

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., November 1, 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** – Michelle and Steven Peterson, representing Spark Academy, thanked Mayor Kaufman, DPW Loudermilk, and ZCO Marks for their time, energy, and effort spent assisting and planning their new business.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – October 18, 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** – None.

**VILLAGE CLERK** – Clerk Evans gave an update on the Junior Football League of Central Illinois' Championships that were held at Carper Field and Southwood Park in Morton and thanked the community.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR** – Administrator Smick sought renewal of Property, Liability, & Workers Compensation Insurance for December 1, 2021 – December 1, 2022 in the amount of \$405,654.00. She noted that the appraised value of buildings increased by 28%. Trustee Newman motioned to approve the renewal and it was seconded by Trustee Parrott. The renewal 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** – None.

**DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES** – None.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS** – DPW Loudermilk presented a Resolution authorizing joint PPUATS funding agreement for 2022 fiscal year. He noted that the Village share would be \$6,289.00 which is 3.78% of the group. Trustee Parrott moved to approve the Resolution and it was seconded by Trustee Newman. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

DPW Loudermilk then presented a Resolution accepting grant funds and committing local funds for the Illinois Department of Transportation Highway Safety Improvement Program for replacing guard rails. He mentioned that the Village match portion would be \$16,531.00 which is 10% of the total cost. There was some discussion by the Trustees regarding the style, safety, and locations of the guard rails. Trustee Newman motioned to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Trustee Parrott. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Lastly, DPW Loudermilk presented a Resolution adopting Stop and Yield Sign Policy. He explained how the current policy works and how the proposed policy would affect processes moving forward. There was some significant discussion regarding the policy and then Trustee Hilliard motioned to approve the Resolution. This 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.

DPW Loudermilk did conclude by addressing a memo that he included in the agenda packet which closed previous May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting discussions regarding stop and yield signs and included a report of traffic data regarding these. There were some questions from Trustees that were all answered satisfactorily.

**ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** – ZCO Marks presented Petition #21-04 SP for approval and explained it. Trustee Leitch commented his approval of the location and clarified that votes are not for or against a business, but rather the location and situation. He concluded by wishing the business success. Trustee Hilliard motioned to approve the petition and it was seconded by Trustee Leitch. The petition was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

ZCO Marks then presented an Ordinance making amendments clarifying the definition of drive-in to include drive-through restaurants to Title 10 of the Morton Municipal Code. Trustee Newman motioned to approve the Ordinance and it was seconded by Trustee Hilliard. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

Trustee Blunier – None.

Trustee Hilliard – Motioned to approve an Ordinance authorizing amendment to commercial real estate purchase agreement and commercial lease agreement with Morton Rentals, LLC for 445 E. Birchwood, Morton, IL and explained the reason for the Ordinance. Trustee Leitch seconded the motion and the Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Trustee Leitch – Motioned to approve a Resolution authorizing purchase of mobile and portable radios for Morton Fire Department. After an explanation of the Resolution, Trustee Parrott seconded the motion and the Resolution was adopted by 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** – None.

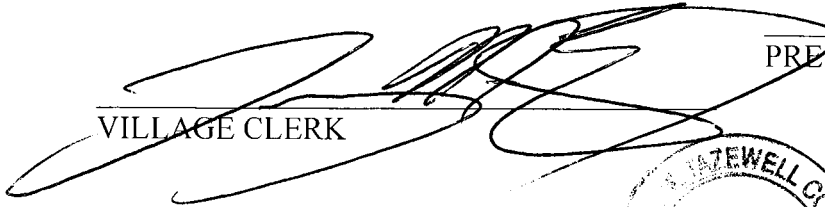
**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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VILLAGE CLERK

