

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 – September 3, 2024
  - B. Approval of Bills
- VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**
- IX. VILLAGE PRESIDENT**
  - A. Reinstatement of Director of Fire and Emergency Services
  - B. An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 8, Section 6 Of The Morton Municipal Code Regarding The Number Of Authorized Liquor Licenses
- 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. Fall 2024 Landscape Waste
- XVI. ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
- 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., September 3, 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 – 5.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

**PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – August 19, 2024
  - 2. Closed Session – August 19, 2024
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Newman 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 – 5.  
No: None – 0.  
Absent: Parrott – 1.  
Abstain: None – 0.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT** – President Kaufman gave a report regarding his decision to remove Director of Fire and Emergency Services, Joe Kelley, on August 29, 2024 for establishing residency outside of the Village and failing to take his Village issued vehicle at night. Both of these items are in violation of the Village Personnel Manual. Attorney McGrath then provided procedure moving forward, stating that a vote should be conducted that either reinstates the DFES or confirms his removal. Trustee Leitch moved to bring the discussion for reinstatement to the floor and it was seconded by Trustee Newman. Trustee Hilliard moved to table the vote and it was seconded by Trustee Menold. The motion to table was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

**VILLAGE CLERK** – None.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR** – None.

**CHIEF OF POLICE** – None.

**CORPORATION COUNSEL** – None.

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

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS** – DPW Loudermilk presented Resolution Authorizing Acceptance Of Permanent Easements Over A Part Of 108 W. Madison, Morton. This was previously tabled due to an incorrect address in the title that needed correction. Trustee Leitch moved to approve the Resolution and it was seconded by Trustee Newman before approval with the following roll call vote:

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

Next, DPW Loudermilk requested approval of an electricity contract with Calpine for 36 months. Trustee Menold moved to approve and it was seconded by Trustee Leitch. After a brief session of questions and answers, the contract was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

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

### **VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

Trustee Blunier – None.

Trustee Hilliard – None.

Trustee Leitch moved to approve a fire engine bid from Banner Fire Equipment E-One and it was seconded by Trustee Hilliard. After a discussion, the bid was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

**VILLAGE OF MORTON  
ORDINANCE 25-**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 6 OF THE  
MORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED  
LIQUOR LICENSES**

**WHEREAS**, Title 3, Chapter 8, Section 6 contains a limitation on the number of liquor licenses and the President and Board of Trustees desire to amend same.

**WHEREAS**, The Morton VFW wishes to host an event on October 5, 2024, which will be held outside and will include the sale of liquor for consumption outside.

**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:**        **AMENDMENT** “3-8-6: Limitation On Number” of the Morton Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

**AMENDMENT**

**3-8-6: Limitation On Number**

In order that the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Village be protected, and in order that minors shall be prevented from the purchase of alcoholic liquors, and in order that temperance in the consumption of liquors be fostered and promoted, there shall be a limit upon the number of liquor licenses issued and in effect, which is as follows:

Class	Brief Description	Maximum Number of Licenses Allowed
Class A-1	Sale of beer & wine only at retail, consumption off premises	Zero (0)
Class A-2	Sale of beer & wine only at retail, consumption on premises	Four (4)
Class A-3	Sale of beer & wine only at retail, consumption off or on premises	Zero (0)
Class A-4	Sale of wine only at retail, consumption off premises, allows unlimited wine tasting on premises	Zero (0)
Class B-1	Sale of alcohol at retail, consumption off premises	Three (3)

Class B-2	Sale of alcohol at retail, consumption on premises	Ten (10)
Class B-3	Sale of alcohol at retail, consumption on or off premises	Four (4)
Class C	Sale of alcohol at a club, consumption on premises	One (1)
Class D	Sale of beer & wine at retail in a grocery store, consumption off premises	Four (4)
Class E	Addition to Class A-2, A-3, B-2, B-3 or G to all sales of alcohol consumption in an outdoor area on a permanent basis	Nine (9)
Class F	Addition to Class A-2, A-3, B-2, B-3 or G license holder for sale of alcohol in an outdoor area adjacent to business on temporary basis	<del>One (1)</del> <del>Zero (0)</del>
Class G	Allows patrons to bring their own beer or wine into premises for consumption on premises	One (1)
Class H	Sale of beer & wine only on a temporary basis for not-for profit organizations up to 2 times per year	Zero (0)
Class I	Addition to Class A-2, A-3, B-2, or B-3 for consumption of adjacent public right of way	One (1)
Class J-1	Sale of alcohol by a catering business for one year	Zero (0)
Class J-2	Sales of alcohol by a catering business for one public/private event	Zero(0)

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

## YARD WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM FALL 2024

Open: Saturday, Oct. 19 – *Sunday, December 1*

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. daily

*Closed on Thurs., Nov. 28 and Fri., Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving*

**VILLAGE OF MORTON RESIDENTS ONLY:** Free yard waste disposal is available at Sewage Treatment Plant #2, 2625 S. Fourth (at the corner of S. Fourth and Broadway Rd.). *Verification of name & address required.*

The program is "self-serve" as it has been in the past. A fenced area at STP#2 will be designated for yard waste disposal. Assistance will not be provided for removal or dumping of landscape waste, so please plan accordingly.

The following regulations and limitations must be met:

- 1) Only leaves, grass clippings, and tree branches (no greater than 5' in length or 4" in diameter), and any associated landscape waste will be accepted.
- 2) No paper or plastic bags will be allowed for disposal.
- 3) Neither landscaping timber (railroad ties) nor construction lumber is allowed.
- 4) No commercial enterprise may deposit landscape waste at this site.
- 5) "Root mass" from trees, bushes, or shrubbery is not allowed.
- 6) No pet waste, household garbage or plant containers of any kind at this site.
- 7) No yard waste is to be left outside the designated fenced area.
- 8) Video surveillance will take place during the program.

Please follow, or help us police these rules to ensure the continued operation of this free yard waste disposal program for all citizens of Morton.

Remember that it is a violation of Village ordinances to deposit landscape and yard waste on Village property (in the streets, in Prairie and Bull Run Creeks, down storm sewers, etc.), and that open burning of landscape waste or any kind of garbage is prohibited within the Village limits.