

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

After calling the meeting to order, President Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll, with the following members present: Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 4.

PUBLIC HEARING – A Public Hearing was held on the Annexation Agreement with Kyle Luchtefeld for 2711 W. Jackson St., Morton, IL. The Public Hearing was closed with no comments from the public given.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – August 17, 2020
 - 2. Closed Session – August 17, 2020
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Leitch moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Kaufman signed a proclamation which was read aloud by Attorney McGrath proclaiming September 16-19 as the 2020 Reimagined Morton Pumpkin Festival, Roaring Pumpkins and All That Jazz in the Pumpkin Capital of the World. Leigh Ann Brown from the Morton Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council then gave some information concerning the 54th Morton Pumpkin Festival.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Attorney McGrath presented Ordinance 21-17 - An Ordinance Annexing the Property Known as 2711 W. Jackson Street, Morton Illinois to the Village of Morton. Trustee Newman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 4.
No: None.
Absent: Blunier, Leman – 2.

Attorney McGrath then presented Resolution 07-21 - A Resolution Regarding the Release of Closed Session Minutes. Trustee Menold moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 4.
No: None.
Absent: Blunier, Leman – 2.

Attorney McGrath then presented Resolution 08-21 - A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recording of Closed Meeting Sessions. He noted that this is for recordings more than 18 months old for which minutes have been approved by the Board. Trustee Newman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 4.
No: None.
Absent: Blunier, Leman – 2.

Attorney McGrath then withdrew his request for the Board’s consideration the next item listed on the agenda, Ordinance 21-19. He will be working on some additional issues relating to that proposal and intends to bring it back before the Board at the next meeting.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk requested Acceptance of Bid for the 2020 Misc. Concrete Repairs, Phase 2 Project and a new parking lot at Ulrich Wildlife Preserve Project in the amount of \$177,223.00 and award of contract for same to Opperman Construction Co. (Pontiac, IL). He noted that the Village of Morton portion of the bid is \$75,091.00 and the Morton Park District portion of the bid is \$102,132.00. Trustee Menold moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 4.
No: None.
Absent: Blunier, Leman – 2.

DPW Loudermilk then presented Ordinance 21-18 - An Ordinance Authorizing Second Amendment to Water Tower Lease Agreement with USCOC of Central Illinois, LLC for a Portion of the Premises Commonly Known as 500 Detroit Ave., Morton, IL. He noted that this is for upgrades to the antenna infrastructure on top of the water tower. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 4.
No: None.
Absent: Blunier, Leman – 2.

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ZCO Marks presented Zoning Amendment / Special Use Petition #20-05 ZA/SP – Harding Road. He noted that this is a requested zoning change from I-2 to R-4 for Lots 5, 6, and 7 of Main St. Business Park, and on Lot 5 they are requesting a Special Use that will allow building height not to exceed 44 feet for a 3-story apartment building. Trustee Newman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 4.
No: None.
Absent: Blunier, Leman – 2.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Leitch led a discussion concerning the potential of Business District Grants larger than the current \$10,000 limit. Related items discussed included: larger grants being presented directly to the Board instead of through the Business District Commission; possibilities of types of grants including improvements to Church Square, lighting, grease traps, etc; limits that grant requests could be increased to; and other details related to the grant program.

Trustee Leitch then led a discussion on a proposal to reduce gas charges for December bills on a one-time basis at the end of 2020. There were several aspects of this discussed, and Trustee Leitch will bring back further numbers and information for the next meeting.

MENOLD – Nothing to report.

NEWMAN – Nothing to report.

PARROTT – Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

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:



VILLAGE CLERK



PRESIDENT

