

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS
7:00 P.M.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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**
 - A. Proposed property tax levy increase for the Village of Morton, IL
- 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 – November 20, 2023
 - 2. Closed Session – November 20, 2023
 - B. Approval of Bills
- VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**
- IX. VILLAGE PRESIDENT**
 - A. Appointment of Shawn Darche as Chief of Police effective January 1, 2024.
- X. VILLAGE CLERK**
- XI. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**
 - A. An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023, and Ending April 30, 2024.
 - B. Morton Tourism Grant Recommendations
- 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**
- XX. ADJOURNMENT**

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., November 20, 2023**

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

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – November 6, 2023
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Newman 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 – None.

VILLAGE CLERK – None.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – None.

CHIEF OF POLICE – None.

CORPORATION COUNSEL – Attorney McGrath presented an Ordinance prohibiting potable water supplies at 12E. Jackson. Trustee Newman moved to approve the Ordinance and it was seconded by Trustee Menold 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 – None.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – None.

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 – Trustee Hilliard moved to enter into 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), and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the Village of Morton pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). The motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

No: None – 0.

Absent: None – 0.

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

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

VILLAGE CLERK

ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-23

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: That the total amount of appropriations for all corporate purposes legally made to be collected from the tax levy of the current fiscal year is hereby ascertained to be the sum of two million, six hundred, forty-two thousand (\$2,642,000).

SECTION TWO: That the sum of two million, six hundred, forty-two thousand (\$2,642,000), being the total of appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be collected from the tax levy of the current fiscal year of the Village of Morton for all corporate purposes of said Village of Morton, for purposes of providing for a General Fund, Federal Insurance Contribution Act Fund, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, and Police Pension Fund, as appropriated for the current fiscal year by annual appropriation ordinance of the Village of Morton for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024, passed by the President and Board of Trustees of said Village of Morton at the legally convened meeting of July 17, 2023, be and the same is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property in the Village of Morton subject to taxation for the current year, the specific amounts as levied for the various funds heretofore named being included herein by being placed in separate columns under the heading "To Be Raised By Tax Levy" which appears over the same, the tax so levied being for the current fiscal year of said Village of Morton, and for the said appropriation to be collected from said tax levy, the total of which has been ascertained as aforesaid and being as follows:

SECTION THREE: That the total amount of two million, six hundred, forty-two thousand (\$2,642,000) ascertained above be and the same is hereby levied and assessed on all property subject to taxation within the Village of Morton according to the value of said property as assessed and equalized for state and county purposes for the current year.

SECTION FOUR: This Levy Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Illinois Municipal Code.

SECTION FIVE: That there is hereby certified to the County Clerk of Tazewell County, Illinois, the several sums above, constituting said total amount, and the total amount of two million, six hundred, forty-two thousand (\$2,642,000), which total amount the Village of Morton requires to be raised by taxation for the current fiscal year of the Village of Morton, and the Village Clerk of the Village of Morton is hereby ordered and directed to file with the County Clerk of Tazewell County on or before the time required by law a certified copy of this Ordinance.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTENTIONS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

	Total Appropriation	Estimated Receipts From Sources Other Than Tax Levy	To Be Raised By Tax Levy
General Fund	\$ 21,709,960.00	\$ 19,889,960.00	\$ 1,820,000.00
Federal Insurance Contribution Act Fund	478,830.00	167,830.00	311,000.00
Tourism Fund	344,130.00	344,130.00	-
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	118,030.00	107,030.00	11,000.00
Morton Business District Tax Allocation Fund	3,530,500.00	3,530,500.00	-
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	914,320.00	914,320.00	-
Gas Fund	20,091,900.00	20,091,900.00	-
Storm Water Fund	1,534,000.00	1,534,000.00	-
Water & Wastewater Fund	7,869,600.00	7,869,600.00	-
911 Consolidation Center Fund	33,286.00	33,286.00	-
Firemen's Pension Fund	55,000.00	55,000.00	-
Police Pension Fund	1,147,750.00	647,750.00	500,000.00
	<u>\$ 57,827,306.00</u>	<u>\$ 55,185,306.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,642,000.00</u>

SUMMARY OF LEVY

Levy For General Corporate Purposes (65 ILCS 5/8-3-1)	\$ 21,709,960.00	\$ 19,889,960.00	\$ 1,820,000.00
Levy For Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Purposes (40 ILCS 5/7-171)	118,030.00	107,030.00	11,000.00
Levy For Police Pension Purposes (40 ILCS 5/3-125)	1,147,750.00	647,750.00	500,000.00
Levy For Social Security Purposes (40 ILCS 5/21-110)	478,830.00	167,830.00	311,000.00
<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>\$ 23,454,570.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,812,570.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,642,000.00</u>

Appropriated

Fund & Department	Appropriated							Total Expenses Appropriated
	Personnel Costs	Contractual	Commodities	Debt Service	Capital Outlay	Other	Contingency	
General Fund								
President & Board of Trustees	\$ 17,200	\$ 13,200	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,500	\$ 4,900	\$ 53,800
Board of Fire & Police Comm.	970	2,500	-	-	-	100	400	3,970
Administration	184,000	118,750	492,550	-	318,000	261,000	100,000	1,474,300
Community Development	107,500	102,750	2,700	-	43,000	-	25,600	281,550
Fire	755,000	289,510	46,450	-	948,000	210,000	100,000	2,348,960
Paramedic	1,517,500	152,850	109,500	-	540,800	-	100,000	2,420,650
Police	3,209,500	728,630	194,500	-	470,000	5,300	100,000	4,707,930
Public Works	44,900	109,000	26,100	-	35,000	-	21,500	236,500
Streets	619,600	625,800	223,800	-	8,570,000	-	100,000	10,139,200
Plaza	6,000	22,200	11,000	-	-	-	3,900	43,100
Total General Fund	\$ 6,462,170	\$ 2,165,190	\$ 1,109,600	\$ -	\$ 10,924,800	\$ 491,900	\$ 556,300	\$ 21,709,960
Social Security Fund	\$ 385,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 43,530	\$ 478,830
Tourism Fund	\$ 26,930	\$ 55,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,500	\$ 192,100	\$ 31,300	\$ 344,130
Gas Fund	\$ 1,083,600	\$ 9,473,200	\$ 160,600	\$ -	\$ 9,273,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 20,091,900
Stormwater Fund	\$ 233,600	\$ 249,200	\$ 64,700	\$ -	\$ 885,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,534,000
Water & Wastewater Fund								
Wastewater	\$ 766,500	\$ 1,255,200	\$ 233,500	\$ -	\$ 891,700	\$ 40,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 3,286,900
Water Distribution	582,600	103,300	124,300	-	375,000	-	100,000	1,285,200
Water Treatment	541,400	695,200	445,900	-	1,515,000	-	100,000	3,297,500
Total Water & Wastewater Fund	\$ 1,890,500	\$ 2,053,700	\$ 803,700	\$ -	\$ 2,781,700	\$ 40,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 7,869,600
911 Consolidated Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,260	\$ 3,026	\$ 33,286
Foreign Fire Insurance Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 5,200	\$ 57,200
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	\$ 107,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,730	\$ 118,030
Business District Fund	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,330,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 3,530,500
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 831,200	\$ -	\$ 83,120	\$ 914,320
Firemen's Pension Fund	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 55,000
Police Pension Fund	\$ 970,000	\$ 77,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,147,750
Village Total	\$ 11,209,400	\$ 14,074,840	\$ 2,138,600	\$ -	\$ 28,064,700	\$ 906,760	\$ 1,433,006	\$ 57,827,306

TRUTH IN TAXATION LAW CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the presiding officer of the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, and as such presiding officer I certify that the levy ordinance, a copy of which is attached, was adopted pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with, the provisions of Sections 18-60 through 18-85 of the "Truth in Taxation Law".



1. The taxing district published a notice in the newspaper and conducted a hearing meeting the requirements of the Truth in Taxation Law.

_____ 2. The taxing district's aggregate levy did not exceed a 5% increase over the prior year's extension. Therefore, a notice and a hearing were not necessary.

_____ 3. The proposed aggregate levy did not exceed a 5% increase over the prior year's extension. Therefore, a hearing was not held. The adopted aggregate tax levy exceeded 5% of the prior year's extension and a notice was published within 15 days of its adoption in accordance with the Truth in Taxation Law.

_____ 4. The adopted levy exceeded the amount stated in the published notice. A second notice was published within 15 days of the adoption in accordance with the Truth in Taxation Law.

Presiding Officer

Date



Memo

To: President & Board of Trustees

From: Julie Smick

Date: November 29, 2023

Re: Morton Fall Tourism Grant Round Recommendations

The Tourism Grant applications received for the Fall 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.

Below are the recommended grant awards.

Event	Hosting Organization	Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount	Comments
8 th Gr Boys Basketball Tournament	Blessed Sacramento Athletics	\$3,000	\$3,000	None
Volleyrama	Blessed Sacramento Athletics	\$3,000	\$3,000	None
Small Town Pastor's Conference	Rural Home Missionary Assoc	\$10,000	\$10,000	None
Pumkin Classic Soccer Tournament	Morton United FC	\$10,000	\$10,000	None

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