

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 1, 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 HEARING** – None.

**PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Rich Giebelhausen gave a public comment in support and appreciation of the bike and walking trail system enhancements planning. He encouraged the Village to work to try and acquire the railroad right-of-way going through town – he noted that this would greatly simplify the trail enhancements going through town and provide access to many community locations.

Leigh Ann Brown from the Morton Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council gave an update on current developments in the Village including a prospective buyer looking at the former Ruby Tuesday building as well as the building being constructed next door to this property which will be a new Arby's restaurant. She also gave an update on upcoming events including the Chamber Annual Meetup (2021 Pumpkin Festival theme, Distinguished Service Award, and Volunteer of the Year Award will be announced), EDC Symposium, Venture Award, and Morton Mixer. She also noted that there is a film producer that is looking to produce a film called Peter Peter that would take place in Morton and is themed around a 'great pumpkin bake-off'.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – January 18, 2021
  - 2. Closed Session – January 18, 2021
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Leman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

President Kaufman presented Resolution 21-21 - A Resolution Approving Purchase of 0.5 Acres, More or Less, off S. Clifton Ave., Morton, Illinois. He noted that this will provide a second entrance to the new Gas Department building. 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.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Administrator Smick presented Resolution 22-21 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to Agreement with Groveland Fire Protection District for Fire Protection Services. Attorney McGrath and Nick Smith, a trustee for the Groveland Fire Protection District, noted that this revised agreement would provide that the Village continues to receive the same money that it would receive if the referendum that will be up for a vote does not pass. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Blunier and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Leitch, Leman, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.  
No: None.  
Absent: None.

Administrator Smick then gave a couple updates – First, there is a new Village-Wide notification system that is being put in place that can reach citizens via text, email, phone, etc., and can notify them of important time-sensitive information. Second, she announced that Sales Tax revenue for 2020 (\$4.4 million) was up compared to 2019 (just over \$4.2 million), despite the pandemic and issues that everyone went through.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Miller presented Resolution 20-21 - A Resolution Authorizing Purchase of 2020 Ford Explorer at State Bid Price of \$34,985.00 from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. He noted that this is replacing a 2015 Explorer that was involved in an accident – the insurance company totaled it out and the Village will receive \$7,750 towards the cost of the new vehicle which brings the cost to \$27,235. Trustee Leman inquired about the bid process and why only a Ford was chosen – Chief Miller spoke about the bid process and noted that the state bid was used and this was what the state had to offer at the time the bids were looked at. Trustee Blunier moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

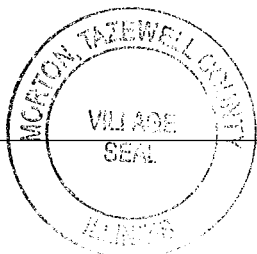
BLUNIER – Nothing to report.  
LEITCH – Nothing to report.  
LEMAN – Nothing to report.  
MENOLD – Nothing to report.  
NEWMAN – Nothing to report.  
PARROTT – Nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:

  
VILLAGE CLERK



  
PRESIDENT