

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., OCTOBER 5, 2026**

After calling the meeting to order, President Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Administrator Vasquez, filling in for Clerk Ritthaler, called the roll, with the following members present: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Menold – 4.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

PRESENTATIONS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – David Little, 108 Lakeview Drive, expressed constitutional and privacy concerns regarding the Village's network of 26 Flock automated license plate reading (ALPR) cameras, annual municipal funding expenditures, search policies, and FOIA compliance, and urged the Board to re-examine system audit logs.

President Kaufman recognized the passing of World War II veteran Robert “Bob” Lake of Morton.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – September 21, 2026
- B. Approval of Bills

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

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Menold – 4
No: None
Absent: Leitch, Parrott – 2

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Vasquez presented Ordinance 27-18 – An Ordinance Making Amendments to Title 8 of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding Deadline to File Liens for Costs of Abating Nuisances. She explained that the ordinance aligns local code with Illinois state statute by extending the filing window for nuisance abatement liens from 60 days to 180 days. Trustee Menold moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved with the following roll call vote

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Menold – 4
No: None
Absent: Leitch, Parrott – 2

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Darche presented Ordinance 27-19 – An Ordinance Amending the Village of Morton Municipal Code Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property. He detailed surplus items for sale or trade, including 22 older Taser handles and accessories for the ILEAS portal, 4,000 rounds of .40 caliber ammunition to trade for 9mm ammunition, and a 2020 Ford Interceptor patrol vehicle. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cirilli and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Menold – 4
No: None

Absent: Leitch, Parrott – 2

DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

DFE Hale thanked Shawna Klein and Jake Klyber for organizing a Morton Police vs. Morton Fire charity softball game that raised \$2,400 for breast cancer research.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk presented Ordinance 27-20 – An Ordinance Authorizing IEPA Loan Agreement. He explained that the updated ordinance increases the IEPA Water Pollution Control Loan Program authorization by \$5,000,000 to \$47,427,000 for Wastewater Plants #2 & #3 improvements, supporting a total project cost of \$55,870,000. Trustee Cirilli moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Menold – 4

No: None

Absent: Leitch, Parrott – 2

DPW Loudermilk then presented Resolution 13-27 – A Resolution Waiving Formal Bidding and Authorizing Contract with Otto Baum Company, Inc. for N. Main St. Repairs. He explained that the resolution authorizes time-and-materials emergency retaining wall repairs (not to exceed \$250,000) on west N. Main Street following flash flood damage on August 19, 2026. Trustee Menold moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Menold – 4

No: None

Absent: Leitch, Parrott – 2

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ZCO Davis presented Ordinance 27-16 – An Ordinance Making Amendments to Section 10-4-4 of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding the Minimum Setback for Detached Garages in the Reduced Side and Rear Yard Area. He explained that the ordinance establishes a 7-foot rear yard setback for detached garages on smaller lots of record to accommodate modern two-car garages. Trustee Menold moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cirilli and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Menold – 4

No: None

Absent: Leitch, Parrott – 2

ZCO Davis then presented Easement Vacation Plat – Lots 140 & 172 in Fieldstone (P.I.N. 06-06-22-110-006 and P.I.N. 06-06-22-110-024). He explained that the plat vacates utility easements across adjoining lots at 321 and 325 York Avenue to facilitate a residential addition and pool construction. Trustee Cirilli moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Menold – 4

No: None

Absent: Leitch, Parrott – 2

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



VILLAGE CLERK



PRESIDENT

