

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., June 7, 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, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.

PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joel Dickerson of the Morton Park District gave a prepared speech asking the Village Board to consider expanding the designated area allowed for alcohol at the new 4th of July event. A diagram of the facility that included total area for all designated event spaces was given to the Village Board Members as a visual aid for this request.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – May 17, 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, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.
No: None.
Absent: None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

- A. President Kaufman presented Ordinance 22-02, an ordinance making amendments regarding liquor licenses for outdoor events to Chapter 8 of Title 3 of the Morton Municipal Code. Trustee Parrott commented the he envisioned a larger alcohol area similar to Mackinaw Valley Winery where there is a band playing and families interacting in one space, not a separate area for alcohol where members of the Village would need to leave their family if they choose to consume an alcoholic beverage. A motion to accept the Ordinance was made by Trustee Leitch and seconded by Trustee Newman. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

VILLAGE CLERK – None.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Smick addressed the Village Board regarding the second round of Business Sustainability Grants. The State of Illinois awarded the Village of Morton \$324,113.00 for these grants and only roughly \$100,000.00 was expended in the first round. The State of Illinois approached the Village and asked if they could spend the remaining amount if a second round was offered. Administrator Smick thought the Village would, but only 10 applications would be

processed in the second round before June 30th and this amount would not be expended in full, with roughly \$100,000.00 still remaining of the initially allotted amount. Administrator Smick requested that the Village Board approve the 9 applications presented, with a 10th to be presented for consideration at the June 21, 2021 meeting. Trustee Newman moved to approve the 9 grant awards with Trustee Leitch seconding the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

CHIEF OF POLICE - None.

CORPORATION COUNSEL - None.

DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

DFES Kelley requested that the Village Board grant him permission to bid a fire apparatus. There was no objection or formal vote needed; DFES Kelley will move forward with the bid.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk announced that Main St. would be closed under I-74 between Nebraska Ave. and Harding Road beginning Mon., June 14 through mid-July, 2021 so IDOT can repair the bridge above this road.

DPW Loudermilk then requested acceptance of a Professional Services Agreement for the design of lighting improvements along Main St. (I-74 to Courtland) with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$26,800.00. He explained that this was previously discussed with the Village Board and also budgeted for. Trustee Menold mentioned that he voiced his opinion during the previous discussion on this matter and reiterated that he does not feel that this lighting is necessary, nor does he support spending money on the design. Administrator Smick commented that this is within the Business District Commission's budget and was requested by them. Trustee Leitch noted that they have requested for about a year to have lighting in this area and repeated the fact that this would come out of the Business District's funds. Trustee Blunier asked DPW Loudermilk if this lighting was for pedestrians or vehicle traffic and it was said that it would be for the vehicles mainly. Significant discussion was had on this issue with very passionate remarks from Trustees Menold and Leitch, who differed on their opinions. Trustee Leitch moved to approve the presented agreement and it was seconded by Trustee Newman. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Leitch, Newman, Parrott – 4.

No: Hilliard, Menold - 2.

Absent: None.

Finally, DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of a Professional Services Agreement for traffic control warrant analysis at various locations with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$16,000.00. This was brought as a request from the Village Board around the Oklahoma road area to decide if stop or yield signs would be appropriate for any of this area. There will be other areas that are analyzed at a later date, but all are necessary to keep the process consistent. The reason for waiting on this process would be to analyze traffic when school is in session to get

the most accurate data. Some remarks from Trustees Parrott and Newman were made in agreement of this traffic analysis and timing of such. A motion to accept this agreement was made by Trustee Newman and seconded by Trustee Blunier. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ZCO Marks presented Ordinance 22-03, an Ordinance Making Amendments to the Definition of Business Signs to Title 10 of the Morton Municipal Code. This was adjusted to include all previous concerns discussed in past meetings and there was no discussion needed as it fulfilled all needs and requests. A motion to accept the Ordinance was made by Trustee Blunier and seconded by Trustee Hilliard. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

ZCO Marks then presented Ordinance 22-04, an Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Off Street Parking of Trailers to Title 9 and Title 10 of the Morton Municipal Code. He briefly explained this ordinance and President Kaufman requested that Chief Miller provide input. Chief Miller stated that there were no changes to Title 9 from the previously presented draft of this Ordinance. Trustee Hilliard spoke regarding a previous Ordinance regarding parking of trailers (etc.) and how the new Ordinance limits the number of trailers, RVs, etc. He then motioned to amend the presented Ordinance and remove the number limit of these items allowed on the driveway, not setting a limit so long as the rest of the criteria for parking such items was followed. Trustee Leitch seconded this motion to amend the presented Ordinance. There was significant discussion by all Trustees and the motion to amend the Ordinance passed with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Hilliard, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 4.
No: Blunier, Leitch – 2.
Absent: None.

A motion to accept the now amended Ordinance was made by Trustee Blunier and seconded by Trustee Hilliard. The motion to accept the amended Ordinance carried by the following roll call vote:

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

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Blunier – None.
Trustee Hilliard – None.
Trustee Leitch – None.
Trustee Menold – None.
Trustee Newman – None.

Trustee Parrott – None.


CLOSED SESSIONS - None.


CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS - None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:


VILLAGE CLERK


PRESIDENT

