

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., JANUARY 4, 2021**

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 COMMENT – Many citizens gave public comments supporting the further development of bike and walking trails as well as sidewalks throughout the Village and surrounding areas. The list of citizens who spoke is as follows: Steve Shaw, Kevin Miller, Phillip Lockwood, Steve Soderstrom, Kyle Musgrove, Tony Kapuska, George Courier, Andy Sauder, Ed Reesburg, Heidi Harter, Bryce Pangler, Mike Kaluza, and Dan Hartzler (spellings approximated). The aforementioned individuals gave a wide range of comments all supporting further development of trails and sidewalks in the Village, along with many ideas, relevant history, and encouragement to the Board for past and future efforts in this area.

Leigh Ann Brown from the Morton Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council gave an update regarding upcoming events including Leadership Morton and the Chamber Annual Meet-Up. Relevant to the many comments on bike/walking trails and sidewalks, she also talked about the Bike Morton Group, Pumpkin Pedal, the Morton Classic, and the Bike Rodeo.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – December 21, 2020
 - 2. Special Meeting – December 29, 2020
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Parrott moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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.


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Trustee Leman began a discussion and read a statement along with letters from Joel Dickerson (Morton Park District Director) and Norm Durflinger (former Mayor of Morton). This began a discussion which many members of the public had spoken on earlier in the meeting concerning sidewalk planning and the development of bike and walking trails. There was a wide-ranging discussion among the Board concerning different areas of town, existing and future planning efforts, funding, feasibility, right-of-ways, and many other related aspects. President Kaufman gave an overview of current and future plans for the Village, and highlighted a study from Hanson Professional Services that has been in progress – he noted that they are nearing the point in the study of having a public meeting coming soon, possibly by the end of January, and urged the public to attend this meeting once it has been announced.

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

