



Celebrate the Past—Create the Future



MORTON, ILLINOIS
MAY 1, 1976

THE

WELCOMING

YOU ARE MY MORTON

You were a farming town,
With religious Freedoms,
With soil for pottery,
 and for tile,
The Methodist Rider came by horseback
Then by Lincoln and his patriot smile.

You are my city
A growing community
You're with proud origins
And pride that's true
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And a beautiful image.
We will always be quite proud of you.

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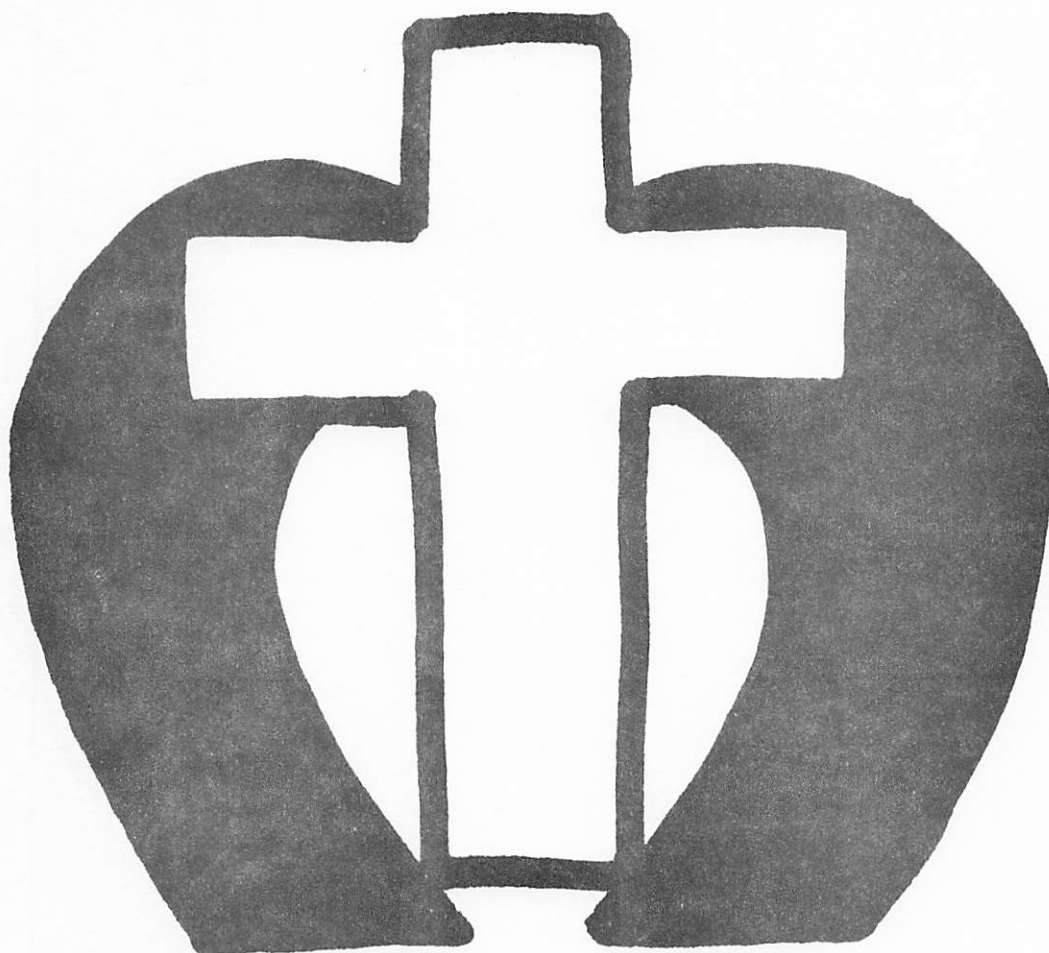
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Morton received the village charter from Springfield November 15, 1877. Clarence Campbell was listed on the charter as Mayor and Lorenzo Durham was listed as Village Clerk. Because of personal differences between Campbell and Durham, Dr. William Conibear was made acting Mayor about September 15, 1877. Morton began using the Village Seal on January 4, 1878 on the first ordinance book. The population of Morton then was 400 people.

Prepared April 1, 1976

**THE
PRESENT
CHALLENGES**

ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

MORTON TOWN MEETING 76

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Imbalanced City Leadership

In the arena of Economic Commonality the fact that control of finances and city leadership by established groups indicates that the underlying contradiction is a lack of balance between the established people and emerging concerned people of Morton. This contradiction is illustrated by voter apathy, fear of tax increases, ratio of age groups and control of elected and appointed city leaders.

GUILD: A-D

Economic Growth vs. Bedroom Town Syndrome

In the arena of Economic Commonality the fact that resistance to change indicates that the underlying contradiction is conflict of economic growth vs. bedroom town syndrome. This contradiction is illustrated by high cost of living, lack of diversified industry and low cost housing.

GUILD: B-C

POLITICAL CHALLENGES

MORTON TOWN MEETING 76

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Dependence on Short-Range Goals

In the arena of Political Commonality the fact that government regulation, resistance to change, failure to relate to natural evolvments, lack of clear cut role of local government bodies, and financial limitations versus opinions of priorities indicates that the underlying contradiction is dependence on short-range goals rather than long and short-range goals. This contradiction is illustrated by efforts for a golf course, swimming pool, auditorium, YMCA and traffic control solution still not finalized.

GUILD: A-D

Broad Based Planning

In the arena of Political Commonality the fact that independent private and governing groups indicates that the underlying contradiction is inadequate broad based planning. This contradiction is illustrated by lack of consensus between private and governing groups.

GUILD: B-C

Lack of Individual Responsibility

In the arena of Political Commonality the fact that the public remains uninformed indicates that the underlying contradiction is lack of individual responsibility. This contradiction is illustrated by the people's lack of communication because they do not read the newspaper, lack interest and enthusiasm.

GUILD: B-C

CULTURAL CHALLENGES

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No Relevant Role in Decision-Making

In the arena of Cultural Commonality the fact that people don't feel they have any power to change things indicates that the underlying contradiction is that people don't feel motivated to change things. This contradiction is illustrated by poor attendance at village board meetings, small turn-out at elections and leaving decisions to a committee.

GUILD: A-D

Lack of Communication in Community

In the arena of Cultural Commonality the fact that social organizations are not fulfilling their functions due to a lack of individual involvement indicates that the underlying contradiction is a lack of communications of community needs. This contradiction is illustrated by lack of specific activities for youth to do, drugs and alcohol problems, vandalism, transient aspects of the community.

GUILD: A-D

Lack of Participation

In the arena of Cultural Commonality the fact that lack of participation indicates that the underlying contradiction is apathy. This contradiction is illustrated by the lack of attendance at community meetings.

GUILD: B-C

THE

INTERLUDE

ENTERTAINMENT - MORTON TOWN MEETING '76

M.H.S. Girls Ensemble

Mrs. Barbara Mote, Director

Singers:

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Becky Gamble
Ossami Lake Land Road
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337 Hazelwood
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Krista Bollegar
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Morton, IL 61550

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Morton, IL 61550

Morton Woman's Club Chorus

Jane Bailey
Phyllis Haines
Janet Plohr
Mary Lee Rider
Helen Regnier
Carol Leach
Phyllis Schwarzentraub
Jackie Kinsinger
Gladys Davis

Morton Christian Church - Living Word

Wendell Good
Clay Mullins
Bob Sutman
Dianne Sutman

**THE
PRACTICAL
PROPOSALS**

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Citizen Participation

We the citizens of Morton in order to generate citizen participation in community affairs propose a community planning council consisting of representatives from all civic organizations and governmental bodies through the leadership of governmental officials and civic minded citizens.

GUILD: B-C

Citizen Involvement in Future Growth

We the citizens of Morton in order to coordinate planning for orderly growth propose forming a group to be responsive to various types of growth through presenting concept to Village Board for acceptance, identifying the various sub-group areas and responsibilities, staffing the sub-groups, assign the tasks to the sub-groups to be responsible to the Planning Commission.

GUILD: B-C

Encourage Participation

We the citizens of Morton in order to communicate, educate and work together propose to publicize brief information on issues to be discussed at public meetings with time, date and location through the local newspaper, public newsletters and posting announcements.

GUILD: B-C

STEERING COMMITTEE

George Burrier, Jr.
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Mary Grear
Thomas A. Myers
Kay Frevert
Carolyn Damery
J. Kay White
Janice May
Kip May
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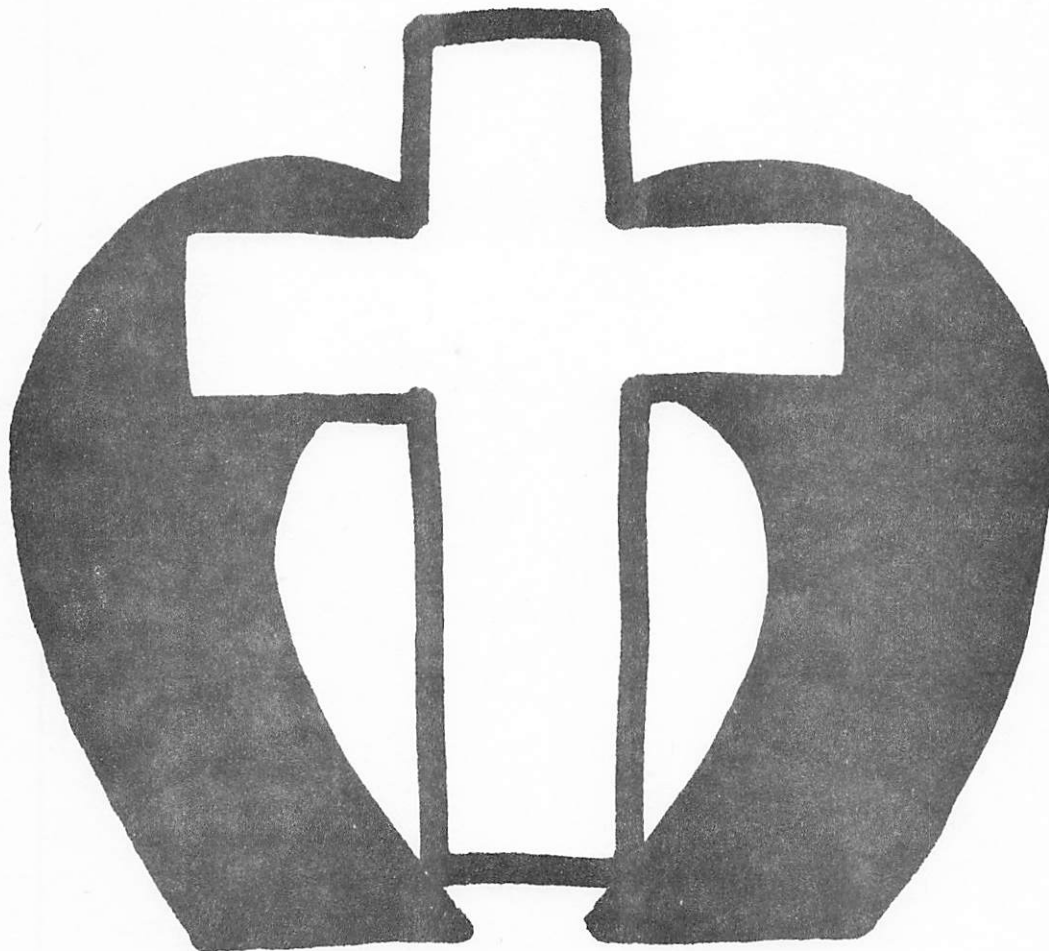
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Morton received the village charter from Springfield November 15, 1877. Clarence Campbell was listed on the charter as Mayor and Lorenzo Durham was listed as Village Clerk. Because of personal differences between Campbell and Durham, Dr. William Conibear was made acting Mayor about September 15, 1877. Morton began using the Village Seal on January 4, 1878 on the first ordinance book. The population of Morton then was 400 people.

Prepared April 1, 1976

**THE
PRESENT
CHALLENGES**

ENTERTAINMENT - MORTON TOWN MEETING '76

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**THE
PRACTICAL
PROPOSALS**

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MORTON TOWN MEETING 76

MAY 1, 1976

Citizen Participation

We the citizens of Morton in order to generate citizen participation in community affairs propose a community planning council consisting of representatives from all civic organizations and governmental bodies through the leadership of governmental officials and civic minded citizens.

GUILD: B-C

Citizen Involvement in Future Growth

We the citizens of Morton in order to coordinate planning for orderly growth propose forming a group to be responsive to various types of growth through presenting concept to Village Board for acceptance, identifying the various sub-group areas and responsibilities, staffing the sub-groups, assign the tasks to the sub-groups to be responsible to the Planning Commission.

GUILD: B-C

Encourage Participation

We the citizens of Morton in order to communicate, educate and work together propose to publicize brief information on issues to be discussed at public meetings with time, date and location through the local newspaper, public newsletters and posting announcements.

GUILD: B-C

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Mary Grear
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Carolyn Damery
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