

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 15, 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 AND SPECIAL REPORTS – Trustee Leitch presented a couple reports and updates. The first topic was an update on the natural gas cost issues that have arisen recently around the extremely increased purchase prices. He read a statement and along with DPW Loudermilk gave an overview of the situation and factors that have played into it as well as thanking the citizens and local businesses for doing their part to reduce usage as much as possible during this time. The second topic he spoke about was an update on the Economic Sustainability Grant Program. The Illinois DCEO has been exploring the option of allowing the Village to reopen the grant program, but has not yet issued the specific rules the Village would need to follow. There is approximately \$223,000 that is leftover for these grants, but the Village is awaiting the DCEO rules before hopefully being able to reopen the grant program. Trustee Leitch and Administrator Smick spoke to details around this program as well as the appreciation of the grantees.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – February 1, 2021
- 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 PRESIDENT

President Kaufman presented Resolution 23-21 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Morton and the International Association of Firefighters Local #4952 (Paramedics). 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.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of proposal through Sourcewell and from Altorfer Inc. for a 2021 Cat 289D3 XPS Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$36,732.00 (includes trade-in of 2018 Cat 289D3 XPS). Trustee Leman had questions around the details of the bid process and numerous aspects were discussed including brand of equipment, variety of dealers, and cooperative bidding and contracting. Trustee Blunier moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

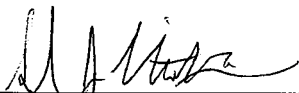
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BLUNIER – Nothing to report.
LEITCH – Nothing to report.
LEMAN – Nothing to report.
MENOLD – Nothing to report.
NEWMAN – Nothing to report.
PARROTT – Nothing to report.


ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



VILLAGE CLERK



PRESIDENT

