

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 – August 19, 2024
    - 2. Closed Session – August 19, 2024
  - B. Approval of Bills
- VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**
- IX. VILLAGE PRESIDENT**
  - A. Report on Removal from office of Director of Fire and Emergency Services
  - B. Reinstatement of Director of Fire and Emergency Services
- X. VILLAGE CLERK**
- XI. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**
- XII. CHIEF OF POLICE**
- XIII. CORPORATION COUNSEL**
- XIV. DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**
- XV. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**
  - A. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance Of Permanent Easements Over A Part Of 108 W. Madison, Morton
  - B. Approval of Electricity Contract
- XVI. ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
- XVII. VILLAGE TRUSTEES**
  - A. Trustee Blunier
  - B. Trustee Hilliard
  - C. Trustee Leitch
    - a. Fire Engine Bid
  - 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., August 19, 2024**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

**PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – August 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** – None.

**VILLAGE CLERK** – Clerk Evans announced that petitions for the Consolidated Election may begin circulation on August 20th with the first day to file being November 12th and the last day being November 18th.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR** – Administrator Smick presented Building Improvement Grants for approval. 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.

**CHIEF OF POLICE** – Chief Darche presented An Ordinance Making Amendments To Titles 3 And 8 Of The Morton Municipal Code Regarding Solicitation Within The Public Right-Of-Way. Trustee Newman moved to approve and it was seconded by Trustee Blunier. Trustee Hilliard voiced his opposition to the Ordinance while citing safety concerns. Following the comments, the Ordinance was approved by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Leitch, Newman, Parrott – 4.  
No: Hilliard, Menold – 2.  
Absent: None – 0.  
Abstain: None – 0.

Next, Chief Darche announced that two Morton Officers were in Chicago at the Democratic National Convention and asked for everyone to wish them a safe return.

**CORPORATION COUNSEL** – None.

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

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS** – DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of bid for the Gas & Water Storage Buildings Project in the amount of \$767,000.00 and award of contract for same to Hein Construction. Trustee Menold moved to approve 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.

Next, DPW Loudermilk requested to postpone the request for approval of 3-year contract extension from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 for the purchase of Electricity from Calpine Corporation that was listed on the agenda. There was no objection from the Trustees and the item was postponed.

Finally, DPW Loudermilk presented Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Permanent Easements Over a Part of 110 E. Madison, Morton. Trustee Newman moved to bring the item to the floor for discussion and it was seconded by Trustee Parrott. Trustee Leitch noted that there was a typing error in the address listed on the Resolution and moved to table the item for correction and presentation at a future meeting. The motion to table was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved by the following roll call 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 – None.

Trustee Menold – None.  
Trustee Newman – None.  
Trustee Parrott – None.

**CLOSED SESSIONS** – Trustee Menold moved to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the Village per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). 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.

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS** – Following Closed Session, the roll was called and the following members were recorded as present: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6.

President Kaufman presented A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Real Property From David J. Kniep Trust #8248 Known As 325 S. First Avenue. Trustee Newman moved to bring the Resolution to the floor for discussion and it was seconded by Trustee Menold. The Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Parrott moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved by a voice vote of the Trustees.

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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VILLAGE CLERK

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF  
PERMANENT EASEMENTS OVER A PART OF 108 W. MADISON, MORTON**

**WHEREAS**, Getz Exchange II, LLC desires to dedicate to the Village of Morton a permanent easement in the form attached as Exhibit A for utility services over a part of that parcel commonly known as 108 W. Madison, Morton Illinois.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON**, Tazewell County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the Permanent Easement in the form as attached as Exhibit A is hereby accepted by the Village of Morton.
2. The President and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Acceptance set forth on Exhibit A

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at a regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024; and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**President**

**ATTEST:**

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**Village Clerk**



