

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., DECEMBER 16, 2019**

After calling the meeting to order, President Kaufman 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 – A Business Development Grant check was presented to Emerald City Investments and The Forge Steakhouse. Derek Grimm with Emerald City Investments and John Thomas, owner of The Forge (along with his wife Amber), gave an overview of the history of the building and the renovation and transformation into the new steakhouse and virtual shooting space.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Leigh Ann Brown from the Economic Development Council gave an update congratulating several businesses that have decided to locate in Morton, as well as another company that is in the process of looking at potentially locating in Morton. She gave a reminder that the EDC Annual Meeting will take place Thursday January 30 at Caterpillar Global Parts Distribution in Morton at 7:30. Registration is available at the EDC website.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – December 2, 2019
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Newman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Smick presented and gave an overview of the Fall 2019 Tourism Grant Round Recommendations from the Tourism Grant Committee. 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.

Administrator Smick then presented Resolution 24-20 - A Resolution Adopting Policy for Fixed Asset Capitalization. She noted that putting this in place was one of the recommendations from the annual auditor's report. Trustee Leitch 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.

Administrator Smick then presented Resolution 25-20 - A Resolution Adopting Policy for Management of General Fund Balance. She noted that in addition the prior item, putting this in place was the other recommendation from the annual auditor's report. 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.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Attorney McGrath presented Ordinance 20-22 - An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Cannabis to Title 6 and Title 9 of the Morton Municipal Code. He gave an overview of the Ordinance and noted it deals with issues that needed to be addressed after the state passed the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act which goes into effect in 2020. Chief Hilliard gave an explanation of enforcement and the differences between enforcing through state statute or local ordinance. 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 requested approval of a two year contract extension from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 for the purchase of electricity from Calpine Corporation. He noted that four proposals were solicited, and that this extension would be slightly lower than what the current costs are. Trustee Parrott 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.

DPW Loudermilk then presented Resolution 26-20 - A Resolution Authorizing Intervention in PEPL Rate Case 29-1523. He gave an overview and noted that this involves intervening along with other communities in a case seeking a reduced increase in natural gas costs. 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.

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BLUNIER – Nothing to report.

LEITCH – Nothing to report.

LEMAN – Nothing to report.

MENOLD – Nothing to report.

NEWMAN – Nothing to report.

PARROTT – Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:


VILLAGE CLERK




PRESIDENT