

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS
7:00 P.M.
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026
FREEDOM HALL, 349 W. BIRCHWOOD, MORTON, ILLINOIS

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
- IV. PUBLIC HEARING**
- V. PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - A. Public Comments
 - B. Requests for Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting – March 2, 2026
 - B. Approval of Bills
- VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**
- IX. VILLAGE PRESIDENT**
 - A. Spring 2026 Yard Waste Disposal Program.
- X. VILLAGE CLERK**
- XI. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**
- XII. CHIEF OF POLICE**
- XIII. CORPORATION COUNSEL**
- XIV. DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**
- XV. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**
- XVI. ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
- XVII. VILLAGE TRUSTEES**
 - A. Trustee Blunier
 - B. Trustee Cirilli
 - C. Trustee Hilliard
 - D. Trustee Leitch
 - E. Trustee Menold
 - F. Trustee Parrott
- XVIII. CLOSED SESSIONS**
 - A. Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Village and its Employees or Their Representatives, per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
- XIX. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS**
- XX. ADJOURNMENT**

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., MARCH 2, 2026**

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 – February 16, 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: Cirilli, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Parrott – 5
No: None
Absent: Blunier – 1

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Kaufman requested the reappointment of Kevin Jones to the Zoning Board of Appeals (term expiring April 30, 2031), the appointment of Jay Austin to the Zoning Board of Appeals (term expiring April 30, 2031), and the reappointment of Michael Yordy to the Plan Commission (term expiring April 30, 2031). Trustee Parrott moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Menold 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 Resolution 33-26 – A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Phillips, Salmi & Associates, LLC. She noted that this is a three-year agreement with the auditing firm the Village has used for the past four years and that while the agreement features a slightly escalating scale, it remains a highly reasonable cost compared to historical audit fees. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard 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 Resolution 34-26 – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to its Gas Supply Agreement with PEFA, Inc in Connection with the Reset of the Available Discount in PEFA, Inc’s Gas Prepayment Project; Approving the Issuance of Bonds by PEFA, Inc.; and Related Matters. He noted that this program continues to be beneficial for Morton, securing a discount and an additional annual check for the Gas Fund. Trustee Menold moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

DPW Loudermilk then requested to waive formal bidding and accept a proposal through Sourcewell and from CIT Trucks for a new 2027 Kenworth T480 Single-Axle Cab & Chassis Truck in the amount of \$136,779.00, along with the sale of Truck #52 (a 2009 Kenworth) on GovDeals. This also included waiving formal bidding and accepting a proposal from Koenig Body and Equipment, Inc., for a dump body, plow, wing plow, and accessories for the new truck in the amount of \$149,298.00. He explained that adding a fifth wing plow to the fleet will be a big time-saver for clearing residential streets. 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

DPW Loudermilk then presented Ordinance 26-28 – An Ordinance Amending the Morton Municipal Code to Establish Standards for the Construction of Facilities on the Right-of-Way. He detailed the severe issues the Village is facing with utility contractors leaving rights-of-way in disrepair, overwhelming locators, and damaging infrastructure. The Ordinance standardizes construction, limits contractor working hours to between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., requires camera verification for boring below 40 inches, mandates "as-built" documentation within 90 days, and enforces homeowner notifications. The Village will withhold future permits if prior jobs are not restored within 10 days. 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 Petition No. 26-01ZA – A petition by the Village of Morton, with support from the property owner (the Taufer family), to rezone the subject property from B-3 to R-S. He noted that the Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation, and the change cleans up zoning issues while preserving the property for future development fitting R-S zoning. Trustee Parrott moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

ZCO Davis then presented Petition No. 26-02SP – A special use in a B-2 zone for a Massage Parlor/Service located at 208 S First Ave., Suite M. He noted the petitioner provided detailed operational plans yielding a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission. 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

ZCO Davis then introduced a recommendation for the zoning classification for the upcoming annexation of 2607 W Jackson St. Attorney McGrath recommended tabling this item to approve it concurrently with the pre-annexation and annexation agreements at future meetings. Trustee Parrott moved to table. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cirilli and the item was tabled with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Cirilli, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Parrott – 5

No: None

Absent: Blunier – 1

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM SPRING 2026

Open: Monday, March 30 – Sunday, May 3

Closed April 3 (Good Friday) thru April 5 (Easter)

8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. daily

VILLAGE OF MORTON RESIDENTS ONLY: Free yard waste disposal is available at Sewage Treatment Plant #2, **2625 S. Fourth** (at the corner of S. Fourth and Broadway Rd.). ***Verification of name & address required.***

The program is "self-serve" as it has been in the past. A fenced area at STP#2 will be designated for yard waste disposal. Assistance will not be provided for removal or dumping of landscape waste, so please plan accordingly.

The following regulations and limitations must be met:

- 1) Only leaves, grass clippings, and tree branches (no greater than 5' in length or 4" in diameter), and any associated landscape waste will be accepted.**
- 2) No paper or plastic bags will be allowed for disposal.**
- 3) Neither landscaping timber (railroad ties) nor construction lumber is allowed.**
- 4) No commercial enterprise may deposit landscape waste at this site.**
- 5) "Root mass" from trees, bushes, or shrubbery is not allowed.**
- 6) No pet waste, household garbage or plant containers of any kind at this site.**
- 7) No yard waste is to be left outside the designated fenced area.**
- 8) Video surveillance will take place during the program.**

Please follow, or help us police these rules to ensure the continued operation of this free yard waste disposal program for all citizens of Morton.

Remember that it is a violation of Village ordinances to deposit landscape and yard waste on Village property (in the streets, in Prairie and Bull Run Creeks, down storm sewers, etc.), and that open burning of landscape waste or any kind of garbage is prohibited within the Village limits.