

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., DECEMBER 1, 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, Parrott – 6.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**PRESENTATIONS** – Chief Darche introduced Randy Forbis as the department's new officer. Forbis comes from the Bureau of Federal Prisons. He is a Limestone High School graduate and currently lives in Pekin with his fiancé and three children. Officer Forbis is scheduled to attend the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois in Champaign starting the first Sunday of the new year. Clerk Ritthaler administered the Oath of Office to Officer Forbis. President Kaufman welcomed Forbis and his family, emphasizing that Morton values long-term careers for their officers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Dick Peplow, Morton resident and Director of the Greater Peoria Manufacturing Network for the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, announced and gave details about the upcoming Rural Big Table event. It will be held Wednesday, December 10, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Tremont High School Cafeteria for the purpose of soliciting discussion and input from officials, business owners, and citizens regarding economic development strategy for the five-county region (Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Mason, Logan). He thanked Kim Litwiller at the Morton EDC for helping publicize the event.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting – November 17, 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: Blunier, Cirilli, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Parrott – 6  
No: None  
Absent: None

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

Trustee Leitch, on behalf of Administrator Smick, presented the Fall 2025 Tourism Grant Round recommendations. 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, Parrott – 6  
No: None  
Absent: None

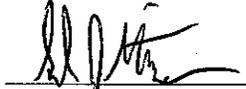
**DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

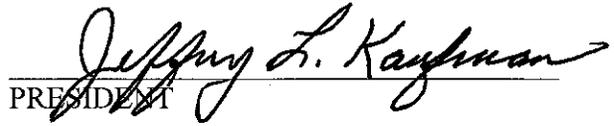
DFE Hale reported a busy week with two significant fires: one at Great Harvest Bread Company and one at Dan Kniep Auto Sales which occurred on Thanksgiving. He thanked East Peoria, Pekin, Tremont, Washington, and Deer Creek Fire Departments for their assistance.

**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