VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., JULY 6, 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, Leitch, Hilliard, Menold, Parrott – 6.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes.
   1. Regular Meeting – June 15, 2026
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, Leitch, Hilliard, Menold, Parrott – 6
No: None
Absent: None

VILLAGE PRESIDENT
President Kaufman thanked the Police Department, Paramedics and Fire Department, and the Public Works Department for their help with the fireworks display.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Administrator Smick presented a preliminary appropriations review. She noted that the Ordinance is in the agenda packet, and that a public hearing and Ordinance approval vote will take place at the meeting in two weeks.

CHIEF OF POLICE
Chief Darche requested approval to purchase two vehicles at the state bid price of $45,770.00 per vehicle, for a total price including delivery of $94,830.00 with standard additions. He noted that efficient fleet management has allowed the department to keep some patrol vehicles for up to five years, despite adding five officer positions over the last three fiscal years. Trustee Blunier moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Leitch, Hilliard, Menold, Parrott – 6
No: None
Absent: None

Chief Darche then requested a waiver of formal bidding and acceptance of proposal from the Kern Group for $58,842.00 for Police Department camera upgrades. He explained that this budgeted item will replace analog cameras at the police department (some up to 22 years old) with IP cameras and will allow for full 360-degree coverage of the plaza. He clarified that this is for closed-circuit television only and does not include body cameras. Trustee Blunier moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Leitch, Hilliard, Menold, Parrott – 6
No: None
Absent: None

Chief Darche then presented Resolution 07-27 – A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Automatic Transcription Minutes. He explained that this adds transcription minutes for the remaining 97 months of the 120-month Axon contract, costing $1,282.92 for this year, and these minutes act as a buffer for the records department to ensure names, especially those of juveniles, are properly redacted to satisfy Freedom of Information Act requests. Trustee Blunier moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Leitch, Hilliard, Menold, Parrott – 6
No: None
Absent: None

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Loudermilk requested permission to go out for bid for the new fire station (191 E. Queenwood Rd.) on Monday, July 21, with a bid opening on Tuesday, August 11. He expects to bring the bids back to the board on August 17 and noted that a set of 95% plans are available for review. Trustee Parrott moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Leitch, Hilliard, Menold, Parrott – 6
No: None
Absent: None

DPW Loudermilk then requested a waiver of formal bidding and acceptance of proposal from FE Moran Inc. (Morton, IL) for fire protection improvements at the Public Works garage at 450 Detroit Ave. in the amount of $238,085.00. He noted that the current facility lacks sprinklers, a fire alarm system, and monitoring. Because it houses important vehicles, equipment, and materials, these upgrades will bring it up to code. Proposals were solicited from FE Moran and PIPCO, coming within 5% of each other. Trustee Hilliard moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Leitch, Hilliard, Menold, Parrott – 6
No: None
Absent: None

DPW Loudermilk then presented Resolution 06-27 – A Resolution Authorizing Joint PPUATS Funding Agreement For 2027 Fiscal Year. He noted that this Resolution authorizes the Village's portion of the FY27 agreement for $9,688.94, which represents 3.97% of the 20% non-federal match based on the Village's MFT allotment. It was noted during discussion that the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission brings millions of dollars in grants and planning resources into the community, making the $9,000 contribution a highly valuable investment. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Leitch, Hilliard, Menold, Parrott – 6
No: None
Absent: None

DPW Loudermilk then requested a waiver of formal bidding and acceptance of proposal from Altorfer, Inc. (Morton, IL) for a new 2026 Caterpillar 265 XPS Skid Steer for the Street Department in the Amount of $48,807.90. He noted that this includes the trade-in and guaranteed buy-back of a 2024 Cat 289 XPS Skid Steer for $55,000. The purchase utilizes the Sourcewell government purchasing program discount and includes another three-year guaranteed buy-back at $50,000 and 1,000 hours. Trustee Parrott moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Menold and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Leitch, Hilliard, Menold, Parrott – 6
No: None
Absent: None

DPW Loudermilk then presented Resolution 08-27 – A Resolution Authorizing WPCLP Loan Application Documents. He noted that this Resolution authorizes incoming Administrator Jessica Vasquez to sign the loan application documents for the wastewater project before the end of July. The loan is set for 20 years at 2.16%, with a bid opening on August 11. Trustee Parrott moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Menold and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Leitch, Hilliard, Menold, Parrott – 6
No: None
Absent: None

DPW Loudermilk then presented Ordinance 27-08 – An Ordinance Authorizing Fourth Amendment to Water Tower Lease Agreement. He noted that this fourth amendment for the Verizon lease on Detroit Avenue corrects contradicting information in a previously approved agreement to properly align rental increases with four five-year renewal terms. Trustee Menold moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Cirilli, Leitch, Hilliard, Menold, Parrott – 6
No: None
Absent: None

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Parrott echoed thanks regarding the 4th of July events and conveyed appreciation to the Village and the Board on behalf of Joel Dickerson (Park District Executive Director), noting the event went off without a hitch.

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:

Jeffrey L. Kaufman

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK

MORTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY

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