

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 21, 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 a recap of the Pumpkin Festival and spoke about the Business Interruption Grants that the state has opened up – she noted that anyone wanting details on applying for these grants should contact the Chamber/EDC and they would be happy to help guide them through the process.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – September 8, 2020
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Menold moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 a Building Improvement Grant recommendation from the Business District Commission for Clayton Monfre with A Perfect Promotion, with a grant amount of \$9,780 towards a total project cost of \$19,560 for removing old siding, painting, and replacing siding and windows. 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.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Miller announced that the Police Department would be participating in Beards for Charity for the second year in a row. Last year over \$2,000 was donated to local charities and they look forward to doing that again this year.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Attorney McGrath presented Ordinance 21-19 - An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Rules and Regulations for the Use of Village Parking Lots and Outdoor Gathering Spaces to Title 8 of the Morton Municipal Code. He noted that it is a general extension of rules and regulations that apply to Memorial Plaza to other spaces in the Village that may in the future be reserved for private events or gatherings. 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.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk announced the Fall 2020 Yard Waste Disposal Program. It will be open from Saturday, October 24 through Sunday, December 6 from 8:00am to 5:00pm daily and will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving. The same rules and regulations as in the past will be in effect this year.

DPW Loudermilk then presented Resolution 10-21 - IDOT Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. He noted that is to authorize the use of MFT funds for the purchase of road salt. 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.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Kaufman presented Resolution 09-21 - Resolution Regarding Mural at 101 W. Jefferson St., Morton IL. He noted that this is for the 3 murals that were put up on the building at the corner of Main and Jefferson. Leigh Ann Brown gave some updates and history of how the murals came to be, and thanked several local businesses as well as the artist for helping to make the murals a reality. 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 Resolution 11-21 - Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Morton Park District for the Transfer of 420 E. Washington St. He noted that this building was purchased by Ameren, then donated to the Village after they were finished using it for improvements. The Intergovernmental Agreement is for donating the site to the Park District, who will turn it into an approximately .75 acre park. 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.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Leitch presented a proposal for a Gas Service Fee rebate in December 2020. He presented the numbers that different types of gas customers would receive. There was considerable discussion concerning the Gas Fund, what would be a significant rebate, and other related items to the Gas Fund. The consensus of the Board was to not move forward with the rebate at this time.

Trustee Leitch then presented and moved to approve Ordinance 21-20 - An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Elected Official Compensation to Title 1 of the Morton Municipal Code with an amendment of \$10,000 replacing \$12,000 for Village President. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman. There was considerable discussion around the Ordinance, during which Trustee Parrott made a motion to table the Ordinance, which was seconded by Trustee Blunier. The motion to table the Ordinance was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Trustees Leman and Menold commended Leigh Ann Brown, her team, and all the volunteers for their hard work in making this year’s Pumpkin Festival a success.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION


With no action expected to be taken following the executive for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Village and its Employees or Their Representatives, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Trustee Menold moved to adjourn to Executive Session. 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.


ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



 VILLAGE CLERK



 PRESIDENT

