

**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 3rd 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 3rd 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.

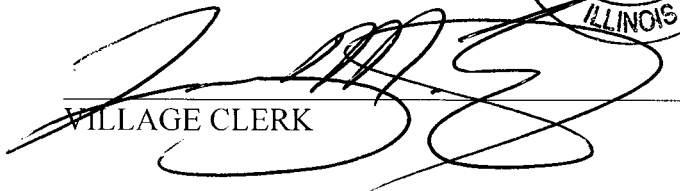
CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS – None.


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:




VILLAGE CLERK


PRESIDENT