

**CITY OF MT. MORRIS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
11649 N. Saginaw Street
Mt. Morris, MI 48458
November 10th, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Sara Dubey

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of regular meeting minutes from October 27th, 2025.

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

7. APPROVAL OF WARRANT: Approval of Pre-Warrant #25-24 in the amount of \$1,017.12 and Warrant #25-25 in the amount of \$92,103.90

8. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only /Five Minute Time Limit).

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **RESOLUTION 25-31:** Set public hearing date for water rate changes
- b. **RESOLUTION 25-32:** Junior Firefighting Program

11. PUBLIC COMMENT (Five Minute Time Limit).

12. COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

CITY OF MT. MORRIS
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
October 27th, 2025

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Sara Dubey called the Regular Council Meeting to order.

PRESENT: Smith, Darisaw, Walter, Withey, Templeton, Vance, and Dubey.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS: City Manager/Clerk Spencer Lewis, Police Chief Kevin Mihailoff, Fire Chief Ken Taylor, DPW Superintendent Paul Zumbach and City Attorney Amanda Odette.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Councilmember Vance, and seconded by Councilmember Withey to approve the agenda.

Mayor Sara Dubey stated that the numbers corresponding on the agenda for the resolutions and the actual resolutions are opposite, and should be corrected.

City Manager/Clerk Spencer Lewis stated that he will get those corrected.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Darisaw to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 13th, 2025.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Vance, and seconded by Councilmember Templeton to approve **Warrant #25-23 in the amount of \$81,543.57.**

Councilmember Walter asked what police cruiser was unit #102?

Police Chief Mihailoff stated it is a 2018 Dodge Charger.

Roll call: ___7___Ayes ___0___Nays ___0___Absent

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. ORDINANCE 2025-06: Rezoning parcels 57-06-553-041 & 57-06-553-042 from R-2 to RB (multiple family) (second reading and adoption)

A motion was made by Councilmember Darisaw, and seconded by Councilmember Templeton to approve ordinance 2025-06 (second reading and adoption)

Roll call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. RESOLUTION 25-29: Designation of streets for snow removal

A motion was made by Councilmember Vance, and seconded by Councilmember Withey to approve resolution 25-29.

Councilmember Templeton questioned DPW Superintendent Paul Zumbach if this included Helen St.?

DPW Superintendent Zumbach answered no.

Roll call: 6 Ayes 1 Nays 0 Absent
 (Templeton)

Motion Carried.

b. RESOLUTION 25-30: Lead line replacement

A motion was made by Councilmember Darisaw, and seconded by Councilmember Vance to approve resolution 25-30.

Councilmember Vance asked if this was going to be extended to other streets?

DPW Superintendent Paul Zumbach stated that yes, eventually all will have to be taken care of.

Councilmember Smith questioned when this work would be completed?

DPW Superintendent stated by the first of the year.

Roll call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Motion Carried.

c. Discussion on DWSRF project / water rate study

City Manager/Clerk Spencer Lewis stated that originally, back in 2022/2023, when the city applied for this DWSRF project, we threw everything into the bucket that we would like to see replaced, and it totaled around 21 million. We have gotten selected for funding for the proposed project of 21 million, but only at 23% principal forgiveness, which would leave the city with roughly \$500,000.00 annual payments. We backed down the project scope with Rowe Engineering to a total of 7.5 million, still eligible for 23% principal forgiveness (1.725 million), and a payable bond over 40 years at a 1% interest rate. Which would leave the city at roughly \$180,000.00 annual payments. It does cover 6 water mains, as well as taking care of lead service lines within the city. The average age on these water mains are right around 90-95 years old.

Councilmember Walter questioned if these were the oldest mains?

DPW Superintendent stated yes. When we originally did this planning, he went through the list of mains and checked how many main breaks occurred on them, and then went through and determined how many lead lines were connected to each main as well, and developed a scoring system. Ultimately, these are the worst mains first.

City Manager/Clerk Spencer Lewis elaborated on the water rate study portion of this and briefly explained the water rate study tables that were present. The one table showed what the rates would need to go up to without the DWSRF, going up to \$18.32 for the readiness to serve charge, along with a 20 cent increase for the consumption rate going up to \$9.10 per 100 cubic feet. With the DWSRF project, the readiness to serve charge would need to go up to \$26.83, in order to cover the \$180,000.00 annual bond payments, along with the same \$9.10 consumption rate per 100 cubic feet.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Walter to hold a public hearing for the proposed water rate changes at the next meeting on November 10th, 2025.

Roll call: ____ 7 ____ Ayes ____ 0 ____ Nays ____ 0 ____ Absent

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

James Fournier, 7219 Harvard – Mr. Fournier spoke about the need of the community for this proposed zoning change. He spoke about all the different townships located within the school district, and their right to be notified. He spoke of the distances of the proposed shooting range to the closest schools.

Mark Crane, 7189 Harvard – Mr. Crane questioned training exercises, and the building of this proposed range?

Mary Mars, 7374 Jennings Rd. – Mrs. Mars questioned why in the city? Why can't we look at property in Mt. Morris Township?

Dave Gawne, 11015 Harvard – Mr. Gawne doesn't believe this decision should be left up to 6 or 7 people. He is concerned for his family, and urged city council to look at other locations.

Christine Mars, 7423 Elmcrest – Mrs. Mars spoke upon working with children with special needs, and curious on if any of the kids at Montague have seizures related to loud noises?

COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmember Walter and Darisaw thanked everyone for coming in tonight.

Councilmember Vance spoke about all the councilmembers being elected by the citizens of the City of Mt. Morris. He elaborated on the fraudulent facts that are being stated by some individuals, and that the city council must base everything strictly on facts, and what is best for the city.

Councilmember Withey stated that each meeting is open to the public, and not a single person is ever excluded. He backs the police department, and will make his decision based on facts and input.

Councilmember Templeton stated she agreed with Councilmember Vance and Withey. She stated that our Chief of Police would not put anyone in the area in danger, and that this is a process that is going to take time.

Fire Chief Ken Taylor stated that Pheonix was in to test all of the breathing apparatus's and compressor, and we are good for another year on those. He is looking into getting someone certified on the department for CPR instruction.

Police Chief Kevin Mihailoff thanked everyone for coming in. Spoke about the new P.D. Tahoe almost being done at Arrowhead, and interviewing a potential candidate for the open full-time spot. December 5th is the closing date for the downtown courthouse. Chief Mihailoff spoke upon the potential training gun range, and what some of the plans and specs are looking like.

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City Manager/Clerk Spencer Lewis thanked everyone for coming in tonight and expressing their thoughts, and told all the councilmembers to reach out if they had any questions regarding the DWSRF project, water rate study, or anything else.

Mayor Sara Dubey thanked everyone for coming out tonight and expressing their thoughts and opinions.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the council meeting was adjourned at **8:04 p.m.**

Spencer Lewis, City Clerk

GL Number	Invoice Line Desc	Vendor	Invoice Description	Amount	Check #
Fund 101 General					
Dept 000					
101-000-066.000	UNDISTRIBUTED FRINGE BENEFITS	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPA	LIFE INSURANCE NOV. 25	1,017.12	46331
		Total For Dept 000		1,017.12	
		Total For Fund 101 General		1,017.12	

GL Number	Invoice Line Desc	Vendor	Invoice Description	Amount	Check #
Fund Totals:					
			Fund 101 General	1,017.12	
			Total For All Funds:	<u>1,017.12</u>	

GL Number	Invoice Line Desc	Vendor	Invoice Description	Amount	Check #
Fund 101 General Dept 000 101-000-256.000	DEPOSITS PAYABLE	SARA BLACK	COMM. ROOM DEPOSIT REFUND	75.00	
		Total For Dept 000		75.00	
Dept 215 ADMINISTRATION 101-215-740.000 101-215-825.000 101-215-850.000 101-215-991.000	OPERATING EXPENSE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS COMMUNICATIONS COPIER	HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK VC3, INC COMCAST US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANC	ADOBE OFFICE 365 OCTOBER 2025 INTERNET/FAX ADMIN COPIER	19.99 33.00 89.57 78.43	
		Total For Dept 215 ADMINISTRATION		220.99	
Dept 223 ACCOUNTANT 101-223-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	PLANTE & MORAN	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR END 06.30.2	36,755.00	
		Total For Dept 223 ACCOUNTANT		36,755.00	
Dept 253 TREASURER 101-253-915.000	MEMBERSHIP & DUES	HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	ASSOC. OF PUBLIC TREAS USA/CAN	159.00	
		Total For Dept 253 TREASURER		159.00	
Dept 265 CITY HALL & GROUNDS 101-265-801.000 101-265-920.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PUBLIC UTILITIES	GREAT LAKES ENVIRONMENTA CITY OF MT. MORRIS	ASBESTOS/MOLD REMEDIATION CITY HALL WATER BILLS	10,683.27 36.63	
		Total For Dept 265 CITY HALL & GROUNDS		10,719.90	
Dept 266 ATTORNEY 101-266-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	AMANDA ODETTE	ATTORNEY OCT. 2025	3,210.00	
		Total For Dept 266 ATTORNEY		3,210.00	
Dept 305 POLICE DEPARTMENT 101-305-740.000 101-305-745.000 101-305-825.000 101-305-850.000 101-305-850.000 101-305-932.000 101-305-991.000	OPERATING EXPENSE GAS & FUEL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS COMMUNICATIONS COMMUNICATIONS REPAIR & MAINTENANCE - VEHICL DEBT SERVICE - PRIN	HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK WEBSTER & GARNER VC3, INC COMCAST VERIZON SCHAEFER & BIERLEIN US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANC	PRE-APPLICATION EGLE MEETING UNLEADED GAS OFFICE 365 OCTOBER 2025 INTERNET/FAX PHONES DRIVER SEAT REPAIR - #103 DURANGO COPIER PD	102.00 628.07 99.00 51.21 81.39 275.81 133.00	
		Total For Dept 305 POLICE DEPARTMENT		1,370.48	
Dept 336 FIRE DEPARTMENT 101-336-740.000 101-336-740.000 101-336-740.000 101-336-745.000 101-336-745.000 101-336-825.000 101-336-850.000 101-336-850.000 101-336-915.000 101-336-957.000	OPERATING EXPENSE OPERATING EXPENSE OPERATING EXPENSE GAS & FUEL GAS & FUEL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS COMMUNICATIONS COMMUNICATIONS MEMBERSHIP & DUES CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK TAYLOR'S TINS WEBSTER & GARNER WEBSTER & GARNER VC3, INC COMCAST VERIZON MICHIGAN STATE FIREMEN'S CLIMBING THE RUNGS LLC.	INK FOR PRINTER INK FOR HP PRINTER HELMET SHIELDS UNLEADED GAS DIESEL OFFICE 365 OCTOBER 2025 INTERNET/FAX PHONES 2026 DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHIEF TAYLOR C/O III CLASS	64.68 105.82 404.00 30.16 85.29 37.00 25.62 40.70 100.00 200.00	
		Total For Dept 336 FIRE DEPARTMENT		1,093.27	
Dept 371 CODES & ENFORCEMENT 101-371-801.000 101-371-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	MERLE WEST ROB KEHOE	MECH/PLUMB INSPECTIONS 3RD QUARTER OCT. 2025 BUILDING INSPECTIONS	440.00 583.33	

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Fund 101 General					
Dept 371 CODES & ENFORCEMENT					
		Total For Dept 371 CODES & ENFORCEMENT		1,023.33	
Dept 441 PUBLIC WORKS					
101-441-740.000	OPERATING EXPENSE	MENARDS - CLIO	SUPPLIES	68.88	
101-441-745.000	GAS & FUEL	WEBSTER & GARNER	DIESEL	26.58	
101-441-825.000	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	VC3, INC	OFFICE 365 OCTOBER 2025	25.00	
101-441-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS	COMCAST	INTERNET/FAX DPW	75.96	
101-441-850.000		VERIZON	PHONES	36.73	
101-441-920.000	PUBLIC UTILITIES	CITY OF MT. MORRIS	WATER BILLS	42.61	
101-441-922.000	STREET LIGHTING	CONSUMERS ENERGY	LED LIGHTS	2,979.30	
		Total For Dept 441 PUBLIC WORKS		3,255.06	
Dept 529 WEED & BRUSH CONTROL					
101-529-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	TAMMY'S LANDSCAPING	MOW/WEED WHACK CEMETERY AND COURT ORD	200.00	
		Total For Dept 529 WEED & BRUSH CONTROL		200.00	
Dept 567 CEMETERY					
101-567-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	TAMMY'S LANDSCAPING	MOW/WEED WHACK CEMETERY AND COURT ORD	325.00	
		Total For Dept 567 CEMETERY		325.00	
Dept 790 LIBRARY					
101-790-740.000	OPERATING EXPENSE	MENARDS - CLIO	LIBRARY BACK DOOR REPAIR	54.80	
101-790-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	SHERWOOD PROFESSIONAL CL	LIBRARY CLEANING OCT. 2025	270.00	
101-790-920.000	PUBLIC UTILITIES	CITY OF MT. MORRIS	WATER BILLS	42.61	
		Total For Dept 790 LIBRARY		367.41	
		Total For Fund 101 General		58,774.44	
Fund 202 Major Street					
Dept 463 STREET ROUTINE MAINTENANCE					
202-463-740.000	OPERATING EXPENSE	VERIZON	PHONES	73.45	
		Total For Dept 463 STREET ROUTINE MAINTENANCE		73.45	
Dept 474 TRAFFIC SERVICES					
202-474-920.000	PUBLIC UTILITIES	CONSUMERS ENERGY	TRAFFIC LIGHTS	206.36	
		Total For Dept 474 TRAFFIC SERVICES		206.36	
		Total For Fund 202 Major Street		279.81	
Fund 590 SEWER FUND					
Dept 215 ADMINISTRATION					
590-215-740.000	OPERATING EXPENSE	MT. MORRIS POSTMASTER	PERMIT NUMBER FEE	185.00	
590-215-825.000	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	VC3, INC	OFFICE 365 OCTOBER 2025	33.00	
590-215-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS	COMCAST	INTERNET/FAX	38.43	
590-215-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS	COMCAST	INTERNET/FAX DPW	75.97	
590-215-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS	VERIZON	PHONES	36.74	
590-215-991.000	COPIER	US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANC	ADMIN COPIER	78.44	
		Total For Dept 215 ADMINISTRATION		447.58	
Dept 536 SEWER DISTRIBUTION					
590-536-745.000	GAS & FUEL	WEBSTER & GARNER	DIESEL	70.89	
590-536-921.000	COST OF SEWER	GENESEE COUNTY DRAIN COM	SEWER SEPTEMBER 2025	22,711.31	
		Total For Dept 536 SEWER DISTRIBUTION		22,782.20	

GL Number	Invoice Line Desc	Vendor	Invoice Description	Amount	Check #
Fund 590 SEWER FUND					
Fund 591 Water Fund					
Dept 215 ADMINISTRATION					
591-215-740.000	OPERATING EXPENSE	MT. MORRIS POSTMASTER	PERMIT NUMBER FEE	185.00	
591-215-825.000	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	VC3, INC	OFFICE 365 OCTOBER 2025	33.00	
591-215-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS	COMCAST	INTERNET/FAX	51.21	
591-215-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS	COMCAST	INTERNET/FAX DPW	75.96	
591-215-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS	VERIZON	PHONES	36.75	
591-215-991.000	COPIER	US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANC	ADMIN COPIER	78.43	
Total For Fund 590 SEWER FUND				23,229.78	
Dept 537 WATER DISTRIBUTION					
591-537-725.000	FRINGE BENEFIT-NON PAYROLL	CINTAS CORP	UNIFORMS	47.65	
591-537-725.000	FRINGE BENEFIT-NON PAYROLL	CINTAS CORP	UNIFORMS	48.98	
591-537-740.000	OPERATING EXPENSE	GENESSEE COUNTY DRAIN COM	COMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY ANNUAL	1,710.30	
591-537-740.000	OPERATING EXPENSE	LONNIE'S SMALL ENGINE RE	SPARK PLUG	3.99	
591-537-740.000	OPERATING EXPENSE	MICHIGAN PIPE & VALVE-IN	CURB STOP BOX REPAIR	115.31	
591-537-740.000	OPERATING EXPENSE	MICHIGAN PIPE & VALVE-IN	CURBSTOP BOX KITS	300.00	
591-537-740.700	OPERATING EXP. - METER REPLAC	BLUE WATER SOLUTIONS	10 BADGER METERS / ENDPOINTS	3,670.00	
591-537-745.000	GAS & FUEL	WEBSTER & GARNER	UNLEADED GAS	228.87	
591-537-745.000	GAS & FUEL	WEBSTER & GARNER	DIESEL	371.07	
591-537-932.000	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE - VEHICL	AUTO - WARES GROUP	OIL CHANGE MATERIALS	241.57	
591-537-932.000	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE - VEHICL	AUTO - WARES GROUP	OIL FILTER	12.89	
591-537-932.000	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE - VEHICL	ROLISON'S SERVICE, INC.	TIRES AND WHEEL BEARING	1,726.41	
Total For Dept 537 WATER DISTRIBUTION				8,477.04	
Dept 539 WATER REPAIR					
591-539-740.000	OPERATING EXPENSE	MICHIGAN PIPE & VALVE-IN	WATERMAIN REPAIR CLAMPS	882.48	
Total For Dept 539 WATER REPAIR				882.48	
Total For Fund 591 Water Fund				9,819.87	

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Fund Totals:					
			Fund 101 General	58,774.44	
			Fund 202 Major Street	279.81	
			Fund 590 SEWER FUND	23,229.78	
			Fund 591 Water Fund	9,819.87	
			Total For All Funds:	<u>92,103.90</u>	

CITY OF MT. MORRIS
RESOLUTION 25-31

WHEREAS: Section 66-73 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Morris provides that charges for water service shall be set by resolution of the City Council and provide that a public hearing shall be held prior to the enactment of such a resolution and that at least ten days notice of the public hearing shall be published in a paper of general circulation within the city indicating in addition to such other information as the Council deems appropriate, the Council's intention to increase or decrease rates and a schedule of the new rates contemplated; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council does hereby:

1. Declare and confirm its intent to change water rates.
2. That the schedule of new rates shall be as follows:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Water Consumption per 100 cubic feet	\$8.90	\$9.10
Ready to serve charge	\$17.54	\$26.83

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a public notice shall be published in a paper of general circulation within the city, to wit: the Mt. Morris-Clio Herald, in a form to be approved by the Manager and City Attorney setting forth such intent and the schedule of new rates contemplated. The said public notice shall be essentially in the format annexed hereto. The public hearing shall be set for November 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Council member _____, seconded by Council member _____, and thereafter adopted by the City Council of the City of Mt. Morris at a regular meeting held Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

_____ Yea _____ Nay _____ Absent

Sara Dubey, Mayor

Spencer Lewis, City Clerk

**CITY OF MT. MORRIS
RESOLUTION NO. 25-32**

WHEREAS: The City Council of the City of Mt. Morris recognizes the importance of fostering civic engagement, leadership, and public safety awareness among local youth; and

WHEREAS: The City of Mt. Morris Fire Department seeks to promote community involvement, provide educational opportunities in emergency services, and develop future generations of trained and responsible firefighters; and

WHEREAS: The creation of a Junior Firefighter Program will allow youth participants to gain hands-on experience, mentorship, and training in fire prevention, emergency preparedness, teamwork, and public service under appropriate supervision; and

WHEREAS: The City Council deems it necessary and in the best interest of the public to formally establish a Junior Firefighter Program under the direction of the City of Mt. Morris Fire Department, subject to applicable state and local regulations governing youth participation in fire service activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The City Council of the City of Mt. Morris hereby authorizes the creation and implementation of a Junior Firefighter Program within the City of Mt. Morris Fire Department.

Moved by Council member _____, seconded by Council member _____, and thereafter adopted by the City Council of the City of Mt. Morris at a meeting held Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

_____ Yea

_____ Nay

_____ Absent

Sara Dubey, Mayor

Spencer Lewis, City Clerk