

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., OCTOBER 20, 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 – October 20, 2025
 - 2. Closed Session – October 20, 2025
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Menold moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Darche presented Resolution 20-26 – A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Tazewell County Animal Control for Animal and Rabies Control Services. He noted that this is an annual renewal with a \$360.11 increase, bringing the new total annual fee to \$15,177.32. He also noted that this arrangement has been a significant benefit to the department, taking the responsibility of containing, transporting, and sheltering stray animals away from police officers. Trustee Blunier 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

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of bid for the IL-98 (Birchwood St.) intersection improvements project at Erie Ave. and Flint Ave. in the amount of \$2,281,000.00 and award of contract for same to Otto Baum Co., Inc. He noted that four bids were received, with the two low bids being within 2.5% of each other. The plan is to use Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds as budgeted, and he will bring a corresponding MFT resolution to the next meeting. Trustee Menold moved to approve. 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

DPW Loudermilk then requested acceptance of bid for the Street Department building renovations project in the amount of \$1,869,000.00 and award of contract for same to N. Zobrist & Sons, Inc. He noted that two bids were received for this project and that the contract amount includes a \$90,000 contingency allowance for unforeseen conditions and specific equipment purchases. He also noted that this project, combined with other Phase 1 work, came in under the \$2.5 million budgeted for FY26. 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

DPW Loudermilk then requested approval of transfer of \$18,950.31 from the Tourism Fund to the General Fund for 2025 Pumpkin Festival Expenses. He explained that these funds cover direct labor for the Street Department (e.g., barricades, cleanup) in the same manner as the transfers approved for Police and Fire at the previous meeting. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve. 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

DPW Loudermilk then presented Resolution 19-26 – A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, Inc. to Provide Technical Assistance Relating to the Activity Delivery of the Community Development Block Grant. He explained that the agreement relates to a CDBG grant the Village acquired on behalf of Crane Equipment & Service of Illinois, Inc. for the renovation of the facility at 701 Flint Avenue. GPEDC will act as the liaison between the Village and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and will be paid up to \$27,000 for their services, which will be paid from the CDBG grant funds, not Village funds. 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

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

On behalf of ZCO Davis, DPW Loudermilk presented Ordinance 26-11 – An Ordinance Making Amendments to Sections Chapter 10-9 of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding Sign and Flagpole Regulations. Attorney McGrath explained that the ordinance has been in review over recent months and the primary goal is to eliminate content-based distinctions to comply with the First Amendment and a Supreme Court ruling. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve. 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

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Leitch presented Building Improvement Grant Recommendations for 636-668 W. Jackson St from the Business District Commission. He explained that the properties, owned by Hambrick Commercial Properties, consist of two buildings on one parcel of land, but with nine separate street addresses. The commission was initially unsure if they could approve grants for each address, but he noted a 2022 program change allows for per-address grants on a single parcel to help eliminate blight. The total recommended grant amount is \$29,097.00 and the grant application broke down the costs for each address, covering exterior painting and upgraded signage. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve. 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

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no action expected to be taken following the executive for the purpose of discussing the collective negotiating matters between the Village and its employees or their representatives, per ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Trustee Leitch moved to adjourn to Executive Session. 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


ADJOURNMENT

Upon returning from Executive Session, the Clerk determined the same members present. With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Cirilli moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:



VILLAGE CLERK



PRESIDENT

