

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT  
AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE  
RICHARD T. FLICKINGER MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MAY 9, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

I. Village President Dan DiMaria convened the Regular Meeting of the Village Board at 7:00 p.m.  
& II. in the Council Chambers of Village Hall.

III. Village Clerk Eileen Harford called the roll. Present were Trustees Bill Grear, Saba Khan, Rita Minx, John Thill, Connie Travis, and Janine Witko.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Minx moved to accept the Minutes of the April 25, 2022 Village Board meeting as presented, seconded by Trustee Witko. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.**

V. **SPECIAL REPORTS**

1. **Swearing-In of Police Officer David Nickelson**

- a. Mayor DiMaria introduced Fire and Police Commission Chairman Mike Simkins to perform the swearing-in. Mr. Simkins came to the podium and invited Mayor DiMaria, Police Chief Mike Simo, and Trustee-liaison Connie Travis to join him. He then asked David Nickelson and his guests to come up for his swearing-in ceremony.
- b. Officer Nickelson was accompanied by his brother, who is currently a police officer in Wood Dale. Mr. Simkins then provided some background information about this new officer.
- c. Officer Nickelson began his employment with the Village of Morton Grove on December 20, 2021 and began his training at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on January 3, 2022. He graduated from the Academy on April 8, 2022. Officer Nickelson grew up in Elk Grove Village. After high school, he attended Illinois State University and obtained his bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management. David then spent five years working for a logistics company, driving a truck over the road and working in the office. He then started his own company, continuing to drive a truck over while operating his company. He did this for two years and then made a decision to pursue a career in law enforcement, following in the footsteps of his brother and his uncle, who retired as a sergeant from the Roselle Police Department.
- d. In his spare time, David enjoys working on cars, bowling, and going to the gym.

V.

**SPECIAL REPORTS** (continued)

- e. Mr. Simkins swore in Officer Nickelson. David's brother pinned on his badge as the Board and the assemblage congratulated David.
2. Swearing-In of Police Officer Colin Jaramillo
    - a. Next, Mr. Simkins asked Colin Jaramillo to come to the podium with his guests. Colin was accompanied by his parents and his fiancé. Colin is the second officer being sworn in this evening. Mr. Simkins provided some background information on Officer Jaramillo.
    - b. Like Officer Nickelson, Officer Jaramillo started with Morton Grove in December of 2021, began his training at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on January 3, 2022, and graduated from the Academy on April 8, 2022. Colin was born in Chicago and moved to Morton Grove in 2014. He attended Niles West High School, and after high school, he went to Valparaiso University where he received a bachelor's degree in Business Marketing in December 2019. In December of 2020, Colin enlisted in the Army Reserves and is currently assigned to the Military Police Corps.
    - c. In his spare time, Colin likes basketball, football, and spending time with his family.
    - d. Mr. Simkins performed the swearing-in of Officer Jaramillo, whose father proudly pinned on his badge. The Board and assemblage warmly congratulated the new Officer Jaramillo.
  3. Saved By The Belt Award Presentation
    - a. Chief Simo said it was an honor to present Mr. Nadeem Bhimani with a "Saved by the Belt" Award, which is a combined award from the Morton Grove Police Department and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The purpose of the award is to recognize people who survive bad car accidents because they were wearing their seat belt. Chief Simo explained that, on March 3, 2022, around 5:30 p.m. in the area of Oriole and Greenwood Avenues, Mr. Bhimani was involved in a very serious car accident. Chief Simo said he believe Mr. Bhimani would have suffered major injuries or would have been a fatality if not for the fact that he was wearing his seat belt. The Chief told Mr. Bhimani that he is a "living testament to the fact that wearing seat belts saves lives." He then presented Mr. Bhimani with a certificate from IDOT as well as a commemorative medallion
    - b. Chief Simo commented that, in Morton Grove, he estimates that 94%–96% of drivers wear their seat belts regularly, saying that seat belt programs "have come a long way." Mayor DiMaria agreed and said this is a good reminder, even for adults.

VI.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NONE

VII.

**PLAN COMMISSION REPORTS**

Mayor DiMaria called upon Plan Commission Chairman Steve Blonz to talk about the Plan Commission Cases on tonight's Agenda.

1. Plan Commission Case PC 22-03: Request for Approval of a Plat of Vacation for a Portion of Public Alley located directly north of Hennings Court between Narragansett Avenue and Ferris Avenue, in Morton Grove, IL, and measuring approximately 1,121 square feet, in accordance with Section 12-9-5 of the Morton Grove Municipal Code. Applicant is P&P Properties, LLC.
  - a. Mr. Blonz said that the purpose of this request was to get a vacation approved for a 1,121 square foot portion of public alley right-of-way to facilitate private redevelopment of property at 8721 Narragansett Avenue and 8720-26 Ferris Avenue. The Applicant has submitted this request concurrent with a request for approval of a Preliminary Plat of Subdivision and Special Use Permit for a ten-unit townhome development with accessory parking, landscape, and trash collection areas. Chairman Blonz said the Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Plat of Vacation.
  
2. Plan Commission Case PC 22-04: Request for Approval of a Preliminary Plat of Subdivision with associated waivers, in accordance with Chapter 12-8 of the Morton Grove Municipal Code; and a Special Use Permit for Ten (10) Attached Dwellings in a C-1 General Commercial District (12-4-3:D) and more than one Principal Detached Building (12-2-2:A) with variations for Minimum Lot Areas (12-5-4:C), Impervious Lot Coverage (12-5-4:1.2); Rear-Yard Impervious Coverage (12-2-5:B.3), Walkway Width (12-2-6:G), and Location of Surface Parking Lots (12-5-4:G.4) for the Property Commonly Known as 8721 Narragansett Avenue, 8720-8726 Ferris Avenue, and a Portion of Public Alley Located Directly North of Hennings Court, between Narragansett Avenue and Ferris Avenue, and measuring approximately 1,121, square feet, petitioned for vacation in accordance with Section 12-9-5 of the Morton Grove Municipal Code. The Applicant is P&P Properties, LLC.
  - a. Chairman Blonz said the purpose of this case was to approve a Preliminary Plat of Subdivision and Special Use Permits for the subdivision of property at 8721 Narragansett Avenue, 8720-8726 Ferris Avenue, and a 1,121 square foot portion of public alley right-of-way petitioned for vacation for the construction of a ten-unit downhome development. Mr. Blonz that the Plan Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of this Preliminary Plat of Subdivision.

V. **PLAN COMMISSION REPORTS** (continued)

3. Plan Commission Case PC 22-05: Request for Approval of a Special Use Permit for Two (2) Attached Dwellings (Duplex) in a C-1 General Commercial District (12-4-3:D) with a variation for Rear Yard Impervious Coverage (12-2-5:B.3) for the Property Commonly Known as 8733-8735 Narragansett Avenue in Morton Grove, IL. The Applicant is P&P Properties, LLC.
  - a. Mr. Blonz explained that this request was seeking approval of a Special Use Permit for the construction of a two-unit attached single-family (duplex) development at 8733-35 Narragansett Avenue. The developer is asking for one waiver for rear yard impermeable coverage. The Plan Commission unanimously approved a recommendation to the Board to grant the Special Use Permit, including the waiver being sought.
  - b. Chairman Blonz thanked the Board for attending the Plan Commission meeting at which all of these cases were heard. He asked if anyone had any questions. No one did.

VIII. **RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)**

NONE

IX. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. Mayor DiMaria said the news from the Ukraine continues to be distressing, and said "I can't even imagine what it must be like to live there." He added, "Our hearts are with the Ukrainian people."
2. Mayor DiMaria thanked everyone who participated in the Village's sustainability activities during Earth Month. We will be recognizing our 2022 Greener Morton Grove recipients at an upcoming Village Board meeting, and should have results from the Mayor's Water Conservation Challenge by the end of May.
  - a. The mayor said other additional dates and events to remember include:
    - Saturday, May 14, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Public Works, 7840 Nagle Avenue: Electronic Recycling and Document Destruction event
    - Saturday, May 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Civic Center, 6140 Dempster: Opening of the Morton Grove French Market (May 14 to October 15)
    - Thursday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.: Neighborhood Outreach meeting at Melzer School 9400 Oriole Avenue. This is a great opportunity to meet the Board and members of the Village staff, and have a chance to share your ideas or concerns one-on-one.

IX. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (continued)

3. Mayor DiMaria noted that, in 2015, the Village adopted its first Strategic Plan, a multi-year planning tool which provides guidance and operational direction to the Village's staff and Boards. He said it was hugely successful, based on results that people can actually see. This year, the Village will be updating this important document.
- a. Mayor DiMaria said he would begin appointing residents in June to an ad hoc committee—the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee—to assist the Village with this project. The mayor said his goal is to appoint at least seven Village residents representing a diverse spectrum of age, ethnic, socio-economic, and geographic backgrounds and perspectives. The Committee will meet as needed and will perform tasks as assigned by the Village Administrator. If you're interested, please submit your application through the "Committees and Commissions" page on the Village website: [www.mortongroveil.org](http://www.mortongroveil.org). There will also be a link to the application in the e-newsletter.

X. **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Clerk Harford said the Village is excited to announce that it has been selected as an early voting location for the 2022 Gubernatorial Primary election.
  - a. Early voting will run 7 days a week, from Monday, June 13 through Monday, June 27 at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center at 6140 Dempster Street. Voting will take place on the second floor.
  - b. The hours for the first week of early voting (June 13–June 18) are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and Sunday, June 19, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For the second/final week of voting (June 20–June 27), the hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 26. On Monday, June 27, the final day of early voting, the hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

XI. **STAFF REPORTS**A. **Village Administrator:**

Mr. Czerwinski had no formal report this evening, but made some comments regarding Earth Month. He said several nominations for the Greener Morton Grove award had been received and they're being reviewed. Awards will be given at a future Board Meeting. For the Mayor's Water Conservation Challenge, we should hear more about the successful municipalities after May 22, 2022.

B. **Corporation Counsel:**

Corporation Counsel Liston had no formal report this evening.

XII.

**TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

A. Trustee Grear:

1. Trustee Grear presented **Resolution 22-26, Authorizing the Annual Memorial Day Parade Closure of Dempster Street.**
  - a. He explained that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requires the Village to adopt a resolution approving the closing of Dempster Street for the annual Memorial Day Parade. This resolution also authorizes the Village Engineer to file an application through IDOT for the actual closing of Dempster Street (Route 58) from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2022 for the parade, which is scheduled to be held at 1:30 p.m. on that date.
  - b. Trustee Grear said the Memorial Day Parade is a Morton Grove tradition, and each year, a resolution is developed authorizing the parade and assuming full responsibility for the direction, protection, and regulation of traffic during the time the detour is in effect, and all liabilities for damages of any kind occasioned by the closing of said state route.

Trustee Grear moved to approve Resolution 22-26, seconded by Trustee Minx.

**Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.**

Tr. Grear	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Khan	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Witko	<u>aye</u>

B. Trustee Khan:

Trustee Khan had three ordinances to present this evening. As each of these ordinances is a first reading, no action will be taken this evening.

1. **Ordinance 22-06, Approving a Plat of Vacation of a Portion of the Alley Right of Way Located Directly North of Hennings Court, between Narragansett and Ferris Avenues, and Measuring Approximately 1,121 square feet, in Morton Grove, IL.**
  - a. She said that this Ordinance is pursuant to Plan Commission Case PC 22-03, which was reported out earlier this evening by Plan Commission Chairman Steve Blonz.
2. **Ordinance 22-07, Approving a Preliminary Plat of Subdivision and Special Use Permits with Associated Waivers for a Ten-Unit Townhome Development on Property Commonly Known as 8721 Narragansett Avenue, 8720–8726 Ferris Avenue, and a 1,121 square foot portion of a Public Alley Right of Way Petitioned For Vacation in Morton Grove, IL.**
  - a. Trustee Khan said this Ordinance is pursuant to Plan Commission Case PC 22-04, presented earlier this evening by Plan Commission Chairman Steve Blonz.

XII. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)B. Trustee Khan: (continued)3. **Ordinance 22-08, Approving a Special Use Permit for a Duplex Development on Property Commonly Known as 8733–8735 Narragansett Avenue in Morton Grove, IL.**

Trustee Khan explained that this Ordinance is pursuant to Plan Commission Case PC 22-05, read out earlier by Plan Commission Chairman Steve Blonz.

Trustee Thill asked what the timing is for breaking ground. The developer said they're currently working on civil engineering and permits. He said, ideally, they would break ground by late summer/early fall. His goal is to have all the exterior work completed before winter.

C. Trustee Minx:

Trustee Minx had no formal report this evening.

D. Trustee Thill:

Trustee Thill had no formal report this evening.

E. Trustee Travis:

1. Trustee Travis announced that the 2022 Summer Adopt-A-Planter program is beginning. Pick-up dates for the planter materials is Saturday, June 11. Adopting a planter is a good way to show pride in our Village and keep it looking beautiful. You can sign up on the Village's website.
2. Trustee Travis also asked everyone to "save the date" for the Community Garage Sale, which will be held Friday, June 24 through Sunday, June 26. Register for free by June 9. Registration form is on the Village's website.

XII. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

F. Trustee Witko:

1. Trustee Witko presented **Ordinance 22-04, Amending Title 5, Chapter 13, Section F-1 Entitled "No Parking Streets" and Title 5, Chapter 13, Section F-4 Entitled "Restricted Parking Streets" of the Municipal Code of the Village of Morton Grove.**

This is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- a. She explained that the Village had received a complaint from a Greenwood Avenue resident about employees from nearby commercial properties parking on Greenwood Avenue. Around the same time, the Village was processing an application for a new restaurant at 8840 Waukegan Road. The Police Chief, by authority of Section 5-1-4 of the Municipal Code, and following discussions with senior Village staff, established a temporary traffic regulation to preserve the residential parking, to discourage commercial parking in residential areas, and ensure safe passage through Greenwood Avenue west of Waukegan Road.
- b. The temporary traffic restriction on Greenwood Avenue prohibited parking on the south side of the street from Waukegan Road to the first alley west of Waukegan, and limited parking to 90 minutes on the north side of the street from Waukegan Road to the first alley west of Waukegan Road. It also limited parking to 90 minutes except for Village residents only on both sides of the street from Sayre Avenue to the first alley west of Waukegan Road. The temporary regulation on Sayre Avenue limited parking to 90 minutes except for Village residents on both sides of the street from 250 feet south of Greenwood Avenue and northward to the dead end of Sayre Avenue. Affected residents were notified and asked for feedback on the experimental regulations. No feedback was received during the time the temporary regulations were in effect. The Traffic Safety Commission reviewed the temporary regulations at their April meeting and recommended making these regulations permanent, and Village staff also supports making the regulations permanent.

Trustee Witko moved to adopt Ordinance 22-04, seconded by Trustee Gear.

**Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.**

Tr. Gear	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Khan	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Witko	<u>aye</u>

- c. Trustee Thill asked, regarding enforcement, how the police department will be able to tell residents' vehicles from non-residents' vehicles. Chief Simo said they will look for Village stickers.
2. Trustee Witko then presented **Ordinance 22-05, Amending Title 5, Chapter 13, Section F-1 Entitled "No Parking Streets" and Title 5, Chapter 13, Section F-4 Entitled "Restricted Parking Streets" of the Municipal Code of the Village of Morton Grove.**



XII. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

F. Trustee Witko: (continued)

Trustee Witko said this is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- b. She explained that Ordinance 19-28, approved in December of 2019, amended the Municipal Code to increase the amount of on-street parking at the request of residents of the multi-family building at 5935 Lincoln Avenue.
- c. She said these residents have requested to further increase the amount of on-street parking in front of their property. The Police Chief, by authority of Section 5-1-4 of the Municipal Code, and following discussions with senior Village staff, established a temporary traffic regulation to increase the segment of on-street parking on the south side of Lincoln Avenue by 80 feet and to restrict on-street parking to Village residents only on the west side of Mason Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and the first alley south of Lincoln Avenue for 180 days. Affected residents were notified and asked for feedback on the experimental regulations. No feedback was received during the time the temporary regulations were in effect.

Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Travis, to adopt Ordinance 22-05.

**Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.**

Tr. Grear	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Khan	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Witko	<u>aye</u>

3. Trustee Witko presented **Resolution 22-24, Authorizing the Execution of a Contract With Lakeshore Recycling Systems Clean Sweep for the 2022 Street Sweeping Program.**

- a. She explained that Public Works provides sweeping of streets throughout the Village using in-house and hire contractors. The Village of Glenview led an initiative in 2020 with the framework of the regional cooperative purchasing called "Municipal Partnership Initiative" (MPI) to procure street sweeping services for three communities. The Village of Glenview issued a request for bids for "Street Sweeping Services" for the Municipalities of Glenview, Kenilworth, and North Chicago. The low bidder was Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) Clean Sweep of Morton Grove, IL. The bidding documents issued by MPI included provisions reserving the right of communities to renew the contract for two (2) one-year terms and to allow new communities to be added to the contract in the renewal years. Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) Clean Sweep performed work satisfactorily for the Village during the 2021 Street Sweeping Program. This Resolution authorizes a contract with LRS Clean Sweep for the 2022 Street Sweeping Program. The cost of street sweeping is \$135 per hour for sweeper and operator to sweep four (4) days a week from May 16, 2022 to June 9, 2022 (spring sweeping) and October 3, 2022 to December 9, 2022 (fall sweeping). This contract is not to exceed \$50,000. Since this is a unit price contract, the final contract amount will be based on the actual quantity of work performed.

Trustee Witko moved to approve Resolution 22-24, seconded by Trustee Travis.

XII. **TRUSTEES' REPORTS** (continued)

F. Trustee Witko: (continued)

- b. Trustee Grear asked Public Works Director Joe Dahm how many street sweepers the Village currently owns. He responded the Village owns two, but one of them is on its way out.

Mayor DiMaria called for the vote on Resolution 22-24.

**Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.**

Tr. Grear	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Khan	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Witko	<u>aye</u>

Lastly, Trustee Witko presented **Resolution 22-25, Authorizing a Contract With Murphy Construction Services, LLC for the 2022 Concrete Sawcutting Program.**

- 4. She explained that, as part of the Village’s annual Concrete Sawcutting Program, the Village hires a contractor to sawcut uneven sidewalk joints in the Village rights-of-way to eliminate trip hazards, improve public safety, and reduce liability. The contract for the 2022 Concrete Sawcutting Program was bid through a public process in accordance with the Village Code.
  - a. Murphy Construction Services, LLC is the low bidder, with a bid amount of \$60,600. Murphy Construction Services, LLC recently acquired Safety Services & Assessments, LLC, which was the company that was awarded the contract for this work in 2021. Safety Services & Assessments, LLC
  - b. satisfactorily performed the work for the 2021 contract and Murphy Construction Services, LLC has indicated its intent to keep the same management team for this contract.

Trustee Witko said the Village budgeted \$90,000 for this work. Murphy Construction Service LLC’s bid is based upon unit pricing and the final price of the contract will be based upon the number of units the Village determines to be in its best interests up to \$90,000. This contract must conform to the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act.

- c. Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Minx, to approve Resolution 22-25.

**Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.**

Tr. Grear	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Khan	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Witko	<u>aye</u>

Trustee Thill asked Director of Public Works Joe Dahm if this contractor will also be laying concrete. Mr. Dahm said, no, that’s a different contract and a different contractor.

XIII.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

XIV.

**WARRANTS**

Trustee Grear presented the Warrant Register for May 9, 2022 in the amount of \$469,176.13. He moved to approve this evening's Warrant Register as presented, seconded by Trustee Minx.

**Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.**

Tr. Grear      aye  
Tr. Thill      aye

Tr. Khan      aye  
Tr. Travis    aye

Tr. Minx      aye  
Tr. Witko     aye

XV.

**RESIDENTS' COMMENTS**

**Ruldolf Vilk, 7508 Emerson**, appeared before the Board to ask that each Board member respond in writing to his questions. He claimed the Village has been "robbing" him on his water bill, and that Corporation Counsel Liston "pressured him" to pay for a Village sticker for a vehicle he does not use. Mr. Vilk said the contract with the City of Chicago the Village had for water in the past saw the prices increase from \$6 per 1,000 gallons to \$10 per 1,000 gallons, adding he hoped that the new contract with Evanston wouldn't see price increases like that. Mr. Vilk said that Village Administrator Czerwinski had said the new contract with Evanston would save Morton Grove residents \$1M dollars, but when asked if any of that was actually going to the residents, he was told that it was being used to repair water mains and sewer infrastructure. Mr. Vilk's speaking time ran out and the Board moved to adjourn the meeting (see below).

XVI.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Trustee Minx moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Thill. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

PASSED this 23rd day of May, 2022.

Trustee Gear	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Khan	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Minx	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Thill	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Travis	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Witko	<u>Aye</u>

APPROVED by me this 23rd day of May, 2022.



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Daniel P. DiMaria, Village President  
Board of Trustees, Morton Grove, Illinois

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 24th day of May, 2022.



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Eileen Scanlon Harford, Village Clerk  
Village of Morton Grove, Cook County, Illinois

Minutes by Teresa Cousar