

I wanted to give an update on some of what has gone on in our first two weeks. This time has been full of budget meetings and supervisory meetings and connecting with many of the people, companies, contractors, and agencies that help keep our operations moving. This process is still ongoing as this is a considerable transition and it's important to me to start things off on solid footing.

Our board of trustees worked very hard the last two weeks to get a budget passed for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. We worked closely with our department heads and we committed to gathering accurate numbers, assessing village finances with the long term in mind, and taking into account changes we can make to promote fiscal health moving forward. Our water treatment plant improvement project is a priority and I will be putting out a more extensive update on that in the coming weeks.

While I have been at the Village Hall just about every day since taking office, I have not set my mayor office hours yet. At this stage I have had meetings almost daily whether by phone call, zoom, or in person, and it's been necessary to accommodate others' schedules. Once I work through many of these initial consultations and discussions, I will be able to set my own schedule and will be sure to post that information.

When I came into office the village had been without a code enforcement officer since early March. I know it has been a challenging situation dealing with delays and unanswered questions and I thank you all for your patience. We have now hired an experienced CEO to temporarily fill this position and last week he got logged into our systems, toured our village, and is beginning to address the inventory of requests from our property owners. I am encouraged that we are now headed in the right direction and the services you need will be getting attention.

A few months ago a local contracting company had approached our village board with the incredibly gracious offer of donating their labor toward the repairing of the grandstand in Bellamy Park. I didn't want to see us miss out on this opportunity and worked to get a plan in place so we can move forward with this project. I am excited to say the village received a significant donation toward the project and work has begun!

One last important update- our regular village board meetings will no longer be on the third Monday of the month at 6pm. We will be having board meetings twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays and the time will be 6:30pm. So for the month of May our meetings are May 13th and 27th. We will adjust this schedule for the summer months of June, July, August and December (due to the holidays), when we will only have meetings once a month on the second Tuesday.

I am encouraged and excited at all we have going on in our village and the good that is to come. As to be expected, not every idea can be implemented at once, but we are moving forward one step at a time.

Like many of you, I am visiting with family and celebrating the Easter holiday this weekend. I wish you all the hope and refreshing that often comes with springtime as the season slowly makes its way here to Mount Morris.

Sincerely,

Kelly Bacon  
Mayor, Village of Mount Morris