

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., January 2, 2024**

After calling the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited before 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 – December 18, 2023
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Menold 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 introduced the newly appointed Chief of Police, Shawn Darche, and Clerk Evans administered the official oath. Chief Darche said a few words and then introduced Steve Brock, the newly appointed Deputy Chief, and Aaron Rowe, the newly appointed Patrol Sergeant. Clerk Evans administered the official oath to Deputy Brock and Sergeant Rowe.

VILLAGE CLERK – None.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – Administrator Smick presented an Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 8, Section 6 of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding the Number of Liquor Licenses. Trustee Parrott moved to approve the Ordinance and it was seconded by Trustee Leitch 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 – Chief Darche thanked former Chief Miller for his service and congratulated the newly appointed Deputy and Sergeant.

CORPORATION COUNSEL – Attorney McGrath presented an Ordinance Making Amendments to Section 1-4-1 of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding Ordinance Violation Fines. Trustee Parrott moved to approve the Ordinance and it was seconded by Trustee Leitch before approval by the following roll call vote:

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

No: None – 0.

Absent: Newman – 1.

Abstain: None – 0.

Next, Attorney McGrath presented an Ordinance Making Amendments to Section 6-9-6 of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding Fines for Tobacco Related Offenses. Trustee Menold moved to approve the Ordinance and it was seconded by Trustee Parrott 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 presented an Ordinance Making Amendments to Title 5 of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding Lift Assists Fees. There was significant discussion regarding this Ordinance as it pertained to lift assists at a private residence. After this discussion, Trustee Leitch moved to approve the Ordinance and amend it by removing lift assist fees for private residences that are outside nursing care or assisted-living facilities. Trustee Parrott seconded the motion and it was approved with the amendment by the following roll call vote:

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

No: None – 0.

Absent: Newman – 1.

Abstain: None – 0.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – DPW Loudermilk presented a Resolution Approving Amendment to Personnel Handbook Regarding Stipend for Certified Operators. Trustee Parrott moved to approve this Resolution and it was seconded by Trustee Leitch 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 – None.
Trustee Newman – None.
Trustee Parrott – None.

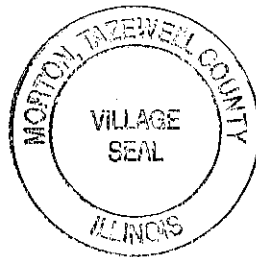
CLOSED SESSIONS – None.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS – None.

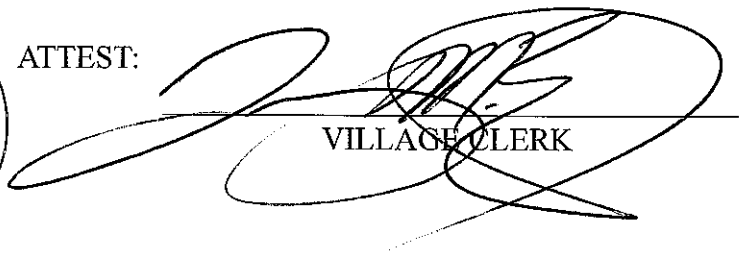
ADJOURNMENT

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


PRESIDENT



ATTEST:


VILLAGE CLERK