

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., December 4, 2023**

After President Kaufman called the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Clerk Evans called the roll, finding the following Trustees present: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 5.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – A public hearing was had for the proposed property tax levy increase for the Village of Morton, IL. There was no comment from the public.

**PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – November 20, 2023
  - 2. Closed Session – November 20, 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: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 5.  
No: None – 0.  
Absent: Blunier – 1.  
Abstain: None – 0.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT** – President Kaufman requested approval to appoint Shawn Darche as Chief of Police effective January 1, 2024. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve and it was seconded by Trustee Newman before approval with the following roll call vote:

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

Following approval, President Kaufman met with Chief Miller and thanked him for his service to the Village while also welcoming in Deputy Chief Darche to the position next month. Chief Miller and Deputy Chief Darche both spoke and thanked many individuals and groups for their success and support.

**VILLAGE CLERK** – None.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR** – Administrator Smick presented an Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023, and Ending April 30, 2024. Trustee Parrott moved to approve the Ordinance and it was seconded by Trustee Leitch before approval with the following roll call vote:

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

Next, Administrator Smick presented Morton Tourism Grant Recommendations. Trustee Newman moved to approve the grants and it was seconded by Trustee Parrott before approval with the following roll call vote:

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

**CHIEF OF POLICE** – Chief Miller thanked his department for their service and the Village Board for their support over the years.

**CORPORATION COUNSEL** – None.

**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** – None.

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

  
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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:   
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VILLAGE CLERK

