

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., September 20, 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 – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – September 7, 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 - 0.
Absent: None - 0.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT – President Kaufman notified the Board that a bird found in Morton had tested positive for the West Nile Virus. The Trustee Assignments were also presented to the Board and President Kaufman made a note that the Gas Department was not included on the original list, but that it would be the responsibility of Trustee Menold. A motion to approve these assignments was made by Trustee Hilliard and seconded by Trustee Leitch. The assignments were approved with the following roll call vote:

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

VILLAGE CLERK – None.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – None.

CHIEF OF POLICE – Chief Miller gave a special thanks to the Public Works Department for their efforts in setting up for the Pumpkin Festival events.

CORPORATION COUNSEL – Attorney McGrath presented a resolution approving second amendment to real estate exchange agreement between Morton Community Unit School District No. 709 and the Village of Morton. Trustee Newman moved to approve this resolution and Trustee Parrott seconded the motion; it carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Then, due to the absence of DFES Kelley, Attorney McGrath presented a resolution authorizing the execution of a side letter agreement between the Village of Morton and the International Association of Firefighters Local #4952 (Paramedics). Trustee Hilliard motioned to approve this resolution and it was seconded by Trustee Newman, passing 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 – DPW Loudermilk requested approval of landscape waste program extension with R&R Services of Illinois. This request was motioned for approval by Trustee Menold with a second by Trustee Hilliard. The request was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

DPW Loudermilk then presented an ordinance declaring GPS equipment surplus property and authorizing sale of same to Oak Grove Landscaping, Inc. GPS equipment upgrade was budgeted for this year. Trustee Menold asked what this equipment was used for and DPW Loudermilk noted that multiple departments use these pieces of equipment for grading in construction and multiple other necessary things. Trustee Parrott briefly expressed his approval. Trustee Newman moved to approve and it was seconded by Trustee Leitch, carrying with the following roll call vote:

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

The last items from DPW Loudermilk was a resolution authorizing agreement with TOPCON Positioning Systems, Inc. (“TPS”). This resolution was motioned for approval by Trustee Menold and seconded by Trustee Parrott. The resolution carried with the following roll call vote:

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

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – ZCO Marks presented a resolution authorizing filing of a zoning amendment with the plan commission for the rezoning of portions of First Avenue. ZCO Marks requested that Trustee Hilliard explain this proposed resolution and the need for such. Trustee Hilliard explained the situation warranting the resolution and then Administrator Smick made a few comments in agreement before Trustee Hilliard finished his explanation. After some discussion regarding how this resolution would potentially hinder existing

businesses in these locations, the Board was satisfied and concluded their discussion. Trustee Newman motioned approval and Trustee Leitch seconded the motion. The resolution was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

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Trustee Blunier – None.
Trustee Hilliard recognized the Morton Police Department and the Fire and Emergency services Department for their long hours and efforts during the Pumpkin Festival.
Trustee Leitch – None.
Trustee Menold also commended everyone involved in the orchestration of the Pumpkin Festival and noted that he is proud to be part of a community that can put on an event of such magnitude and success.
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 Newman moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and followed by a unanimous voice vote of all present board members.

ATTEST:



VILLAGE CLERK



PRESIDENT

