

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., APRIL 16, 2018**

After calling the meeting to order, President Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll, with the following members present: Belsley, Blunier, Heer, Leman, Newman, Parrott – 6.

PUBLIC HEARING – Leigh Ann Brown, the Executive Director of the Morton Chamber of Commerce and CEO of the Morton Economic Development Council invited members of the Board and the public to the upcoming Morton Forecast Breakfast, which will be held on April 24 at 7:00 a.m. at Freedom Hall.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – April 2, 2018
- B. Approval of Bills

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

Yes: Belsley, Blunier, Heer, Leman, Newman, Parrott – 6.
No: None.
Absent: None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Kaufman introduced a proclamation honoring Larry Smith Day on April 16, 2018. Larry Smith passed away recently and had been employed by the Morton Police Department for 30 years, retiring in 1993. Attorney McGrath read the proclamation. Officer Hilliard gave a tribute to Officer Smith in describing all the ways he had served the public. Officer Hilliard and President Kaufman both praised his years of service to the community.

President Kaufman then requested the reappointment of Gerald Ritterbusch to the Plan Commission for a 5 Year Term. He thanked him for his willingness to serve. Trustee Belsley moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Blunier, Heer, Leman, Newman, Parrott – 6.
No: None.
Absent: None.

President Kaufman then requested the reappointment of Nathan Domenighini and the appointments of Marie Arendal and Brenda Reed to the Tourism Grant Committee. He thanked Tom McDowell and Stan Patel for their years of service on the committee. Trustee Parrott moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Heer and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Blunier, Heer, Leman, Newman, Parrott – 6.
No: None.
Absent: None.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Smick presented Resolution 07-17, a resolution authorizing purchase of a VoIP phone system. She noted that she had received a portion of the bid subsequent to the resolution being drafted and that the bid was substantially lower than the not to exceed \$40,000 in the resolution. The current system was installed in 1989 and broke down over the previous weekend. She suggested that rather than putting any more money into an almost 30 year old system, that now was the time to upgrade to more modern technology. There was further discussion concerning the proposed phone system as it relates to the upcoming 911 dispatch consolidation as well as utility calls. Trustee Heer moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Blunier, Heer, Leman, Newman, Parrott – 6.

No: None.

Absent: None.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Hilliard announced that Morton will be participating in the DEA Drug Takeback day for unused or unwanted prescription medications on Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They don't take needles but will take any liquids in their original container and any solids.

Chief Hilliard then requested approval of the purchase of 3 state bid SUV's from Morrow Brothers Ford for \$28,490 each – 2 for the Police Department as well as a third at this bid for the Fire Department to replace their old Tahoe, which the mechanic said is well past its useful life. Trustee Newman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Blunier, Heer, Leman, Newman, Parrott – 6.

No: None.

Absent: None.

DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Kelley introduced the newest full time paramedic recently hired, Nick Gurdian. He is a lifelong Morton resident and has been a part time paramedic for a couple years and is now transitioning to a full time position with the retirement of Jeff Sponholz.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk proposed extending the yard waste disposal program through April 29 because of the unfavorable weather conditions. There was unanimous support from the Board.

DPW Loudermilk then notified the public that they will be digging on Tuesday on Jackson St. just east of the four-way stop. He noted that all the businesses on the corner would still be open, but asked the public to be cognizant and they would do their best to keep traffic moving.

DPW Loudermilk then requested permission to request bids for the S. First Ave. Reconstruction Project – Phase II (Birchwood to Delwood). Trustee Leman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Blunier, Heer, Leman, Newman, Parrott – 6.

No: None.

Absent: None.

DPW Loudermilk then requested permission to request bids for the E. Adam St. Reconstruction Project – Phase II (Main to First). Trustee Newman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Blunier, Heer, Leman, Newman, Parrott – 6.
No: None.
Absent: None.

DPW Loudermilk then requested acceptance of bid for the Circle Drive Improvements Project in the amount of \$744,839.71 and the award of contract for same to Laverdiere Construction, Inc. from Macomb, IL. Trustee Newman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Heer and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Blunier, Heer, Leman, Newman, Parrott – 6.
No: None.
Absent: None.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

BELSLEY – Nothing to report.
BLUNIER – Nothing to report.
HEER – Nothing to report.
LEMAN – Nothing to report.
NEWMAN – Nothing to report.
PARROTT – Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no action expected to be taken following the Executive Session for the purposes of discussing collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees or their representatives, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Trustee Heer moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Blunier, Heer, Leman, Newman, Parrott – 6.
No: None.
Absent: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon returning from Executive Session at 7:45 p.m., the Clerk determined the same members present. With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Heer moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:



VILLAGE CLERK



PRESIDENT

