

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., December 18, 2023**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

**PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – December 4, 2023
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Parrott moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman 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 Amanda Pyle and Nate Zeller to the Business District Commission to replace Tom Osborne and Todd Grimm effective January 1, 2024. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve and Trustee Leitch seconded before approval by the following roll call vote:

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

**VILLAGE CLERK** – None.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR** – Administrator Smick presented a Resolution Approving Amendment to Personnel Handbook to Comply with Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Trustee Parrott moved to approve and Trustee Menold seconded before approval by the following roll call vote:

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

Administrator Smick then presented Building Improvement Grant Recommendation and requested approval. Trustee Menold moved to approve and Trustee Newman seconded before approval by 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 Darche presented Resolution Authorizing Master Services Agreement with Flock Group, Inc. Trustee Leitch moved to approve and Trustee Hilliard seconded before approval by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Parrott – 4.

No: Newman – 1.

Absent: Blunier – 1.

Abstain: None – 0.

**CORPORATION COUNSEL** – Attorney McGrath presented Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Side Letter Agreement Between the Village of Morton and the International Association of Firefighters Local #4952 (Paramedics) Regarding the Health Insurance, Wage Scale Changes, and a Paramedic Trainee Program. Trustee Newman moved to approve and Trustee Hilliard seconded before approval by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 5.

No: None – 0.

Absent: Blunier – 1.

Abstain: None – 0.

Attorney McGrath then presented Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Side Letter Agreement Between the Village of Morton and the Police Benevolent Labor Committee Regarding Health Insurance. Trustee Leitch moved to approve and Trustee Parrott seconded before approval by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 5.

No: None – 0.

Absent: Blunier – 1.

Abstain: None – 0.

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

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS** – DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of proposal from R&R Services of Illinois for landscape waste grinding for years 2024 & 2025. Trustee Menold moved to approve and Trustee Parrott seconded before approval by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 5.

No: None – 0.

Absent: Blunier – 1.

Abstain: None – 0.

DPW Loudermilk then presented Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Tazewell and the Village of Morton for Digital Orthophotography. There was some

light discussion regarding timing of previous mapping. Trustee Parrott moved to approve and Trustee Newman seconded before approval by the following roll call vote:

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

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

  
RESIDENT



  
VILLAGE CLERK