

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., May 1, 2023**

After calling the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Clerk Evans called the roll, finding the following members present: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Leigh Ann Brown made announcements on behalf of the Morton Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – April 17, 2023
- 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.
Abstain: None – 0.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT – President Kaufman issued a proclamation honoring the Morton Civic Chorus and the Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund. This proclamation was read by Attorney McGrath, signed by President Kaufman and Clerk Evans, and then presented by President Kaufman.

President Kaufman then noted that he sent an email to the Trustees and Staff regarding the Police & Fire Commission and potential new hires.

VILLAGE CLERK – None.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – Administrator Smick requested approval of recommended Building Improvement Grants. Trustee Leitch moved to approve with Trustee Parrott giving a second before approval by the following roll call vote:

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

CHIEF OF POLICE – None.

CORPORATION COUNSEL – Attorney McGrath presented ORDINANCE 24-01: AN ORDINANCE SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE 88 ACRES MORE OR LESS OF FARMLAND OFF BROADWAY ROAD, MORTON ILLINOIS FOR 18.737 ACRES AND .757 ACRES OFF OF DETROIT AVE., MORTON IL. Trustee Newman moved to approve and Trustee Parrott seconded before approval by the following roll call vote:

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

DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – DFES Kelley thanked all of the neighboring departments for assisting Morton with the recent business fire.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of Bid for the East Jackson Street Sewer Separation Project in the Amount of \$ 695,068.72 and Award of Contract for Same to Otto Baum Co., Inc. There was significant discussion regarding the single bidder for this project and how to obtain more in the future. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve with Trustee Newman giving a second before approval by the following roll call vote:

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

DPW Loudermilk then presented ORDINANCE 24-02: AN ORDINANCE MAKING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 8-4-16 REGARDING WATER LEAKAGE FORGIVENESS. There was light discussion regarding the frequency of requests for this type of forgiveness before Trustee Newman moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch before approval by the following roll call vote:

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

Next, DPW Loudermilk presented ORDINANCE 24-03: AN ORDINANCE MAKING AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 4 OF THE MORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING BUILDING PERMITS FOR FOUNDATION REPAIR. There was some discussion regarding the need for this Ordinance and also details surrounding it. Trustee Menold moved to bring this item to the floor for discussion and a vote and it was seconded by Trustee

Hilliard. After light discussion, Trustee Newman moved to amend the initial motion by lowering the fee to \$50.00. This motion to amend was seconded by Trustee Parrott, but failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Newman, Parrott – 2.
No: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold – 4.
Absent: None – 0.
Abstain: None – 0.

The initial motion to approve the Ordinance as written was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

After the vote, DPW Loudermilk presented ORDINANCE 24-04: AN ORDINANCE MAKING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 8 OF THE MORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING WATER METER REGULATIONS. Trustee Newman moved to approve and it was seconded by Trustee Leitch before approval by the following roll call vote:

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

Finally, DPW Loudermilk presented ORDINANCE 24-05: AN ORDINANCE MAKING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 8-4-14 OF THE MORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS. Trustee Menold moved to approve and it was seconded by Trustee Leitch before approval by the following roll call vote:

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

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – None.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Blunier – None.
Trustee Hilliard – None.
Trustee Leitch – None.
Trustee Menold – None.
Trustee Newman – None.

Trustee Parrott – None.

CLOSED SESSIONS – None.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS – None.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE – Trustee Newman moved to adjourn sine die and it was seconded by Trustee Parrott before approval by the following roll call vote:

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

No: None – 0.

Absent: None – 0.

Abstain: None – 0.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS – Clerk Evans administered the oath of office to newly elected Trustees Menold, Leitch, and Blunier.

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 unanimous voice vote of all present board members.



PRESIDENT

ATTEST:





VILLAGE CLERK