

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., February 17, 2025**

After calling the meeting to order, President Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll, with the following voting members present: Kaufman, Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 7; absent - None.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

**PRESENTATIONS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Zo Evans of 856 Sunset Rd., Morton, IL, requested the Board consider tabling the ordinance to increase the non-home rule sales tax due to the lack of notice to the public other than the required 48 hours.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – February 3, 2025
  - 2. Closed Session – February 3, 2025
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Leitch 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, Newman, Parrott – 6.  
No: None – 0.  
Absent: None – 0.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT –**

- A. President Kaufman discussed the article in the Morton Courier regarding the retirement of Sergeant Major Chad Bell from Morton retired from the Illinois Army National Guard after serving for 26 years.
- B. President Kaufman presented Resolution #33-25 Authorizing the purchase of real property from Irvin Siltman known as 508, 510, & 512 S. First Avenue and 203, 205, & 207 E. Birchwood, Morton, IL. Motion made for approval by Trustee Newman, seconded by Trustee Hilliard. Motion approved by the following voice vote:

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

**VILLAGE CLERK** – None.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR** – None.

**CHIEF OF POLICE** – None.

**CORPORATION COUNSEL –**

- A. Attorney McGrath presented Ordinance #25-17 Implementing a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation tax at 1.0% of the gross receipts from sales in the Village of Morton. Motion made for approval by Trustee Newman, seconded by Trustee Parrott. Trustee Parrott then made a motion to amend the ordinance, reducing the requested tax rate from 1.0% to .75%. This amendment was seconded by Trustee Leitch.

Additional discussion was held by the Trustees and President regarding the need for the increase in sales tax.

The motion for the amendment to Ordinance #25-17 was approved by the following voice vote:

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

The amended Ordinance #25-17 was approved by the following voice vote:

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

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

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS –**

- A. DPW Loudermilk requested approval to waive formal bidding and accept a proposal from Total Petroleum Service Co. to provide and install two new Wayne Select Fleet Dispensers and a new OPW Fuel Management System Controller and Island Terminals for the Penn St. Fuel Depot for \$57,975. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Trustee Leitch and seconded by Trustee Parrott. The proposal was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

- B. DPW Loudermilk presented Resolution #34-25, a Resolution for Maintenance for the IDOT MFT Sealcoating project in the amount of \$200,000. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Trustee Newman and seconded by Trustee Leitch.

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

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

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

Trustee Blunier – None.

Trustee Hilliard – None.

Trustee Leitch – None.

Trustee Menold – Requested additional information regarding the Village's use of sealcoating, which was responded to by DPW Loudermilk.

Trustee Newman – None.

Trustee Parrott – None.

**CLOSED SESSION – None.**

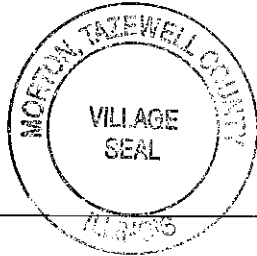
**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS – None.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:

  
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VILLAGE CLERK



  
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PRESIDENT