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MORTON GROVE APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Morton Grove Mayor Dan DiMaria is pleased to announce that at the May 9, 2023 Village Board meeting, the Village Board confirmed his appointment of Mr. Michael Lukich as the next Director of Public Works. Mr. Lukich's experience as a Civil Engineer and organizational leader was apparent as the Village completed its recent 5-month recruitment and selection process. Mr. Lukich brings over 20 years of professional engineering experience during which he specialized in the design and oversight of municipal and civil engineering projects, project budget management and public works facility oversight. He recently served as a Principal Engineer for the Lake County (IL) Division of Transportation. Lukich holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology and a Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois-Chicago. In addition to his academic credentials, Mr. Lukich also served as an officer in the United States Navy. As a naval officer for 18 years, raising to the rank of Commander, Mike was deployed all over the world designing and overseeing base public works maintenance and construction operations.

Mayor DiMaria chose Mr. Lukich based on his outstanding qualifications, his leadership-based team approach to enhancement of public works projects and his commitment to maintain the department's excellent reputation. "Mike has an exceptional reputation of leading by example. He sets high expectations for himself and the teams he has led." noted DiMaria. "I am confident that he will be an excellent mentor and leader for the exceptional individuals within our public works department."

Mr. Lukich was selected from a field of 26 highly qualified candidates who were evaluated by a search group led by the consulting group of Gov HR and a team of Village leadership. Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski stated that while several of the candidates were impressive, the assessment team recommended Mr. Lukich because of his outstanding diverse and worldwide experience in designing and managing public works projects and his collaborative outcome-based management style.

After his confirmation at the May 9 meeting, Lukich thanked the elected officials and Village staff involved in the recruitment process for entrusting him with the responsibility to lead the Morton Grove Public Works Department with its excellent reputation for service and the chance to be a member of the Village's management team. Mr. Lukich will begin his employment with the Village on May 30.

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