

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., APRIL 19, 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; Trustee Parrott arrived just after roll call – 6.

PRESENTATIONS – President Kaufman announced and gave an update regarding communications about an upcoming film in development centered around an international pumpkin pie baking competition held in Morton. President Kaufman and Leigh Ann Brown from the Chamber of Commerce met with the director of the film, Candice Cain, when they were in town from where they are based in New York. He noted that the film is sold to Pure Flix, a faith-based entertainment streaming platform. The production company upon visiting Morton expressed interest in filming the entire movie in Morton. There will be a special meeting Wednesday night to approve a tourism grant agreement from the Village contributing tourism funds to the movie production that would allow them to film in Morton. Leigh Ann Brown added some additional comments around the movie, which will be titled “Baking Up Love”.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Leigh Ann Brown from the Morton Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council reminded citizens that Morton Community Cleanup will be held on Earth Day, April 22.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – April 5, 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 presented Ordinance 21-45 - An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Hours of Service for Liquor Licenses Class J to Chapter 8 of Title 3 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.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk announced that the 2021 Bulky-Item Pickup is scheduled for the week of May 3 – May 7 on customer’s normal pickup day.

DPW Loudermilk then presented Ordinance 21-44 - An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Connection Fee for Natural Gas Line for Residential Customers to Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Morton Municipal Code. Trustee Leitch 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 Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs Project in the amount of \$708,726.83 and award of contract for same to Otto Baum Co., Inc. 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.

DPW Loudermilk then requested acceptance of bid for the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Improvements Project in the amount of \$69,530.95 and award of contract for same to Laser Electric, Inc. Trustee Menold 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 TRUSTEES

BLUNIER – Trustee Blunier inquired about rules for the Bulky Item Pickup, DPW Loudermilk confirmed that information and rules about the program is posted on the Village website.

LEITCH – Trustee Leitch announced that the village has received approval from the Illinois DCEO to extend the economic sustainability grant program for businesses within the Village. The rules are the same as last December with the exception that this time expenses from December can be included as well. He noted that this only applies to 2020 expenses, and that there are forms and rules posted on the Village website.

LEMAN – Trustee Leman gave a brief comment about Pure Flix for those who weren't familiar. He listed several productions that they carry and is pleased that Pure Flix is the company that picked up distribution for the Baking Up Love movie to be filmed in Morton.

MENOLD – Nothing to report.

NEWMAN – Nothing to report.

PARROTT – Nothing to report.

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 Parrott moved to adjourn to Executive Session. 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.

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

