

VILLAGE OF MOUNT MORRIS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris, County of Livingston and the State of New York was held at the Village Hall 117 Main Street, Mount Morris, New York on August 12, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Kelly Bacon	Mayor
Elizabeth Shea	Trustee
Tim Bryant	Trustee
Mark Torcello	Trustee
Lisa Torcello	Clerk/Treasurer
Eli McWhinney	Village Attorney

ABSENT: Kelly Richardson

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Public Works Chris Young, Chief of Police Jeff Wilcox Jennifer Young, Rebecca Johnson, Tracy Kenney, Gretchen Saunders, Chickie Stout, Jane O'Dell, Amanda Congilio, Anna Johnson, Cathie Gehrig, Ann Hunt, Joshua Bacon, Karyn Bryson Abbott, Deb Yencer, James Huffman, Edward Phillips, Carl Swanson, George Paul, Barbara Paul, Jolyn Hoffman, Cindy Steen, Robert Steen, Terry Soto, Joe Gervase.

Mayor Bacon called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Bacon stated that the Public Hearing on the Moratorium of Smoke Shops. Attorney McWhinney stated this a temporary land use of smoke shops. This moratorium is for the board to update regarding the zoning requirements for the regulation of a smoke shop in the Village of Mount Morris. The original term for a moratorium is usually for six months, at that time the board could extend it, but Attorney McWhinney stated he didn't think that would be necessary.

RESOLUTION 189.25

APPROVAL OF OPENING THE PUBLIC HEARING

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Bryant second by Trustee Torcello the following resolution was

Resolved to open the public hearing regarding the Moratorium of Smoke Shops.

The following residents spoke:

- James Huffman- Mr. Huffman stated that he wasn't in favor of it. Stated that people that go into these places also buy other stuff in the village. Mr. Huffman said that there are more important issues. Mayor Bacon stated that this isn't against the legal sale of cannabis. He asked if this was against all tobacco use. Attorney McWhinney stated that this has nothing to do with the operation of current smoke shops but that no new ones could be opened within the six months.
- Cindy Steen- asked why are they saying the health and welfare of the residents, she doesn't understand that. Attorney McWhinney stated that local concerns of the regulation of tobacco is the illegal cannabis sales including robberies & break ins. This does impact residents in the village and that is one concern.
- Mr. Huffman asked how many robberies there have been. Trustee Bryant stated that there were three in one smoke shop. Mayor Bacon stated some of these smoke shops are illegally selling cannabis, this is danger to the youth or someone under 21.
- Mr. Edward Phillips stated that he has a store across the street from one of the smoke shops. He said that it is a very busy shop with people going in and out, but they never come out with anything in their hands. He is in favor of the moratorium.
- Josh Bacon- stated there have been state raids on local smoke shops. Currently the village has three smoke shops and if this board doesn't do something now, in his opinion it wouldn't be responsible.
- Mr. Huffman stated again that he was against this. Mr. McWhinney asked if he was against the moratorium; he stated any law that is put into place.

RESOLUTION 190.25

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

On a motion from Mayor Bacon second by Trustee Torcello the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

Resolve to approve the following abstract:

ABSTRACT # 7

GENERAL	\$16,836.62	93-109
WATER	\$13552.62	49-63
SEWER	\$30,976.75	35-43

ABSTRACT # 8

GENERAL	\$67450.42	110-149
WATER	\$10587.51	64-77
SEWER	\$41467.90	44-58

ABSTRACT # 9

GENERAL	\$15,429.73	150-168
WATER	\$5755.82	78-83
SEWER	\$870.45	59-65

RESOLUTION 191.25

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Bryant second by Trustee Shea the following resolution was

Resolve to approval the minutes from 7-1, 7-2 & 7-8, 2025.

RESOLUTION 192.25

APPROVAL OF TRANSFER

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Torcello second by Trustee Shea the following resolution was

Resolve to approval the following transfer: Increase building con. A1620.4 \$4278.58 & increase A2770 \$4278.58.

RESOLUTION 193.25

APPROVAL OF TRANSFER

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Bryant second by Mayor Bacon the following resolution was

Resolved to approval the following transfer: Increase youth cont. A7310.4 \$ 495.00 and increase A2001-\$495.00.

RESOLUTION 194 .25

APPROVAL OF TRANSFER

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Torcello second by Trustee Shea the following resolution was

Resolved to approval the following transfer: Increase building cont. A1620.4 \$3002.42 and increase A2001-\$3002.42.

RESOLUTION 196 .25

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH MJ MECHANICAL

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Torcello second by Trustee Bryant the following resolution was

Resolved to give authorization to Mayor Bacon to sign the contract with MJ Mechanical.

RESOLUTION 197 .25

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Bryant second by Trustee Shea the following resolution was

Resolved to accept the resignation of Sean Sullivan as a part time code officer.

RESOLUTION 195 .25

APPROVAL OF MOU FOR THE MOUNT MORRIS FIRE DISTRICT

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Torcello second by Trustee Bryant the following resolution was

Resolved to give authorization for Mayor Bacon to sign the updated MOU with the Mount Morris Fire District after their meeting on 8-14-2025.

RESOLUTION 196 .25

APPROVAL OF SIGNING OF A MOU

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Torcello second by Trustee Shea the following resolution was

Resolved to give authorization for Mayor Bacon to sign the mou with Letchworth Valley Partnership (LGV) Cooperative.

Court –

Mayor Bacon stated that Judge Finnigan is requesting the board authorized for them to apply for a JCAP grant in the amount of \$30,0000. The funds would go toward upgrading security camera, metal detector and shredder.

RESOLUTION 197 .25

APPROVAL OF GRANT APPROVAL

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Shea second by Trustee Torcello the following resolution was

“WHEREAS” the Village Board of Mount Morris authorizes the Mount Morris Village Court to file an application for grant funding in the 2025-2026 grant cycle up to \$30,0000 from the State of New York Justice Court Assistance Program, which grant would enable the Village Court to acquire upgraded security cameras, metal detector, and the shredding of confidential documents: now,

RESOLVED the Board of the Village of Mount Morris authorizes the Mount Morris Village Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-2026 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00

Police- Chief Willock is looking to hire the following employees:
Connor Riley from part-time to full-time.
Dylan Coots as a part time employee.

RESOLUTION 198 .25

APPROVAL OF HIRING AN EMPLOYEE

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Shea second by Mayor Bacon the following resolution was

Resolved to hire Connor Reilly as a full-time police officer at step one with a rate of \$55,229/yr. effective 8-13-2025.

RESOLUTION 198 .25

APPROVAL OF HIRING AN EMPLOYEE

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Bryant second by Trustee Shea the following resolution was

Resolved to hire Dylan Coots as a part time police officer at a rate of \$15.50/hr. effective 8-13-2025.

RESOLUTION 199 .25

APPROVAL OF CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Bryant second by Trustee Torcello the following resolution was

Resolved to close the public hearing on Moratorium of Smoke Shops.
Attorney McWhinney stated this proposed law has been submitted to the county planning department which meets on August 14, 2025. Once those comments have been sent back the board could proceed with this law.

DPW

Chris explained the issue with the sewer at 80 Main Donald Gullo's property and that it is the village's responsibility to fix due to when the new laterals were installed during the highway project it wasn't done correctly.

RESOLUTION 200 .25

APPROVAL OF 86 MAIN STREET

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Bryant second by Trustee Torcello the following resolution was

Resolved to line the clean out for the lateral at the property of Donald Gullo at 86 Main Street.

Code department:

Karyn Bryson Abbot came in front of the board regarding Music in the Park at Bellamy Park on August 16, 2025.

RESOLUTION 201 .25

APPROVAL OF SELL OF ALCHOL

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Bryant second by Trustee Torcello the following resolution was

Resolved to allow Mount Morris Kiwanis to sell and serve alcohol along with vendors in the park on August 16, 2025, at Bellamy Park for Music in the Park.

RESOLUTION 202 .25

APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY FENCE

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

On a motion from Trustee Shea second by Mayor Bacon the following resolution was

Resolved to grant a temporary fence to put up at 46 Hopkin Street.

Mayor Bacon stated that the code officer was unable to attend but did hand in a report.

Mayor Bacon stated that the week of August 25, 2025, she would be meeting with Municipal Solution regarding the water rate study.

Mayor Bacon wanted to thank the Mount Morris Garden Club and anyone that donated for the cleaning up of the Pocket Park.

Mayor Bacon opened it up for public comment:

Carl Swanson- asked about ebikes and scooters that are always in the middle of the road. Chief Willock stated that they can ride anywhere.

James Huffman- money should be taken out of the water/sewer and start funds up. Places on Case & Stanley that there are no sidewalks, this is a safety issue.

Mrs. Cathie Gehrig- would like to compliment on the Pocket Park it looks very nice. She was given figures and wanted the board to confirm that they are correct: general fund- 2023-\$700,602, 2024-\$447,454 and 2025-\$165,323. Clerk Treasure stated that these figures are correct. She brought up banners for the Mount Morris students stilling being up, Mr. Young stated that they are to be scheduled to go down next week. Sidewalk- project. The dead trees could be taken down. When the board gets a chance if they could get back to her regarding these questions.

Mr. Joe Gervase- commented regarding the traffic safety and thanked the board for what they are doing but it is out of control, and it is a safety issue. That the board should ask for state and county to help the local police department to help control the traffic. Trustee Bryant stated for about two weeks that the State Police has done a traffic detail. That the board is trying to help with this situation. Mr. Gervase stated that the speed trailer signs did help. Mayor Bacon said that she has been working with New York State DOT regarding installing speed signs.

Mrs. Gretchen Saunders asked where the speed signs would be. The board said where they think the signs should be going.

Mrs. Tracy Kenney commented regarding the speed on Lackawanna. What could be done, the residents on Mill Street also have these issues. Debbie Yencer stated this is same thing on Erie Street. Dan Santini also stated that on State Street are speeders also. Mayor Bacon said that these issues have been noted.

RESOLUTION 203.25

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

Resolved by Trustee Torcello second by Trustee Bryant to go into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel.

RESOLUTION 204.25

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

Resolved by Trustee Bryant second by Trustee Torcello to come out of executive session.

RESOLUTION 205.25

APPROVAL OF PAYING OFF VEHICLE

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea

ABSENT Richardson

Resolved by Trustee Bryant second by Mayor Bacon to pay the current loan on the 2021 police Drango and sell it for \$16,000.00.

With no more business motion by Mayor Bacon second by Trustee Torcello to adjourn at 9:20 PM

Lisa J Torcello

Clerk/Treasurer