

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., APRIL 5, 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.

**PRESENTATIONS** – President Kaufman and Police Chief Miller recognized and thanked John Myers, who has retired from the Police and Fire Commission after 31 years of service.

Clerk Ritthaler administered oaths of office to Shawn Darche, appointed to the position of Deputy Police Chief; and to Jared Boyer, appointed to the position of Police Sergeant.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Leigh Ann Brown from the Morton Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council gave an update on upcoming events. The annual Forecast Breakfast will be held on April 15. Community Earth Day Clean Up will take place on April 22. Planning is underway for a full capacity Pumpkin Festival this September.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Special Meeting – March 8, 2021
  - 2. Regular Meeting – March 15, 2021
  - 3. Special Meeting – March 18, 2021
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Menold moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

President Kaufman requested the appointment of Steve Newhouse to the Police and Fire Commission. 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.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Administrator Smick noted that Ordinance 21-41 listed on the agenda is not needed anymore, as this concerns the purchase of natural gas in April which the supplier is now allowing to be paid for in May, so it will be purchased in the next fiscal year.

Administrator Smick then presented Ordinance 21-42 - An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Level Payment Plan for Utility Bills for Residential Customers to Chapter 15 of Title 8 of the Morton Municipal Code. 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.

Administrator Smick then presented Ordinance 21-43 - An Ordinance Making Amendments to Title 2 Chapter 9 of the Morton Municipal Code (re: Tourism Committee). Trustee Parrott moved to approve. 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.

Administrator Smick then requested approval of the final budget for Fiscal Year 2022. 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.

Administrator Smick then gave an update on sales tax receipts. Sales tax received for the first quarter of 2021 was \$1,180,580. This amount is based on sales that took place in October, November, and December of 2020. She noted that this total is down just 0.7% from last year, which is very good considering everything that took place last year with the covid pandemic.

#### **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of proposal through Sourcewell and from Altorfer Inc. for a new Caterpillar 306-07 Mini Excavator in the amount of \$10,452.00 (including trade-in of 2018 Cat 420F2 IT Backhoe Loader). Trustee Blunier moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

DPW Loudermilk then requested acceptance of bid for Water Distribution Materials from Core & Main (Washington, IL) in the amount of \$25,083.80. Trustee Menold moved to approve. 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.

DPW Loudermilk then requested acceptance of bid for the 2021 Mill & Overlay Project in the amount of \$649,933.25 and award of contract for same to R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. Trustee Leman moved to approve. 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.

DPW Loudermilk then presented Resolution 27-21 – A Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code (Appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Courtland St. Project). 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.

DPW Loudermilk then gave an overview of the Spring 2021 Yard Waste Disposal Program. It will be from April 5 through May 2, from 8:00am to 6:00pm daily.

#### **ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

ZCO Marks presented a report on building permits issued in the 1st quarter of 2021. 32 building permits were issued at a project value of \$4,306,616. For comparison, in 1st quarter of last year 27 permits were issued at a project value of \$592,058. He also noted that 16 new homes were built in 2020, which was an increase from the previous year.

#### **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 Newman moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Leitch, Leman, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.

No: None.

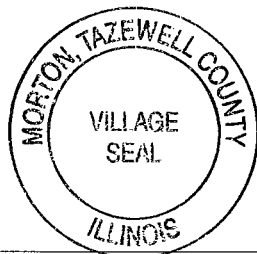
Absent: None.

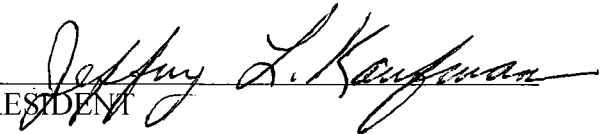
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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 Leitch and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:

  
VILLAGE CLERK



  
PRESIDENT