

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024**  
**FREEDOM HALL, 349 W. BIRCHWOOD, MORTON, ILLINOIS**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
- IV. PUBLIC HEARING**
- 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 – July 15, 2024
    - 2. Special Meeting – July 29, 2024
  - B. Approval of Bills
- VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**
- IX. VILLAGE PRESIDENT**
- X. VILLAGE CLERK**
- XI. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**
- XII. CHIEF OF POLICE**
  - A. Promotion of Logan Noble and Eric Herman to the Position of Patrol Sergeant
  - B. Request for Approval to Purchase 3 Squad Cars via State Bid from Morrow Brothers Ford
  - C. An Ordinance Making Amendments To Title 8 Of The Morton Municipal Code Regarding Public Camping
- XIII. CORPORATION COUNSEL**
- XIV. DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**
- XV. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**
- XVI. ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
  - A. Permit Type Report - End of 1st Quarter/Year to Date - Fiscal 2024
- 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., July 15, 2024**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING** – A public hearing was had regarding the Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025.

**PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Trustee Leitch moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Menold 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** – Administrator Smick requested approval of Building Improvement 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: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.  
No: None – 0.  
Absent: None – 0.  
Abstain: None – 0.

Next, Administrator Smick presented An Ordinance Making Appropriations For Corporate Purposes For The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2024, And Ending April 30, 2025. Trustee Parrott moved to approve and it was seconded by Trustee Leitch before approval with the following roll call vote:

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

After that, Administrator Smick presented A Resolution Of Support Of The Community Development Block Grant. Trustee Menold moved to approve the Resolution and it was seconded by Trustee Hilliard before approval with the following roll call vote:

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

Finally, Administrator Smick presented A Resolution Establishing A Policy Regarding Fair Housing Practices In The Village Of Morton. Trustee Leitch moved to approve and it was seconded by Trustee Parrott before approval with 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** – Chief Darche requested to transfer \$4,126.55 from the Tourism Tax Fund to the General Fund to pay for Police Department employee expenses that were incurred during the Morton Park District Fireworks. Trustee Blunier moved to approve the transfer and it was seconded by Trustee Leitch before approval with the following roll call vote:

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

**CORPORATION COUNSEL** – None.

**DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES** – DFES Kelley requested permission to bid a replacement fire engine. There was no objection and it was approved by consensus.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS** – None.

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

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

Trustee Blunier commended everyone on another successful firework show for Independence Day and specifically mentioned the police for their positive presence. This sentiment was then shared by others in attendance.

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 approved by a voice vote of the Trustees.

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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VILLAGE CLERK

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
7:00 P.M., July 29, 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.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. RESOLUTION 16-25: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM ACI EQUITIES, LLC KNOWN AS 191 E. QUEENWOOD ROAD.

1. Trustee Parrott moved to approve the Resolution and it was seconded by Trustee Leitch before approval with the following roll call vote:

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

No: None – 0.

Absent: Newman – 1.

Abstain: None – 0.

- B. RESOLUTION 17-25: RESOLUTION OPPOSING AWARD OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN TAZEWELL COUNTY CASES 24-27-S, 24-28-S, 24-29-S.

1. There was significant discussion regarding the standard criteria set forth by the State of Illinois regarding solar farms and the allowance of such. After the discussion, Trustee Leitch moved to approve the Resolution and it was seconded by Trustee Hilliard before approval with the following roll call vote:

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

No: None – 0.

Absent: Newman – 1.

Abstain: None – 0.

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Leitch moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved by voice of all Trustees in attendance.

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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VILLAGE CLERK

5-Aug-24  
Price Quotes for 2025 Police Vehicles

Dealership	2021 Price	2022 Price	2023 Price	2024 Price	2025 Price
State of Illinois Bid Morrow Brothers' Ford-Greenfield	34,455	\$36,485	\$40,985	\$43,127	\$44,940
Mike Murphy Ford-Morton	Can Not Compete	Can Not Compete	Can Not Compete	Can Not Compete	Can Not Compete
State of Illinois Bid Thomas Dodge -Highland, IN.	34,367	\$34367 No Stock	\$41,827	No Stock	\$41,067

Bid awarded to Morrow Brothers' Ford in 2023 (State Bid) SUV x 3  
 Ford Warranty-- Standard 5 Years 100,000 miles No Deductible  
 Dodge Warranty 5 years or 100,000 Mile Power Train Warranty

**VILLAGE OF MORTON  
ORDINANCE 25-04**

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 8 OF THE MORTON  
MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PUBLIC CAMPING**

**WHEREAS**, In an effort to address the public health concerns identified above, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village hereby declare it necessary or expedient for the promotion of health or the suppression of diseases, to regulate Public Camping, as that term is defined herein, within the Village’s corporate limits.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton, in the State of Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** **ADOPTION** “CHAPTER 8-19 PUBLIC CAMPING” of the Morton Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

**ADOPTION**

CHAPTER 8-19 PUBLIC CAMPING(*Added*)

**SECTION 2:** **ADOPTION** “8-19-1: Definitions” of the Morton Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

**ADOPTION**

8-19-1: Definitions(*Added*)



The following definitions apply to this Ordinance: “Bedding” means a sleeping bag, or any other material, used for bedding purposes. “Campsite” means any physical space that is not within an established structure, where Bedding or any stove or fire is placed, established or maintained for the purpose of maintaining a temporary place to live, whether or not such place incorporates the use of any tent, lean-to, shack or any other structure, or any vehicle or part thereof. “Exempt Personal Property” means items which would otherwise constitute Personal Property under the terms of this Ordinance, but which (i) has no apparent utility or monetary value; (ii) Personal Property which is unsanitary to store or otherwise maintain; (iii) any weapon possessed illegally; (iv) drug paraphernalia; (v) items appearing to be stolen or otherwise appearing to be evidence of a crime; (vi) items which the person cannot demonstrate the requisite lawful authority to possess; and, (vii) any items of food which can reasonably be expected to spoil or otherwise perish within the next 30 days. “Personal Property” means any item reasonably recognizable as belonging to a person and having apparent utility or monetary value, except for Exempt Personal Property. “Public Camping” means to cause or participate in the establishment of, or the act of remaining in or at, a Campsite.

**SECTION 3:            ADOPTION “8-19-2: Public Camping Prohibited”** of the Morton Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

8-19-2: Public Camping Prohibited(*Added*)

- A. No person may sleep, nor otherwise engage in Public Camping, on a public sidewalk, street, alley, lane, other public right-of-way, park, bench, or any other publicly-owned property, nor on or under any bridge or viaduct, at any time.
- B. No person may sleep, nor otherwise engage in Public Camping, in any pedestrian or vehicular entrance to public or private property abutting a public right-of-way.
- C. No person may sleep, nor otherwise engage in Public Camping, on any real property owned or otherwise maintained by the Village.
- D. No person may park a vehicle overnight within the Village for the purpose of sleeping or otherwise engaging in Public Camping in said vehicle.
- E. For the purposes of this section, the act of parking or leaving a vehicle parked for two consecutive hours, and/or remaining within a public vehicle on any property under the jurisdiction of the Village for the purpose of Public Camping, for two consecutive hours without permission from the President and Board of Trustees of the Village, between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m., shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4:**            **ADOPTION** “8-19-3: Exceptions To Prohibition” of the Morton Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

**ADOPTION**

8-19-3: Exceptions To Prohibition(*Added*)

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall not be a violation to engage in Public Camping when done (i) in a manner specifically authorized by this Code; (ii) after a formal declaration of the Village in emergency circumstances; or, (iii) upon resolution of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village, the same may exempt a special event from the prohibitions of this section, if the President and Board of Trustees of the Village finds such exemption to be in the public interest and consistent with the goals and objectives of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village, and with such conditions imposed as the President and Board of Trustees of the Village deems necessary. Any conditions imposed will include a condition requiring that the applicant provide evidence of adequate insurance coverage and agree to indemnify the Village for any liability, damage or expense incurred by the Village as a result of the activities of the applicant. Any findings by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village shall specify the exact dates and location covered by the exemption.

**SECTION 5:**            **ADOPTION** “8-19-4: Removal Of Campsite” of the Morton Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

**ADOPTION**

8-19-4: Removal Of Campsite(*Added*)

- A. Removal of a Campsite in violation of this Ordinance may occur under the following circumstances:
1. Prior to removing a Campsite, the Village shall post a notice, 24-hours in advance of the removal, unless immediate removal of the Campsite is deemed to be necessary for one of the reasons in subparagraphs 1-4, below. If such immediate removal is undertaken, the basis for causing the immediate removal of such Campsite should be adequately documented by the appropriate person(s).
    - a. immediate removal of the Campsite is necessary to maintain access to a property;
    - b. immediate removal of the Campsite is necessary to maintain the sanitary condition of a property;
    - c. immediate removal of the Campsite is necessary because the Campsite is an obstruction to any public right-of-way; or,



## ADOPTION

### 8-19-6: Penalty; Mitigation(*Added*)

- A. The penalty for any person's first violation of this Chapter within a rolling twenty-four (24) month period shall be \$75.
- B. The penalty for any person's second violation of this Chapter within a rolling twenty-four (24) month period shall be \$150.
- C. The penalty for any person's third violation of this Chapter within a rolling twenty-four (24) month period shall be \$350.
- D. The penalty for any person's fourth violation of this Chapter within a rolling twenty-four (24) month period shall be \$500.
- E. The penalty for any person's fifth violation of this Chapter within a rolling twenty-four (24) month period shall be \$750.
- F. The penalty for any person's sixth or subsequent violation of this Ordinance within a rolling twenty-four (24) month period may be a monetary penalty of \$750 or incarceration for a period not exceeding the maximum time allowed pursuant to Section 1-2-9 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-2-9).
- G. The Village is hereby empowered to exercise all powers afforded to it, at law or in equity, to collect any fines assessed against a person pursuant to this Ordinance, including but not limited to seeking incarceration of said person for a period of time that conforms with Section 1-2-9 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-2-9).
- H. A separate offense of this Ordinance shall be deemed committed on each day on which a violation occurs or continues.
- I. In addition to any other remedy provided by law or this Ordinance, any person found in violation of this section may be immediately removed from the premises where the Campsite is located.

**SECTION 8:**            **REPEALER CLAUSE** All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 9:**            **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE** Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinances a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION 10:**            **EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from ten days and after the required approval and publication according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE OF MORTON PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES \_\_\_\_\_.

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Trustee Blunier	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Hilliard	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Leitch	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Menold	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Parrott	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Newman	_____	_____	_____	_____
President Kaufman	_____	_____	_____	_____

Presiding Officer

Attest

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Jeffrey L. Kaufman, Village President,  
Village of Morton

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Zo M. Evans, Village Clerk, Village  
of Morton

# Permit Type Report

Permit Dates: 05/01/2024 to 7/31/2024

Description	Fees	Project Cost	Permits
Accessory Building	\$50.00	3,500.00	1
Commercial Building Addition / Renovation	\$525.00	200,000.00	1
Deck	\$200.00	41,225.00	4
Deck / Patio	\$100.00	15,775.00	2
Driveway, Approach, Curb	\$675.00	121,668.00	15
Egress Window	\$150.00	0.00	3
Electrical - Commercial	\$2,299.00	154,321.00	8
Electrical - Residential	\$7,400.00	133,057.00	58
Fence	\$1,750.00	196,092.84	33
Foundation	\$200.00	6,000.00	2
Miscellaneous	\$400.00	8,000.00	8
New Commercial Building	\$0.00	2,235,000.00	1
Patio	\$450.00	71,348.00	9
Pergola	\$100.00	4,000.00	2
Play Structure	\$0.00	1,200.00	1
Plumbing - Irrigation	\$546.00	0.00	1
Plumbing - New Construction	\$100.00	0.00	1
Plumbing - Remodel	\$1,385.00	22,834.56	7
Residential Building Addition / Renovation	\$4,038.40	1,149,606.12	8
Sanitary Sewer Tap	\$700.00	12,000.00	16
Sign	\$25.00	5,000.00	2
Site Work, Asphalt, Concrete	\$200.00	65,125.00	2
Solar Panel	\$5,100.00	1,519,777.83	35
Storage Building	\$850.00	77,103.00	18
Storm Sewer Tap	\$300.00	0.00	6
Swimming Pool	\$2,426.00	616,000.00	7
Swimming Pool - Above Ground	\$350.00	26,000.00	4
Zoning	\$0.00	0.00	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,319.40</b>	<b>6,684,633.35</b>	<b>268</b>

## Fee Breakdown

