

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 21, 2026**

After calling the meeting to order, President Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll, with the following members present: Cirilli, Leitch, Hilliard, Menold – 4.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

PRESENTATIONS – President Kaufman shared remarks regarding the recent swearing-in of firefighter/paramedic Jordan Martin, noting that 10 firefighter/paramedics have been sworn in over the past two years. He thanked the Board, Police/Fire Commissioners, and paid-on-call firefighters for their ongoing support and service.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – September 8, 2026
- B. Approval of Bills

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

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Kaufman expressed appreciation to the Morton Chamber of Commerce, community volunteers, Police, Fire, and Street Department personnel for their work on a successful 60th Annual Morton Pumpkin Festival.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Darche commended Sheriff Lower and the Public Works and Street Department teams for their operational support during the Pumpkin Festival.

Chief Darche then presented Resolution 12-27 – A Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Pekin Police Department and the Village of Morton. He explained that the agreement provides Morton access to Pekin PD's mobile device forensic extraction technology for up to 30 devices annually at a flat rate of \$20,000 (\$1,000 per device thereafter), avoiding substantial equipment/software expenses and reducing investigation turnaround times. He also addressed trustee questions regarding evidence chain of custody, Faraday bag protocols, search warrants, and testimony provisions. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

DFE Hale presented Ordinance 27-17 – An Ordinance Making Amendments to Section 5-1-1, Et Seq. of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding Updates to the Morton Fire Department Code. He noted that the ordinance updates code language to reflect the department's transition from a volunteer department to a combination department, defines roles and officers for paid-on-call personnel, updates Director duties, and extinguishes legacy bylaws. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Cirilli, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold – 4

No: None

Absent: Blunier, Parrott – 2

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ZCO Davis announced the Fall 2026 Yard Waste Disposal Program at Sewage Treatment Plant #2, running daily from Saturday, October 17 through Sunday, November 29, 2026, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (closed November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving).

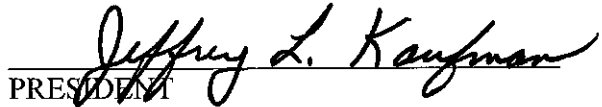
ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



VILLAGE CLERK


PRESIDENT