

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., APRIL 20, 2020**

After President Kaufman called the meeting to order, the Clerk called the roll, with the following members present: Blunier, Leitch, Leman, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Robert Caruso of 333 Shaggy Bark Trail gave a public comment expressing several concerns from residents of the Trails at Timber Oaks subdivision in regards to the development of Ulrich Wildlife Preserve and the parking lot planned for access to the area.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – April 6, 2020
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Menold 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 PRESIDENT

President Kaufman requested approval of the appointment of Debbie Braker and Tom Osborne to the Tourism Grant Committee with terms expiring April 30, 2022. 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.

President Kaufman then requested approval of the reappointment of Bill Aupperle and Jason Scarfe to the Business District Development & Redevelopment Commission with terms expiring April 30, 2023. 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.

President Kaufman then requested approval of the reappointment of Mary Spahr to the Zoning Board of Appeals with term expiring April 30, 2025. 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.

President Kaufman then presented Ordinance 20-28 - An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Bring Your Own Bottle Liquor Licenses to Chapter 8 of Title 3 of the Morton Municipal Code. He noted that this Ordinance would permit a restaurant to allow a customer to bring a bottle of wine to drink on the premises. The restaurant would uncork it and then would re-seal the bottle before the customer leaves. Attorney McGrath explained that the current Class G license allows a license holder to allow beer or wine to be brought into an establishment, and that this change would be to allow wine only. Chief Hilliard gave some input supporting the Ordinance, but laid out some concerns around state statutes requiring dated receipts to be provided. Attorney McGrath noted that he would work with Chief Hilliard on this, and that currently no Class G licenses are available to be issued, so passing the Ordinance would not present any issues at this time. 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.

President Kaufman then gave a statement concerning the property purchases on the agenda – for the property bounded by Pershing and Bradley Streets, and for the properties on Harrison St. For the property on Pershing St., he noted that the Village is interested in revitalizing blighted property and that the goal is to work with a private developer in the future, but there is no specific plan in place other than planting grass there and enjoying Susie’s Hot Dogs, which will remain. For the Harrison St. properties, the Village continues to support the School District on their Junior High School improvements for street parking, pedestrian access, traffic circulation, school drop-offs, and storm water retention.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Smick presented Building Improvement Grant recommendations from the Business District Commission for Sam Parrott’s property at 134 W. Adams and for the Morton Community Foundation property at 135 S. First. 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.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Attorney McGrath presented Ordinance 20-29 - An Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of 306 and 312 W. Pershing and 101, 103 and 107 W. Bradley, Morton IL. He noted that the proposed purchase price is \$165,000. 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.

Attorney McGrath then presented Ordinance 20-30 - An Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of 209 E. Harrison St., Morton IL. He noted that the proposed purchase price is \$175,000. Trustee Leman 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.

Attorney McGrath then presented Ordinance 20-31 - An Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of 217 E. Harrison St., Morton IL. He noted that the proposed purchase price is \$165,000. 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.

Attorney McGrath then presented Ordinance 20-32 - An Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of 213 E. Harrison St., Morton IL. He noted that the proposed purchase price is \$115,000. 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.

DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

DFE Kelley gave an update noting that the Fire Department and Paramedics have not seen a significant increase in call volume with the Covid-19 situation, but do have plans in place to manage if an increase does take place.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk presented Resolution 33-20 - Resolution Authorizing Hedging Agreement with Utility Gas Management. He noted that this is a hedging agreement between Utility Gas Management who purchases the Village's natural gas and the Villlage of Morton. With the anticipation of cost of gas to increase especially during winter months, this would be used to allow the Village to participate in fixed pricing. Trustee Leitch 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.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

BLUNIER – Nothing to report.

LEITCH – Nothing to report.

LEMAN – Trustee Leman thanked the individuals earlier appointed and reappointed to the commissions and boards for their willingness to serve in those positions.

MENOLD – Nothing to report.
NEWMAN – Nothing to report.
PARROTT – Nothing to report.

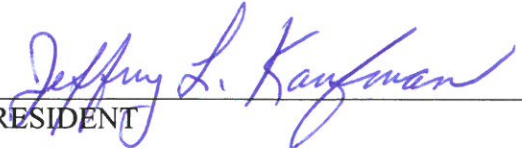
ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



VILLAGE CLERK



PRESIDENT