

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 17, 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** – None.

**PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Leigh Ann Brown from the Chamber of Commerce thanked everyone in the community involved with putting on another successful Pumpkin Festival. President Kaufman thanked all the volunteers that helped make it possible as well.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – September 4, 2018
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Newman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Administrator Smick presented 3 Building Improvement Grants recommended from the Business District Commission for approval. The grants approved were: 1) Dave Zern, 214 W. Jefferson, \$4,945 for permanent landscaping; 2) John and Lisa Crawford, 1800 S. Main, \$8,329 for entrance enclosure and permanent landscaping; and 3) Veritiv Corporation, 510 E. Courtland, \$4,500 for permanent landscaping. Trustee Belsley 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 PUBLIC WORKS**

DPW Loudermilk noted that Ordinance 19-15 which was listed on the agenda would not be discussed at this meeting, as they are awaiting further information from Morton United Methodist Church.

DPW Loudermilk then presented Resolution 08-19, a resolution authorizing agreement with Bailey Nichols and Morgan Nichols for dedication of right-of-way to the Village in anticipation of a potential sidewalk at the property on Birchwood St. He noted that he was asked by Trustee Parrott to put the agreement on the agenda again from the previous meeting. There was considerable discussion concerning several aspects including funding, history of the sidewalks on either side of the property, gas lines, budget, and the general fund. Attorney McGrath advised that since a gas line would be relocated in the process, it would be an appropriate use to fund the project out of the gas fund instead of the general fund. Trustee Parrott moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Heer and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Heer, Leman, Parrott – 4.

No: Belsley, Newman – 2.

Absent: None.

#### **PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICER**

PZO Spangler presented Ordinance 19-13, an ordinance amending Title 4 of the Village Code of the Village of Morton to provide amendments regarding standards for the demolition of structures. There was discussion and an overview of the ordinance and timelines required for compliance with the demolition standards, following up on the discussion from the previous meeting. Trustee Parrott 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.

PZO Spangler then introduced Josh Bushinsky and Colleen Callahan from Trajectory Energy Partners, who gave a detailed presentation on the proposed Morton Solar project, which would be located on land off of Tennessee Ave just north of I-74. They are in the process of seeking a special use permit from the Tazewell County Zoning Board of Appeals, who will meet to decide on October 2. Although it doesn't fall within Village limits, Village trustees will have the opportunity to give further input and comments to submit to the county zoning board for their consideration at the next Village Board meeting on October 1.

#### **VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

BELSLEY – Nothing to report.

BLUNIER – Nothing to report.

HEER – Nothing to report.

LEMAN – Nothing to report.

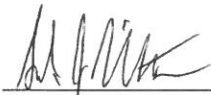
NEWMAN – Nothing to report.

PARROTT – Nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:



VILLAGE CLERK

  
PRESIDENT