

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., July 6, 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, Newman, Parrott – 5.

PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leigh Ann Brown of the Morton Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Council congratulated the Park District and volunteers on a successful community Independence Day event. She also announced that the Pumpkin Festival will be full capacity this Fall from September 15-18. Kicking off the Festival events is the Chili Cookoff & Recipe Challenge on August 7th from 4-7pm at Potter’s Alley. Registration for this new event is now open.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – June 21, 2021
- B. Approval of Bills

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

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Kaufman requested approval of \$10,000.00 funding for fireworks to be paid to the Morton Park District. He explained that the Park District paid half of the \$20,000.00 total firework bill and that this \$10,000.00 would be the other half. Trustee Leitch asked which fund would be used to pay this bill and Administrator Smick notified him that it would be the Tourism Fund. A motion to accept this motion was made by Trustee Hilliard and seconded by Trustee Parrott. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

VILLAGE CLERK – None.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – None.

CHIEF OF POLICE - None.

CORPORATION COUNSEL - None.

DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – None.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of Change Order #1 to R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. for the 2.5" pavement mill & overlay (Poly HMA Stone Matrix Asphalt w/ FRAP) of W. Ashland St. and Ashland Ct. as part of the 2021 Mill & Overlay Project in the Amount of \$ 371,554.90. He explained that instead of waiting a year, he recommends doing this work now. Also noted was that a thicker mix due to heavier traffic would now be used and also that this is under budget. Trustee Leitch asked how much was left in the budget and DPW Loudermilk answered that it was about \$500,000.00. Trustee Newman then asked what the pavement thickness is in that location and DPW Loudermilk said that it is full depth at 8". A motion to accept this change order was made by Trustee Parrott and seconded by Trustee Blunier. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ZCO Marks presented Ordinance 22-05, an ordinance making amendments regarding sign regulations to Chapter 9 of Title 10 of the Morton Municipal Code. He explained that this would create a more uniform way for signs to be allowed in this location that are up to 75' tall. A motion to accept this ordinance was made by Trustee Blunier and seconded by Trustee Leitch. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

ZCO Marks then presented Ordinance 22-06, an ordinance making amendments regarding detached garages to Chapters 2 and 5 of Title 10 of the Morton Municipal Code. He explained that this would provide a better explanation of what a detached, private garage is, of which there are 9 different qualifications for. There was some discussion on what has been done up to this point and it was made known that there is currently no written guidance regarding large garages and that this language would ensure it is no longer left to discretion, becoming consistent moving forward. Trustee Blunier expressed his appreciation for ZCO Marks finding and correcting this situation for our Village. Trustee Blunier moved to approve this ordinance and Trustee Newman seconded the motion that passed with the following roll call vote:

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

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Trustee Blunier – None.
Trustee Hilliard – None.

Trustee Leitch moved to approve a Starcom Radio Purchase in the amount of \$257,771.43. He explained the background and reminded everyone of the benefits and reasons for this purchase. Trustee Hilliard then spoke on the benefit and importance of these radios for first responders. Trustee Blunier seconded the motion and it carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Trustee Leitch then notified everyone that the State of Illinois is allowing a third round of business sustainability grants, showing at least a 25% reduction in income through the end of this year as opposed to 2019. He suggested that we extend this final round to our citizens and allow for applications to expend the roughly \$100,000.00 remaining. There was some discussion on the maximum amount per business and also the deadline date(s) to be set. The consensus in the room was to keep the amount the same and set dates of August 1st and November 30th. No vote was needed for this item.

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 Hilliard moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and followed by a unanimous voice vote of all present board members.

ATTEST:


VILLAGE CLERK


PRESIDENT

