

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – November 3, 2025
- 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: Cirilli, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Parrott – 5
No: None
Absent: Blunier – 1

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Kaufman presented Resolution 23-26 – A Resolution of the Village of Morton in Support of the Illinois America 250 Commemoration. Attorney McGrath read the Resolution, celebrating the nation’s 250th anniversary. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

President Kaufman then presented Resolution 24-26 – A Resolution Authorizing Use of Tourism Funds for the Purchase and Installation of Historical Plaques. He explained that \$12,000 from the Tourism Fund would cover two plaques: one recognizing Morton as the Pumpkin Capital of the World and the other marking the historical significance of Evans Corner, including visits by Abraham Lincoln. Trustee Cirilli commented that while he supports the historical recognition, he did not believe this was the best use of tourism funds. Trustee Parrott moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Menold and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Darche presented Ordinance 26-12 – An Ordinance Making Amendments to Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding the Creation of the Position of Police Lieutenant. He explained that the department has grown to 27 officers, requiring a new level of supervision to handle administrative duties such as training coordination. Trustee Parrott moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Chief Darche then presented Ordinance 26-17 – An Ordinance Making Amendments to Section 6-2-29 of the Village of Morton Municipal Code to Prohibit the Sale, Possession, and Use of Kratom. He noted that this was a follow-up to public comment from the previous meeting and stated that the product is an unregulated, addictive synthetic opioid. Attorney McGrath noted enforcement would begin following the required 10-day publication period. Trustee Menold moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cirilli and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Smick presented Ordinance 26-13 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025, And Ending April 30, 2026. She noted the total levy is \$2,890,000, an increase of approximately 3.9%, though the tax rate is expected to decrease due to rising property values. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cirilli and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Administrator Smick then requested approval of the renewal of property, casualty, and workers compensation insurance for the policy year of December 1, 2025, to December 1, 2026. She reported a premium increase of approximately 16%, driven by increased equipment and building values and rising liability costs. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

DFE Hale presented Resolution 25-26 – A Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Department Related Mechanical Service and Repair Work on Fire Apparatus. He explained that this agreement allows the department to utilize Peoria Fire Department mechanics for quicker repairs. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cirilli and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

DFE Hale then presented Ordinance 26-14 – An Ordinance Making Amendments to Section 5-5-3 of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding Ambulance Rates. He noted that rates had not increased since 2011. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ZCO Davis presented Resolution 26-26 – A Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Contract for Mowing Services. He explained that the Resolution waives formal bidding to renew the contract with Lawns and More, LLC, noting both satisfaction with their service and a 3% price increase for the 2026 season. Trustee Menold moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk presented Ordinance 26-15 – An Ordinance Making Amendments to Section 8-2-11 of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding Period Chargeable for Incorrectly Metered Gas. He explained that the amendment extends the look-back period for billing errors (refunds or charges) from 6 months to 18 months. Trustee Parrott moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cirilli and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

DPW Loudermilk then presented Ordinance 26-16 – An Ordinance Making Amendments to Section 8-1-7 of the Morton Municipal Code to Correct Fine Amount. Attorney McGrath explained that the previous fine of \$1,250 for excavation without a permit exceeded the statutory limit for civil penalties, which is \$750. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

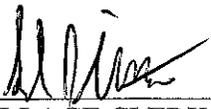
VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Cirilli recognized the Morton Mentor Program, a partnership between the school district and the Chamber of Commerce, and acknowledged his mentee, Sadie Ultch, who was in attendance. Trustee Menold commented on the value of the program and experience of students shadowing professionals.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



VILLAGE CLERK



PRESIDENT

