

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
7:00 P.M., MARCH 8, 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** – Chris Ober spoke on behalf of Morton Industries, Caterpillar, and Matcor. He read a letter that was sent to the Board of Trustees expressing concerns over the management of the gas utilities in Morton that exposed commercial and residential users to historically high gas prices in February 2021. Their position is that gas profits should be used to alleviate the impact of these price increases to residents and businesses, and to put proper actions in place to prevent this from happening again.

Nate Gillespie, CFO of Morton Industries, spoke on price history and comparisons on prior high price levels.

Bob Bright, 137 W. Chicago St, spoke praising the Village for their efforts during the recent ice storm, the responsiveness to the citizens during the recent gas price situation, the twice-yearly yard waste disposal program, as well as the electric consolidation through Homefield.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

President Kaufman presented Ordinance 21-33 – An Ordinance Granting Credits to Natural Gas Utility Accounts within the Village of Morton. President Kaufman thanked the Board, staff, and everyone involved in discussions on recommendations to alleviate the burden of high gas prices to businesses and citizens. Attorney McGrath read aloud the Ordinance. There was considerable discussion about the situation that arose with historically high gas prices and how the Village is responding, as well as plans going forward. 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.

President Kaufman then presented Ordinance 21-34 – An Ordinance Waiving License Fees for Certain Liquor License Holders for Fiscal Year 2022. Attorney McGrath read aloud the Ordinance. 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.

**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:

  
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VILLAGE CLERK

  
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PRESIDENT

