

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., OCTOBER 7, 2019**

After calling the meeting to order, President Pro-Tem Parrott led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll, with the following members present: Blunier, Leitch, Leman, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

PRESENTATIONS – Joel Dickerson, Executive Director of the Morton Park District, thanked the Board and administrators with the Village for their support of the PDGA World Disc Golf Championship Tournament that was held in August. He gave an overview of statistics from the tournament and noted that it was a very successful event. He presented the Village with a commemorative disc signed by the men’s and women’s champions.

Leigh Ann Brown, director of the Morton Chamber of Commerce, gave an update of a few upcoming events coming up in the community. Monday, November 18 from 4:30-6:30pm, will be a post-Pumpkin Festival VIP give-back event, providing donations to some of the non-profit and groups that helped with the festival. She also welcomed a new business in town, To the Moon and Back Bookstore. She announced that Friday, October 25 will be the Downtown Trick or Treat event.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – September 16, 2019
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Leman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and approved with the following voice vote:

Yes: Blunier, Leitch, Leman, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.
No: None.
Absent: None.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Hilliard announced that the department will again be partnering with the DEA for the semi-annual Drug Takeback Day on October 26 from 10:00am-2:00pm in the lobby of the Police Department.

DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

DFE Kelley presented a request to award a bid for a new ambulance. He noted that only one bid was received, from Foster Coach Sales in Sterling, IL. They provided 2 different bid prices depending on where the chassis was purchased, either from Truck Centers of Morton or Truck County in Wisconsin. He recommended approval of the lowest bid package from Foster Coach Sales using Truck County of Wisconsin. Trustee Newman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Menold and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Leitch, Leman, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.
No: None.
Absent: None.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk presented Resolution 22-20 - Supplemental Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code (Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Road Salt). Trustee Newman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Leitch, Leman, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.
No: None.
Absent: None.

DPW Loudermilk then requested acceptance of Alternate Bid No. 1 - Lighting Improvements as part of the Jefferson Square Lighting and Landscape Improvements Project in the amount of \$81,060.00 and award of contract for same to ANJ Electric. He noted that there were two separate bids for the lighting and the landscaping, with the landscaping bid as the next item on the agenda. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Leitch, Leman, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.
No: None.
Absent: None.

DPW Loudermilk then requested acceptance of Alternate Bid No. 2 - Landscaping Improvements as part of the Jefferson Square Lighting and Landscape Improvements Project in the amount of \$76,500.00 and award of contract for same to Krumholz Brothers Landscaping. He noted that this landscaping for the most part completes the site. Trustee Menold moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Leitch, Leman, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.
No: None.
Absent: None.

DPW Loudermilk then announced the 2019 Fall Yardwaste Disposal Program. It will start Saturday, October 26 and go through Sunday, December 8. The hours will be 8am to 5pm and it will be closed on the Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Smick presented Ordinance 20-16 - An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Volunteer Firefighters Pension to Section 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 5 of the Morton Municipal Code. She noted that the pension plan is not currently an IRS-qualified plan. In order to avoid overhauling the entire plan, which would be an extensive undertaking, instead the amount paid to the retirees would be increased slightly to compensate for the additional compensation tax burden. It would increase the amount per year of service paid monthly from \$5.00 per year of service to \$6.00. Trustee Newman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Leitch, Leman, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.
No: None.
Absent: None.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

LEITCH – Trustee Leitch brought up a couple of topics relating the Morton Business District Development and Redevelopment Commission. The first item related to whether or not solar projects might be included in the Building Improvement Grant Program. After discussion, the general consensus was to not include solar projects as a part of the grant program. He also proposed drafting an Ordinance codifying eligible and ineligible items into the Municipal Code, and there was considerable discussion on the details concerning many aspects of this. The second item, Trustee Leitch gave an overview of many of the aspects of timing and other issues relating to the grant application process for the businesses applying, and prompted discussion regarding potentially having the Village Board take on the responsibility of the grant applications, which would have the applicants come to the Board meetings to present their projects. There was considerable discussion regarding the pros and cons of both the current process as well as a potential change, and after this discussion, the general consensus was to not make any changes, at least at this time.

- BLUNIER – Nothing to report.
- LEMAN – Nothing to report.
- MENOLD – 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 Purpose of Discussing Pending or Probable Litigation Against, Affecting or on Behalf of the Public Body Pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)], Trustee Leman moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and approved with the following roll call vote:

- Yes: Blunier, Leitch, Leman, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.
- No: None.
- Absent: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon returning from Executive Session, the Clerk determined the same members present. With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Parrott moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Menold and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:



 VILLAGE CLERK





 PRESIDENT