

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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 – September 18, 2023
    - 2. Closed Session – September 18, 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. 2023 Pumpkin Festival Expenses
- XIII. CORPORATION COUNSEL**
- XIV. DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**
- XV. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**
  - A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 8 OF THE MORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CONNECTION FEES FOR NATURAL GAS LINE FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS
- 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., September 18, 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 – 5.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

**PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – September 5, 2023
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Newman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Menold and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT** – None.

**VILLAGE CLERK** – None.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR** – Administrator Smick presented an Ordinance making amendments to Chapter 23 of Title 3 of the Morton Municipal Code regarding hotel/motel taxes for permanent residents. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve the Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Administrator Smick then presented a Resolution authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Morton and the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services related to enhanced reimbursement for ambulance services. Trustee Leitch moved to approve the Resolution. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

**CHIEF OF POLICE** – Chief Miller presented an intergovernmental agreement for animal and rabies control services. Trustee Menold moved to approve the agreement and it was seconded by Trustee Blunier before approval by the following roll call vote:

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

**CORPORATION COUNSEL** – None.

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

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS** – DPW Loudermilk announced the Fall Yardwaste Program which runs from October 21st through December 3rd.

**ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** – None.

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

Trustee Blunier commented that the police did a great job with a busy Pumpkin Festival.  
Trustee Hilliard – None.  
Trustee Leitch – None.  
Trustee Menold – None.  
Trustee Newman – None.  
Trustee Parrott – None.

**CLOSED SESSIONS** – Trustee Leitch moved to enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees or their representatives, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). The motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS** – None.

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

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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VILLAGE CLERK

# MORTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**JASON R. MILLER**, Chief of Police

26-Sep-23

**DEPUTY CHIEF**  
Shawn M. Darche

**SERGEANTS**  
Jared A. Boyer  
Steven W. Brock  
Michael D. Foster  
Jonathan M. Johnson  
Terry P. Smith, Jr.

To: Rod Blunier  
CC: Village President & Trustees  
From: Jason Miller

RE: 2023 Pumpkin Festival Expenses

The following are employee expenses incurred by the Police Department for the 2023 Pumpkin Festival.

Auxiliary	193.75 OT Hours	3,487.50
Police	110.25 OT Hours	7,115.54
Police	19.5 Comp Hours	<u>1,233.85</u>
Sub Total	Wages	11,836.89
Legion	Security Reimbursement	-1,258.74
	<b>TOTAL Wages</b>	<b><u><u>10,578.15</u></u></b>

Previous Ten Years

<b>2022</b>	<b>8652.44</b>		
2021	7510.46	2016	8711.96
2020	2800.40	2015	9465.96
2019	9746.97	2014	7888.26
2018	9712.08	2013	7539.92
2017	10474.15	2012	7747.96

\*In **2021** the Auxiliary Police hourly rate increased from **\$13.25 to \$18.00\***

Requesting approval to transfer this amount from the Tourism Tax Fund back into the General Fund to pay for these expenses.



**VILLAGE OF MORTON  
ORDINANCE 24-19**

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 8 OF  
THE MORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CONNECTION FEES FOR  
NATURAL GAS LINE FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS**

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton, in the State of Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** AMENDMENT “8-2-4: Service Line Installation Fee” of the Morton Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

**BEFORE AMENDMENT**

8-2-4: Service Line Installation Fee

Upon approval of an application for natural gas service, a fee of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for the installation of said service line shall become due and payable to the Village. The fee for commercial or industrial gas service lines shall be computed on a “time and material” basis. (Ord. 96-12, 7-1-96; amd. Ord. 03-02, 7-7-03; amd. Ord. 05-43, 2-6-06; amd. Ord. 07-32, 9-17-06; amd. Ord. 07-57, 2-4-08; amd. Ord. 09-41, 3-15-10; amd. Ord. 13-29, 2-3-14)

**AFTER AMENDMENT**

8-2-4: Service Line Installation Fee

Upon approval of an application for natural gas service, a fee of one thousand ~~five~~six hundred ~~hundred~~fifty dollars (~~\$1,500~~1,650.00) for the installation of said service line shall become due and payable to the Village. The fee for commercial or industrial gas service lines shall be computed on a “time and material” basis. (Ord. 96-12, 7-1-96; amd. Ord. 03-02, 7-7-03; amd. Ord. 05-43, 2-6-06; amd. Ord. 07-32, 9-17-06; amd. Ord. 07-57, 2-4-08; amd. Ord. 09-41, 3-15-10; amd. Ord. 13-29, 2-3-14)

**SECTION 2: REPEALER CLAUSE** All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE** Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinances a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the required approval and publication according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE OF MORTON PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES \_\_\_\_\_.

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Trustee Blunier	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Hilliard	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Leitch	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Menold	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Parrott	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Newman	_____	_____	_____	_____
President Kaufman	_____	_____	_____	_____

Presiding Officer

Attest

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Jeffrey L. Kaufman, Village President,  
Village of Morton

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Zo M. Evans, Village Clerk, Village  
of Morton