

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., August 16, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rudy Heusuk, owner of Sweet Pea & Sunshine Studios, LLC, spoke regarding his concern with business during the Pumpkin Festival. He requested for more vehicle access to his business in exchange for altered business hours during this event.

Leigh Ann Brown, of the Morton Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council, spoke regarding the 55th Annual Pumpkin Festival. She stated that the event will be modified as needed due to governmental guidelines that may develop in the future. Volunteer opportunities and a release date for the festival guide books were presented. Friday, August 27th will be the last Fourth Fridays event of the year and it will be started at 4:30pm with the grand opening of The Unlimited Stitch business on Main Street. On August 21st, Captivation Dance off of Queenwood Street will be celebrating a grand re-opening at 10am. September 11th will be the Giant & Mini Boat Races at Kennel Lake.

Kelsey Murray, a new Morton resident and family physician, expressed her concerns regarding COVID-19. She was welcomed to the Village by President Kaufman.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – August 2, 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, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott - 6.
No: None - 0.
Absent: None - 0.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Kaufman announced that the Baking Up Love film premier is scheduled for August 28th at the Morton Cinemas and that tickets were still available for \$10 each. Photographs with the actors will be available following the “orange carpet” event. A workshop will also host a film workshop before the premier from 10am to Noon. Plans are also underway for a TV series pilot to film at the end of September in the Village of Morton.

VILLAGE CLERK – None.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Smick presented a recommendation from the Business District Commission for a Building Improvement Grant for Lighthouse Automotive at the 1500 W Jefferson location for painting of the building. A motion to approve the grant was made by Trustee Newman and seconded by Trustee Hilliard. The grant was approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott - 6.
No: None - 0.
Absent: None - 0.

CHIEF OF POLICE - None.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Attorney McGrath presented a resolution authorizing legal services agreement with McGrath Law Office, P.C. Trustee Hilliard mentioned his desire for a procedural change in the way that this contract is developed, having someone negotiate for the Village and moving into a closed session for discussion. Attorney McGrath noted that professional contracts are not permissible subjects of discussion for closed sessions. President Kaufman then noted that Attorney McGrath was asked to log his hours worked for the Village. The amount in the presented contract was what had been deemed acceptable by both parties. Trustee Hilliard did not dispute the work done by Attorney McGrath or amounts listed, but did request that these procedures are looked at for future contracts of this nature. Trustee Newman motioned to approve the resolution and Trustee Blunier seconded. The resolution was adopted with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott - 6.
No: None - 0.
Absent: None - 0.

DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – None.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – None.

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – None.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Blunier – None.

Trustee Hilliard – None.

Trustee Leitch – Presented and moved to approve the third round of DCEO grant applications for Schooners and Fortman’s Barber Shop. This motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott - 6.
No: None - 0.
Absent: None - 0.

Trustee Menold – None.

Trustee Newman – None.

Trustee Parrott – None.

CLOSED SESSIONS

A closed session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees or their representatives, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) was had. The motion to enter into this executive session was made by Trustee Menold and seconded by Trustee Parrott. The motion carried with the following unanimous roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott - 6.
No: None - 0.
Absent: None - 0.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS - None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Newman moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and followed by a unanimous voice vote of all present board members.

ATTEST:


VILLAGE CLERK


PRESIDENT

