VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., JULY 20, 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 – A Public Hearing was held regarding Ordinance 27-11 – An Ordinance Making Appropriations for Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2026, And Ending April 30, 2027. No public comments were made.

PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes.
   1. Regular Meeting – July 6, 2026
B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Parrott moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Kaufman presented Resolution 09-27 – A Resolution Authorizing Agent for IMRF. He noted that this Resolution appoints Jessica Vasquez as the authorized agent for the Village of Morton pertaining to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. 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

President Kaufman then presented Ordinance 27-09 – An Ordinance Increasing the Rate of the Village of Morton Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax. He explained that revenue from the 0.25% increase is needed to cover rising costs for police, fire, paramedics, and construction of the new fire station. It was noted during discussion that rate remains below surrounding municipalities and can't be raised any further without a referendum. 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

President Kaufman then presented Ordinance 27-10 – An Ordinance Amending Section 3-8-6 of The Morton Municipal Code Regarding the Number of Available Class 3 Liquor Licenses. He noted that this change decreases the maximum number of Class B-2 licenses from ten to nine and increases Class B-3 licenses from four to five to accommodate a request for carry-out liquor from Fuego Mexican restaurant. Trustee Parrott 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

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Administrator Smick presented Building Improvement Grant recommendations from the Business District Commission. The first recommendation was for Stammtisch 206 LLC at 206 W. Jefferson for a $10,000 grant to frame and enclose a waiting room. 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

Administrator Smick then presented the second Building Improvement Grant recommendation for D to Z Properties at 1900 S. Main for a $5,000 grant to cover previously omitted design and engineering costs. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cirilli and approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Administrator Smick then presented Ordinance 27-11 – An Ordinance Making Appropriations for Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2026, And Ending April 30, 2027. She noted that the total estimated revenue is $45,159,200 with total expenses at $55,440,950. The deficit is driven by major infrastructure projects including the new fire station, Flint Avenue, the Birchwood and Erie intersection, and sewer plant engineering. 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

With this being her final meeting, President Kaufman and the Board thanked Administrator Smick for her 11 years of service to the Village.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Darche requested approval to transfer $4,660.79 from the Tourism Tax Fund to the General Fund. He noted this covers Police Department payroll expenses incurred during the July 3rd fireworks event. 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

CORPORATION COUNSEL

With Attorney McGrath not in attendance, President Kaufman presented Resolution 10-27 – A Resolution Authorizing WPCLP Loan Application Documents. It was noted that this authorizes documents related to the wastewater treatment plant and corrects previous wording from "water" to "wastewater". Trustee Parrott 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

President Kaufman then presented Resolution 11-27 – A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Voltus, Inc. Regarding Distributed Energy Resources. He noted that this is for city-owned buildings and has a cost of $60,000. 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

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

Jeffrey L. Kaufman
PRESIDENT

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