

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., February 7, 2022**

After calling the meeting to order, President Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Evans called the roll, with the following members present: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 5.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Leigh Ann Brown, Executive Director of the Morton Chamber of Commerce and CEO of the Morton Economic Development Council, thanked the Village and American Rentals for their part in ensuring that the Annual Chamber Meet Up could be held. The 2022 Morton Pumpkin Festival will be held September 14-17 with the theme Pumpkins Go 80's. Brown announced award recipients for the year and invited everyone to the EDC Symposium on February 23rd at Blue Sky where the Morton Momentum 5-year strategy will be wrapped up and a new Mission Morton 2026 strategy will be launched.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – January 17, 2022
- 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: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 5.
No: None – 0.
Absent: Blunier – 1.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT – None.

VILLAGE CLERK – None.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – Administrator Smick presented a sales tax update for the first six months of fiscal year 2022. The Village received just under \$4 million in sales tax which was about \$600 thousand more than last year for the period at roughly an 18.9% increase. This increase was noted as being slightly lower than the previous period. Administrator Smick believed the cause to be less online shopping because of more stores being open locally for in-person shopping in neighboring communities with large shopping centers. Trustee Newman brought forth questions and started a brief discussion regarding the Governor's proposed plans regarding the 1% sales tax on grocery items. The Village Board will address this situation as needed once more information becomes available.

CHIEF OF POLICE – None.

CORPORATION COUNSEL – None.

DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – None.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of Proposal through Sourcewell and from Vermeer Midwest (Goodfield, IL) for a new Vermeer D-20x22 S3 Navigator Horizontal Directional Drill in the Amount of \$ 161,673.00 (Includes Trade-In of 2012 Vermeer D-16x20 Navigator), Proposal through Sourcewell and from Vermeer Midwest (Goodfield, IL) for a new 2022 Digitrak F5 Falcon + Locating System, Rebar Sonde and GPS Hood Scoop in the Amount of \$ 27,511.00 (Includes Trade-In of F2 Boring Locator), and Proposal through Sourcewell and from Vermeer Midwest (Goodfield, IL) for a new Belshe Trailer Package and 200' of new Drill Pipe in the Amount of \$ 41,778.00 (Includes Trade-In of 2012 Belshe Trailer Package). Trustee Newman questioned how many drill rigs have been purchased by the Village and was notified that this would be the fifth. It was also noted that the Village currently has a small and large unit for various tasks. DPW Loudermilk mentioned that these items would be paid for in the FY 2023 budget but wanted to order now for immediate use upon delivery in May. Trustee Newman commented that the Village's construction work with gas and water saves a significant amount of money compared to contracting it out to vendors. Mayor Kaufman commented that the Village does an excellent job with their gas and water construction and that the citizens benefit significantly from it. Trustee Parrott motioned acceptance of the bids with Trustee Hilliard as a second. The bids were accepted by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 5.

No: None – 0.

Absent: Blunier – 1.

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – None.

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Trustee Blunier – None.

Trustee Hilliard – None.

Trustee Leitch – None.

Trustee Menold – None.

Trustee Newman – Asked if the parking ban (due to the snow storm) was successful. Chief Miller noted that there was excellent compliance and nobody was ticketed. There were also many positive comments throughout the room regarding the Red Code notification system that was used to publicize the parking ban.

Trustee Parrott – Thanked the Village staff for getting the streets cleared of snow in a remarkable amount of time. He also mentioned that neighboring communities were not that clear even almost a week later. Accolades were also given by DPW Loudermilk and Mayor Kaufman. DPW Loudermilk also mentioned that you need a CDL to obtain employment in Public Works so there are enough drivers to get this large of a project accomplished so quickly.

CLOSED SESSIONS – None.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:


VILLAGE CLERK


PRESIDENT

