

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., AUGUST 4, 2025**

After calling the meeting to order, President Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll, with the following members present: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold – 5.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**PRESENTATIONS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – July 21, 2025
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Menold moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold – 5  
No: None  
Absent: Parrott – 1

**CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Attorney McGrath presented Ordinance 26-08, an Ordinance Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois. He noted that this ordinance was prepared at the request of the trustees and gave a brief explanation of the Ordinance. Currently, Village residents pay a 1% sales tax on grocery purchases that goes to the village. A change in state law repeals the state-collected tax that was distributed to the village. This Ordinance is necessary for the Village to continue receiving that tax revenue. He also explained that grocery prices will not increase for residents as this is not a new tax or a tax increase, but a continuation of an existing tax. The method of imposition and collection is changing from a state-imposed and state-collected tax to a locally-imposed but still state-collected tax. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Menold and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Menold – 4  
No: Leitch – 1  
Absent: Parrott – 1

**ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

ZCO Davis presented Petition 25-06 ZA – a Zoning Amendment for 213 S. Fourth Ave. amending from R-2 to R-1. He noted that this petition was submitted by the Village of Morton, which owns the parcel and the Plan Commission had recommended approval of the change with an 8-1 vote at their July 28, 2025, meeting. A single-family home previously existed on the property before it was demolished by the village. The Zoning Amendment is intended to align the zoning classification with the anticipated future use of the land for single-family housing. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cirilli and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold – 5  
No: None  
Absent: Parrott – 1

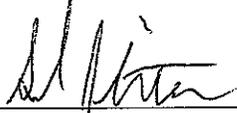
ZCO Davis then presented PC 25-05 - Easement Vacation Plat for Lots 87 & 97 in Wolf Crossing (PIN 06-06-05-202-045 & PIN 06-06-05-201-018). He explained that the property owner of these lots requested the vacation of a utility easement. Approval of the plat by the Village Board is a step in the vacation process. He noted that the village has not received any plans for construction on these lots, and no building permits will be issued until all utility companies with an interest in the easement have legally terminated their rights. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold – 5  
No: None  
Absent: Parrott – 1

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Leitch moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:

  
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VILLAGE CLERK

  
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PRESIDENT

