

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS
7:00 P.M.
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025
FREEDOM HALL, 349 W. BIRCHWOOD, MORTON, ILLINOIS

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
- IV. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - A. Appeal Hearing for Denial of Sewer License – Walter's Waterworks, LLC d/b/a Mr. Rooter Plumbing of Peoria.
- V. PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - A. Public Comments
 - B. Requests for Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting – August 4, 2025
 - B. Approval of Bills
- VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**
- IX. VILLAGE PRESIDENT**
 - A. Resolution 15-26 – A Resolution Approving the Naming of Village Property at 225 E. Jefferson.
- X. VILLAGE CLERK**
- XI. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**
 - A. Building Improvement Grant Recommendation – Lasilla Realty Co., 612-620 W. Jackson St.
- XII. CHIEF OF POLICE**
- XIII. CORPORATION COUNSEL**
- XIV. DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**
- XV. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**
- XVI. ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
- XVII. VILLAGE TRUSTEES**
 - A. Trustee Blunier
 - B. Trustee Cirilli
 - C. Trustee Hilliard
 - D. Trustee Leitch
 - E. Trustee Menold
 - F. Trustee Parrott
- XVIII. CLOSED SESSIONS**
- XIX. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS**
- XX. ADJOURNMENT**

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., AUGUST 4, 2025**

After calling the meeting to order, President Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll, with the following members present: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold – 5.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – July 21, 2025
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Menold moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold – 5
No: None
Absent: Parrott – 1

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Attorney McGrath presented Ordinance 26-08, an Ordinance Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois. He noted that this ordinance was prepared at the request of the trustees and gave a brief explanation of the Ordinance. Currently, Village residents pay a 1% sales tax on grocery purchases that goes to the village. A change in state law repeals the state-collected tax that was distributed to the village. This Ordinance is necessary for the Village to continue receiving that tax revenue. He also explained that grocery prices will not increase for residents as this is not a new tax or a tax increase, but a continuation of an existing tax. The method of imposition and collection is changing from a state-imposed and state-collected tax to a locally-imposed but still state-collected tax. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Menold and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Menold – 4
No: Leitch – 1
Absent: Parrott – 1

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ZCO Davis presented Petition 25-06 ZA – a Zoning Amendment for 213 S. Fourth Ave. amending from R-2 to R-1. He noted that this petition was submitted by the Village of Morton, which owns the parcel and the Plan Commission had recommended approval of the change with an 8-1 vote at their July 28, 2025, meeting. A single-family home previously existed on the property before it was demolished by the village. The Zoning Amendment is intended to align the zoning classification with the anticipated future use of the land for single-family housing. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cirilli and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold – 5
No: None
Absent: Parrott – 1

ZCO Davis then presented PC 25-05 - Easement Vacation Plat for Lots 87 & 97 in Wolf Crossing (PIN 06-06-05-202-045 & PIN 06-06-05-201-018). He explained that the property owner of these lots requested the vacation of a utility easement. Approval of the plat by the Village Board is a step in the vacation process. He noted that the village has not received any plans for construction on these lots, and no building permits will be issued until all utility companies with an interest in the easement have legally terminated their rights. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold – 5
No: None
Absent: Parrott – 1

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Leitch moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 15-26

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NAMING OF
VILLAGE PROPERTY AT 225 E. JEFFERSON**

WHEREAS, the Village of Morton purchased property at 225 E. Jefferson Street in October 19, 2015;

WHEREAS, the Apostolic Christian Church had occupied this location for over 100 years prior to its demolition and sale to the Village;

WHEREAS, the Village would like to recognize the historical significance of this property as the former location of the Apostolic Christian Church.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, Tazewell County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the property at 225 E. Jefferson Street be formally named Church Square.

BE IT FURTHER SOLVED that this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, this _____ of _____, 2025; and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAINING: _____

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk



Memo

To: President and Board of Trustees
From: Business District Commission
Date: August 14, 2025
Re: Building Improvement Grant Recommendation

Below is the recommendation for Building Improvement Grant from the Business District Commission. The Commission reviewed and approved the following:

Applicant	Property Address	Total Project Cost	Amount Recommended by BDC	Summary of Work
Lassila Realty Co.	612-620 W Jackson	\$24,775.00	\$10,000.00	Refurbish exterior façade

The Commission is asking for your approval of this recommendation.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Julie Smick.

Thank you!