

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MORTON FIRE DEPARTMENT - 300 W. COURTLAND ST.
7:00 P.M., MAY 21, 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, Leman, Newman, Kaufman – 4.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

PRESENTATIONS – President Kaufman presented a proclamation recognizing Daniel Mueller as a State of Illinois Top High School Innovator of the Year.

President Kaufman then presented a proclamation recognizing the Morton High School Marching Band for receiving the John Philip Sousa Foundation's Sudler Shield Award.

Chief Hilliard presented Presidential Volunteer Service awards to the auxiliary officers who volunteered 100 hours of more during 2017. Those who received awards included Tony Dubois, Roger Evans, Nick Gilmore, Todd Glascock, Jacob Selke, Joe Stidman, Steven Tyler, and Bob Willis.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – May 7, 2018
 - 2. Closed Session – May 7, 2018
 - 3. Closed Session – April 16, 2018
- B. Approval of Bills

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

Yes: Belsley, Leman, Newman, Kaufman – 4.

No: None.

Absent: Blunier, Heer, Parrott – 3.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Smick presented the May 2018 Tourism Grant Committee grant recommendations. Tourism Director Susan Pyles gave an brief introduction/overview of the grant recommendations. There were 13 events that received grants for a total of \$94,800. Trustee Belsley noted that the funds that support the grant program come from the hotels and motels in the area and go back into supporting events that end up creating further overnight stays and increased tourism into the community. President Kaufman noted that there has been a push to bring more bands into the Pumpkin Festival parade and that there will likely be more grants forthcoming to support this goal. Trustee Newman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Belsley and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Leman, Newman, Kaufman – 4.

No: None.

Absent: Blunier, Heer, Parrott – 3.

Administrator Smick then presented Resolution 01-19, a resolution authorizing the purchase of a new computer server. She noted that the resolution would authorize the purchase of a new computer server not to exceed \$60,000. The current server is over 5 years old and had a drive fail on it last year. She said that she is hoping to go to a cloud version of all of the Office products, which require a lot of data storage, and also noted that this would free up a lot of storage space on the new server and was included in the budget for this fiscal year. The cost would be spread evenly across the general fund and the three utility funds. Trustee Leman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Leman, Newman, Kaufman – 4.
No: None.
Absent: Blunier, Heer, Parrott – 3.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of proposal from Utility Safety and Design, Inc. for External Corrosion Direct Assessment (ECDA) in the amount of \$24,020.00. He noted that this is for inspection and survey to determine the integrity of the 8” natural gas feeder line that comes into town. Trustee Belsley moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Leman, Newman, Kaufman – 4.
No: None.
Absent: Blunier, Heer, Parrott – 3.

DPW Loudermilk then requested acceptance of bid for the Adams Street Reconstruction Project (Main St. – First St.) in the amount of \$261,881.62 and award of contract for same to Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc. He noted that this is in a critical spot in town and would take some months to complete but should be done prior to the Pumpkin Festival, and also that the prices were excellent and came in well under budget. Trustee Newman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Leman, Newman, Kaufman – 4.
No: None.
Absent: Blunier, Heer, Parrott – 3.

DPW Loudermilk then requested acceptance of bid for the First Avenue Improvements – Phase II Project (Delwood St. – Birchwood St.) in the amount of \$508,930.54 and award of contract for same to Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc. He noted that this was also well under budget and the project will complete multiple years of work on First Ave. from Greenwood all the way to Birchwood. Trustee Belsley moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Leman, Newman, Kaufman – 4.
No: None.
Absent: Blunier, Heer, Parrott – 3.

DPW Loudermilk then requested permission to request bids for the E. Jefferson St./N. Third Ave. Parking Lot & Event Space Reconstruction Project. He noted that this is the space where the Apostolic Christian Church used to be and that the designs are still being finalized, but would involve infrastructure and improvement to allow for the space to be used year-round for future tourism events. Trustee Newman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leman and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

DPW Loudermilk then requested permission to request bids for the E. Jefferson St. Pavement Patching Project (First St. – Fourth St.). Trustee Leman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

DPW Loudermilk then requested A) acceptance of proposal from All Service Contracting Corporation for Plant #2 Filter Rehabilitation in the amount of \$186,951.00, and B) acceptance of proposal from All Service Contracting Corporation for Plant #2 softener rehabilitation in the Amount of \$148,762.00. Attorney McGrath stated that to bypass competitive bidding for these would require a supermajority, of which the sufficient number of trustees were not present to constitute a supermajority. These two items were tabled until the next meeting.

DPW Loudermilk then noted the Village has completed flushing the water system and that he has submitted a letter to the IEPA stating that all of the tasks relating to the compliance commitment agreement with the IEPA have been completed.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

BELSLEY – Nothing to report.

LEMAN – Trustee Leman requested an overview/discussion of the overall health of the general fund, and asked Administrator Smick to give an overview of all the things the general fund contributes to. She gave a brief overview and said she would like to take some time to analyze the previous fiscal year's budget and come back with a more detailed report on the reasons it had ended up better than expected.

NEWMAN – Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no action expected to be taken following the Executive Session for the purposes of A) discussing collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees or their representatives, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), and B) discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Village, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Trustee Newman moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Belsley, Leman, Newman, Kaufman – 4.

No: None.

Absent: Blunier, Heer, Parrott – 3.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon returning from Executive Session at 8:35 p.m., the Clerk determined the same members present. With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Belsley moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leman and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:


VILLAGE CLERK




PRESIDENT