

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., March 18, 2024**

After calling the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited before the roll was called, showing the following members present: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

**PRESENTATIONS** – Mayor Kaufman introduced the Morton Junior High 8th grade girls volleyball team and asked that they join him near the podium to be recognized for earning their second state championship title in two years. Head Coach Williams, Police Chief Darche, and Clerk Evans spoke about the girls and their journey over the last 2 years before photos were taken and the team was excused from the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – March 4, 2024
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Parrott 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** – President Kaufman requested approval to appoint Bill Aupperle, Grant Barton, and Phil Zobrist to the Plan Commission for a term that will expire 4/30/29. Trustee Newman moved to approve 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.

After the vote, President Kaufman requested approval to appoint Kurt Butterfield and Scott Kelso to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term that will expire 4/30/29. Trustee Parrott moved to approve and it was seconded by Trustee Hilliard 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.

**VILLAGE CLERK** – None.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR** – Administrator Smick presented Resolution Removing Designation of Certain Monies for Certain Purposes. There was light discussion before Trustee Newman moved to approve the Resolution. Trustee Leitch seconded the motion and it was approved by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.  
No: None – 0.  
Absent: None – 0.  
Abstain: None – 0.

Next, Administrator Smick presented Building Improvement Grant Recommendations and explained an amendment to a previously approved grant. Trustee Leitch moved to approve the grants and it was seconded by Trustee Parrott 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.

**CHIEF OF POLICE** – None.

**CORPORATION COUNSEL** – None.

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

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS** – DPW Loudermilk requested permission to accept bid for water distribution materials from Core & Main in the amount of \$95,917.60. Trustee Menold moved to approve and it was seconded by Trustee Newman before approval by the following vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.  
No: None – 0.  
Absent: None – 0.  
Abstain: None – 0.

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

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

Trustee Blunier – None.

Trustee Hilliard – None.

Trustee Leitch moved to approve An Ordinance Making Amendments to Section 5-8-2 of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding Service Fees for Assistance with Ambulation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott before significant discussion amongst the Trustees with input provided by Police Chief Darche and Justin Hale of the Fire Department. After discussion, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Leitch, Parrott, Kaufman – 4.

No: Hilliard, Menold, Newman – 3.

Absent: None – 0.

Abstain: None – 0.

Trustee Menold – None.

Trustee Newman – None.


Trustee Parrott – None.

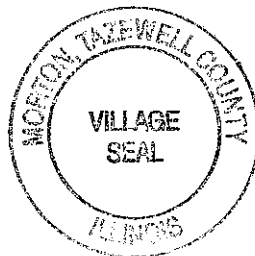
**CLOSED SESSIONS** – None.

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

  
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PRESIDENT



ATTEST:

  
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VILLAGE CLERK