

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., MAY 4, 2026**

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

PROCLAMATION – On behalf of President Kaufman, Attorney McGrath read a proclamation declaring May 2026 as Motorcycle Awareness Month on behalf of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes.
 - 1. Regular Meeting – April 20, 2026
- 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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Kaufman requested the appointment of Gabriel Tongate to the Plan Commission, with a term expiring April 30, 2031. He noted that Tongate is replacing Jeff Keach, who served as the chairman for many years. He publicly thanked Keach for his long service to the Village. Trustee Cirilli 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

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Darche presented Resolution 02-27 – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Morton and the Police Benevolent Labor Committee (Patrol Officer). Attorney McGrath noted that minor typographical corrections and a pay scale calculation adjustment had been made to the agreement since the board packets were distributed. The contract includes wage increases of 7%, 5%, 3.75%, and 3.5% over four years. Trustee Blunier 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

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk requested to waive formal bidding and accept a proposal from Bauman Trailer Sales & Service Inc. (Goodfield, IL) for a new 2026 16-14 UT Air Tow Trailer for the Street Department in the amount of \$27,796.00. He noted the trailer will be primarily used to transport rollers and barriers. Trustee Hilliard 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

DPW Loudermilk then requested approval for additional concrete curb and gutter removal and replacement work in the amount of \$509,905.40 for S. Glen Ave., S. Indiana Ave., S. Kansas Ave., and S. Louisiana Ave. at previously bid and accepted unit prices as part of the 2026 Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs Project as awarded to Gensini Excavating, Inc. on April 6, 2026. He noted the Village was under budget on the previous award and is utilizing favorable concrete pricing to address additional streets. 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

DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

DFE Hale presented Resolution 03-27 – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Side Letter Agreement Between the Village of Morton and the International Association of Firefighters Local #4952 (Fire & Paramedics) Regarding Promotions. He noted that this agreement establishes the promotion criteria, testing processes, and scoring for future Engineer and Fire Captain positions. 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

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ZCO Davis presented and requested the following related items be heard together: Ordinance 27-01 – An Ordinance Annexing the Property Known as 2607 West Jackson Street, Morton, Illinois to the Village of Morton, Resolution 01-27 – A Resolution Accepting Utility Easements from Wes Roodhouse Regarding 2607 West Jackson Street, and Petition for Annexation – 2607 W Jackson St. (PIN 06-06-07-401-012). He noted the Plan Commission recommended approval of the pre-annexation agreement and recommended an R-1 zoning classification. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Blunier and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

ZCO Davis then presented Petition No. 26-04ZA, requesting a Zoning Amendment (B-2 to R-2) for 700 W Jefferson St. He noted the Plan Commission recommended approval by a 4-2 vote on April 27th. Trustee Hilliard 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 the Permit Type Reports for FY26 Q4 and YTD FY21 through FY26 for informational review.


ZCO Davis then presented Ordinance 27-02 – An Ordinance Making Amendments to Title 4 of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding the Adoption of Building Codes. He explained this aligns Village code language to state minimum regulations established on January 1, 2026. Trustee Menold 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 Menold moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:



VILLAGE CLERK



PRESIDENT

