

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS
7:00 P.M.
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023
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 – June 5, 2023
 - B. Approval of Bills
- VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**
- IX. VILLAGE PRESIDENT**
- X. VILLAGE CLERK**
- XI. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**
- XII. CHIEF OF POLICE**
 - A. RESOLUTION 04-24: RESOLUTION RETIRING K-9 SERVICE ANIMAL “SHADOW” PURSUANT TO THE POLICE DOG RETIREMENT ACT
- 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**
- XX. ADJOURNMENT**

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., June 5, 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, Parrott – 5.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – May 15, 2023
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Leitch 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, Parrott – 5.
No: None – 0.
Absent: Newman – 1.
Abstain: None – 0.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT – President Kaufman announced that the Police K9 retired, there was a Police event at Dunkin’ Donuts to raise funds for the Special Olympics, and the annual Bike Rodeo was held at Church Square.

VILLAGE CLERK – None.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – Administrator Smick requested approval of a Building Improvement Grant for Home Instead. Trustee Menold moved to approve with Trustee Leitch giving a second before approval by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Parrott – 5.
No: None – 0.
Absent: Newman – 1.
Abstain: None – 0.

CHIEF OF POLICE – Deputy Chief Darche announced that the Central Illinois Emergency Response Team was practicing in Morton and explained what this unit does along with the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, both with two Morton Police Officers on the roster.

CORPORATION COUNSEL – Attorney McGrath presented RESOLUTION 03-24: A RESOLUTION MAKING AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION 02-24 TO REDUCE THE TRACT TO BE CONVEYED TO ROTH BY 0.63 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. Trustee Parrott moved to approve and Trustee Hilliard seconded before approval by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Parrott – 5.
No: None – 0.
Absent: Newman – 1.
Abstain: None – 0.

Attorney McGrath then presented ORDINANCE 24-10: AN ORDINANCE MAKING AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 24-07 TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL 0.63 ACRE PARCEL, MORE OR LESS, TO BE CONVEYED TO THE HODEL TRUST AS A PART OF THE AUTHORIZED EXCHANGE. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve and Trustee Menold seconded before approval by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Parrott – 5.
No: None – 0.
Absent: Newman – 1.
Abstain: None – 0.

DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – DFES Kelley requested permission to bid a new ambulance. There was no objection to this action.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – DPW Loudermilk requested to waive formal bidding and accept a proposal from Lighthouse Buick GMC for a new 2023 GMC Sierra 1500 Double Cab 4wd Truck for the Planning/Zoning Department in the amount of \$ 42,027 (Scrap Planning/Zoning Truck #32 – 2008 Chevrolet Trailblazer). Trustee Hilliard moved to approve and Trustee Parrott seconded before approval by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Parrott – 5.
No: None – 0.
Absent: Newman – 1.
Abstain: None – 0.

DPW Loudermilk then requested to waive formal bidding and accept a proposal from Lighthouse Buick GMC for a new 2023 GMC Sierra 1500 Double Cab 4wd Truck for the Wastewater Department in the amount of \$ 41,827 (Sell Wastewater Department Truck #61 – 2012 Chevy Silverado on GovDeals). Trustee Parrott moved to approve and Trustee Leitch seconded before approval by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Parrott – 5.
No: None – 0.
Absent: Newman – 1.
Abstain: None – 0.

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – None.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Blunier – None.

Trustee Hilliard – None.

Trustee Leitch – None.

Trustee Menold – requested clarification and explanation from DPW Loudermilk regarding the energy supply and the possibility of opting out of the Village contract. DPW Loudermilk provided details and a discussion was had regarding all aspects surrounding the topic.

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 Hilliard and followed by unanimous voice vote of all present board members.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

VILLAGE CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24

**RESOLUTION RETIRING K-9 SERVICE ANIMAL “SHADOW”
PURSUANT TO THE POLICE DOG RETIREMENT ACT**

WHEREAS, the Police Dog Retirement Act (510 ILCS 82/1 et seq) provides that if a K-9 service animal is no longer fit for public service in the municipality, it must be offered by the municipal police department to the officer who had custody or control of the animal during its service; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Morton’s K-9 service dog “Shadow” is no longer fit for public service, and the Village of Morton desires to retire the service dog; and

WHEREAS, the handler of the K-9 service dog “Shadow,” Sergeant Mike Foster, has agreed to take ownership and custody of the service animal “Shadow” under the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, Tazewell County, Illinois, as follows:

1. The recitals set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Mayor and Board of Trustees for the Village of Morton hereby deem and declare service K-9 “Shadow” as no longer fit for public service, and do hereby retire “Shadow” as K-9 Officer for the Village of Morton Police Department.
3. The Village of Morton hereby transfers ownership and control of the service animal “Shadow” to Sergeant Mike Foster, effective upon passage of this

Resolution, subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance. The Village of Morton agrees to reimburse Mike Foster for actual out of pocket expenses incurred for food and veterinary care provided to “Shadow.” Except for that reimbursement authorized herein, in all other regards by accepting ownership of “Shadow,” Sergeant Mike Foster forever absolves and releases the Village from any other reimbursement claim for the cost of caring for “Shadow.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, this _____day of _____, 2023; and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk