

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022**  
**FREEDOM HALL, 349 W. BIRCHWOOD, MORTON, ILLINOIS**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
- IV. PUBLIC HEARING**
- V. PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**
  - A. Public Comments
  - B. Requests for Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Approval of Minutes
    - 1. Regular Meeting – April 18, 2022
  - B. Approval of Bills
- VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**
- IX. VILLAGE PRESIDENT**
- X. VILLAGE CLERK**
- XI. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**
  - A. Presentation of 2022 Spring Tourism Grants for Consideration
- XII. CHIEF OF POLICE**
- XIII. CORPORATION COUNSEL**
- XIV. DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**
- XV. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**
- XVI. ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
- XVII. VILLAGE TRUSTEES**
  - A. Trustee Blunier
  - B. Trustee Hilliard
  - C. Trustee Leitch
  - D. Trustee Menold
  - E. Trustee Newman
  - F. Trustee Parrott
- XVIII. CLOSED SESSIONS**
- XIX. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS**
- XXIII. ADJOURNMENT**



**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., April 18, 2022**

After calling the meeting to order, President Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Evans called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

**PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Leigh Ann Brown announced upcoming events and important dates for the Morton Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – April 4, 2022
  - 2. Closed Session – April 4, 2022
- 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 announced that the price for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks event has increased. Trustee Hilliard motioned to approve the expenditure, not to exceed \$12,500 for the Village’s contribution. Trustee Leitch seconded the motion and it was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

President Kaufman then requested approval to appoint Mike Wharram and Jack Bartholomew to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term that will expire on 4/30/2027. Trustee Newman motioned to approve the appointments and Trustee Parrott seconded the motion. The appointments were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Finally, President Kaufman requested approval to appoint Kara Knepp and Nathan Geil to the Planning Commission for a term that will expire on 4/30/2027. Trustee Hilliard motioned to approve the appointments and Trustee Parrott seconded the motion. The appointments were approved by the following roll call vote:



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

**VILLAGE CLERK** – None.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR** – Administrator Smick presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for approval. She noted that there was one change to the preliminary budget being the deficit decrease. This decrease was mainly due to expenditures in the motor fuel fund. Trustee Newman motioned to approve the budget and Trustee Leitch seconded the motion. The budget was approved by 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 development agreement between Village of Morton and Ryan Companies US, Inc. and Precision Planting LLC for 85 acres +/- off Erie Avenue. Trustee Leitch motioned to adopt the Resolution and Trustee Newman seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

President Kaufman then introduced Keith Crow of Precision Planting LLC and the two of them spoke regarding the new facility that is to be constructed in Morton, IL.

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

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS** – DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of bid for the Main Street Lighting Project in the amount of \$268,907.50 and award of contract for same to Laser Electric, Inc. Trustee Leitch motioned to accept the bid and it was seconded by Trustee Newman. The bid was accepted by the following roll call vote:

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

DPW Loudermilk then requested acceptance of proposal from Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. for the design of the Erie Court Watermain Extension Project on a time & expense basis not to exceed an amount of \$43,500.00. Trustee Hilliard motioned to accept the proposal and it was seconded by Trustee Blunier. The proposal was accepted by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.



No: None – 0.  
Absent: None – 0.

Next, DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of proposal from Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for the design of the Erie Ave. and Birchwood St. Roadway Improvements on a time and expense basis not to exceed an amount of \$71,000.00. Trustee Parrott motioned to accept the proposal and Trustee Menold seconded the motion. The proposal was accepted by the following roll call vote:

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

Finally, DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of proposal from Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc. for the Flint Ave. Roadway Improvements on a time & expense basis not to exceed an amount of \$132,500.00. Trustee Newman motioned to accept the proposal and it was seconded by Trustee Leitch. The proposal was accepted by 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 memo briefing on Enterprise Zone 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment and an Ordinance amending designating area as an Enterprise Zone and related matters under Section 5 of the Enterprise Zone Act. Matt Fick, the Economic Development Manager of Pekin, IL, spoke regarding the proposed amendment and explained reasons for needing such. Trustee Newman motioned to adopt the Ordinance and Trustee Menold seconded the motion. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

ZCO Marks then presented Petition No. 22-05 SP. Trustee Hilliard motioned to approve the petition and it was seconded by Trustee Parrott. The petition was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Finally, ZCO Marks presented the Preliminary/Final Plat Precision Planting Subdivision for approval. Trustee Newman motioned to approve the plat and it was seconded by Trustee Parrott. The plat was approved 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 -None.  
Trustee Leitch -None.  
Trustee Menold – None.  
Trustee Newman – None.  
Trustee Parrott – None.

**CLOSED SESSION** – 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 Leitch and followed by a unanimous voice vote of all present board members.

ATTEST:

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PRESIDENT

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VILLAGE CLERK





# Memo

**To:** President & Board of Trustees

**From:** Julie Smick

**Date:** April 27, 2022

**Re:** Morton Spring Tourism Grant Round Recommendations

The Tourism Grant applications received for the Spring grant round have been reviewed.

There are two types of grants an organization can apply for:

- **Community Grant** is capped at \$3,000 and is for events which bring people into town and gain recognition for the community. These do not generate a lot of overnight hotel stays but do increase restaurant traffic, educational opportunities and improve the quality of life for residents.
- **Overnight Grant** is capped at \$10,000. The Overnight Grant requires at least 50 overnight hotel stays. These events normally provide greater economic benefits to the community and provide a higher level of non-economic benefits for the community and its visitors.

*The Village will continue its practice of paying out the approved grant amount one month prior to the event, following confirmation from the organization.*

Below are the recommended grant awards.

Event	Hosting Organization	Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount	Comments
Arts in the Park	Morton Fine Arts Assoc.	\$3,000	\$1,000	Event is self-sustaining
Kids' Muddy Madness	Morton-to-Peoria St. Jude Run	\$3,000	\$1,000	Event is self-sustaining
Pumpkin Festival	Morton Chamber	\$10,000	\$10,000	None
4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays	Morton Chamber	\$3,000	\$1,000	Event is partially business development
Ledgestone Disc Golf Open - Amateurs	Nate Heinold LLC	\$10,000	\$10,000	None
Ledgestone Disc Golf Open - Pro	Nate Heinold LLC	\$10,000	\$10,000	None
PDGA Master & Junior Disc Golf World Championship	Nate Heinold LLC	\$10,000	\$0	Maximum one organization can receive is \$20,000 for overnight events
Morton Girls Softball Tournaments (4 weekends)	Morton Girls Softball Association	\$20,000	\$20,000	None
Morton High School Band Competition	Morton High School Band Boosters	\$10,000	\$9,000	Hotel stays are low

Pumpkin Classic Soccer Invitational	Morton United FC	\$10,000	\$10,000	None
Morton Youth Baseball Tournaments (4 weekends)	Morton Youth Baseball Assoc.	\$40,000	\$20,000	Maximum one organization can receive is \$20,000 for overnight events
Kids Dress Up Day	PLaCE	\$550	\$550	None
Christmas in July	PLaCE	\$900	\$900	None
Trick or Treat Main Street/Food Truck Boonanza	PLaCE	\$500	\$500	None
Hometown Holidays	PLaCE	\$900	\$900	None
Film & Food Fest	PLaCE	\$1,750	\$1,750	None
Farmers Market & More	PLaCE	\$1,400	\$1,400	None
Fourth of July Celebration Beer Tent	Morton VFW	\$1,500	\$1,000	Proceeds not used to benefit general public
Morton Car Fest	Morton VFW	\$3,000	\$2,700	Proceeds not used to benefit general public

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.