

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., MARCH 16, 2020**

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** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Leigh Ann Brown from the Morton Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council gave an update noting that the Chamber offices are closed to the public with the coronavirus situation, but employees are there every day collecting information and resources to share out to businesses and the community. The public can find information being updated frequently on the Chamber website, Facebook, etc. She encouraged everyone to support local businesses during this time by whatever means are available.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – March 2, 2020
  - 2. Closed Session – March 2, 2020
- B. Approval of Bills
- C. Resolution 31-20 - IDOT Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code

Trustee Leitch moved to approve the Consent Agenda with an amendment to the closed session minutes from March 2, 2020 reflecting a correction to a roll call that had included Trustee Menold listed, however he was not in attendance. 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 ADMINISTRATOR** – Administrator Smick presented the Fiscal Year 2021 Final Budget for approval. 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 requested a transfer from the General Fund to the Motor Fuel Tax Fund of \$262,894.79. She noted that this is to reimburse the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for road salt as well as a few other projects from the past. 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.

## **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Hilliard announced that because of the coronavirus distancing guidelines, the DEA Drug Takeback that had been scheduled for April 25 has been cancelled. He noted that Alwan Pharmacy has a drop off that the public can use.

## **CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Attorney McGrath presented Ordinance 20-25 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Morton Municipal Code to Provide Amendments Regarding Local States of Emergency. He gave an overview of the Ordinance and noted that this was brought about by a recommendation from the Illinois Municipal League that local municipalities review and update their ordinances governing local states of emergency. He explained that this ordinance would replace the existing language with more thorough and detailed/clarifying language. There was considerable discussion regarding many aspects of the Ordinance. Trustee Newman moved to table the Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Trustee Blunier – the motion to table was not approved after the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Newman, Parrott – 3.  
No: Leitch, Leman, Menold, Kaufman – 4.  
Absent: None.

After the motion to table the Ordinance was not approved, Trustee Leman moved to amend the Ordinance by striking Paragraph 7 from Title 12, Chapter 4, Section 4 regarding “discontinuance of selling, distributing, dispensing, or giving away of any firearms or ammunition of any character whatsoever”. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrot and was approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Leitch, Leman, Newman, Parrott – 5.  
No: Menold – 1.  
Absent: None.

After the amendment of Ordinance 20-25, Trustee Newman moved to approve the amended Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leman and was 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 Ordinance 20-24 - An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Construction Engineering Inspection Services to Title 11, Chapter 3 of the Morton Municipal Code. He read the Ordinance and noted that this would avoid a conflict of interest for the owner or developer to hire an inspection. The Village will now hire the inspector. 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.

DPW Loudermilk then presented Resolution 32-20 - IDOT Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Annual Overlay Project. He noted that this authorizes funds for inspection and construction and is reflected in the budget that was passed earlier in the meeting. Trustee Leitch 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 gave an update on the Spring 2020 Yardwaste Disposal Program as well as the Semi-Annual Hydrant Flushing.

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

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 TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no action expected to be taken following the executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of real property per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Trustee Newman moved to adjourn to Executive Session. 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:

  
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VILLAGE CLERK

  
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PRESIDENT

