

**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
APRIL 25, 2023**

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 Saba Khan, Rita Minx, Ashur Shiba, John Thill, Connie Travis, and Janine Witko.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Minx moved to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Village Board Meeting as presented. Trustee Khan seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.**

V. **SPECIAL REPORTS**

- 1. On tonight's agenda is the presentation of the Outstanding Neighbor Award; however, the recipients are ill and unable to be here tonight to receive the award, so Mayor DiMaria said this presentation will occur at the next Board Meeting, which is May 9.
- 2. Next, Mayor DiMaria introduced Michael Simkins, Chairman of the Police and Fire Commission, present this evening to swear Morton Grove's two newest firefighters.
 - a. Mr. Simkins approached the podium and invited the mayor, Fire Chief Ensign, and Trustee liaison Minx to join him.
 - b. First up is **Solomon "Solly" Algozino**. Mr. Simkins provided some brief background information on him. Solomon began his employment with the MG Fire Department on February 6, 2023. He just completed nine weeks at the Romeoville Fire Academy and he's currently working day shifts as an orientation for two weeks before being assigned to a shift. Solly grew up in Oak Park, attended college at Western Illinois University, and received a bachelor's degree in fire science. After college, he moved out west to Colorado and fought forest fires for three years. He then returned home to Chicago and is excited to become a full-time member of the Morton Grove Fire Department. Solly is present tonight with his parents and a girlfriend. Mr. Simkins performed the oath of office and his dad pinned on his badge. The Board and assemblage enthusiastically welcomed the Village's new Firefighter.

V. **SPECIAL REPORTS** (continued)

- c. Next, Mr. Simkins welcomed **John “Jack” Loper** and gave the assemblage some background on him. Jack began his employment with the MG Fire Department on February 6, 2023. He has recently completed nine weeks at the Romeoville Fire Academy and will begin working on black shift next week.
- d. Jack was born and raised on the northwest side of Chicago. He attended Loyola Academy high school and later attended the University of Illinois and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in English. While at Illinois, he was a member of the Fighting Illini Boxing Team, where he was the men’s 174 pound national champion. Shortly after graduating, he completed EMT school and worked for Superior Ambulance for two years.
- e. Jack currently lives in Forest Park with his roommate and black lab. He is very proud and excited to follow in his dad’s and his two uncles’ footsteps. They worked as firefighters for the City of Chicago for 35, 32, and 27 years respectively. Jack is looking forward to beginning his own journey as a firefighter and to serving the community of Morton Grove for many years to come.
- f. Mr. Simkins performed the oath of office and Jack’s dad pinned on his son’s badge. Jack received a hearty welcome from the Board and the assemblage.

VI. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NONE

VII. **PLAN COMMISSION REPORTS**

NONE

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

NONE

IX. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

1. Mayor DiMaria sought concurrence from the Board for his appointments of the following residents to the Village’s Economic Development Commission:
 - a.
 - Marc Fernandez, 3-year term
 - Lee Hadegree, 3-year term
 - Lindsey Karp, 3-year term
 - Tariq Laliwala, 3-year term
 - Tony Lundin, 3-year term
 - Polson Matthew, 3-year term
 - Devesh Pandit, 3-year term
 - Wayne Youkhana, 3-year term

IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

- b. Trustee Minx moved to concur with the Mayor's appoints to the Economic Development Commission, seconded by Trustee Witko. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.**
2. Mayor DiMaria also asked for the Board's concurrence of his appoint of Tony Lundin to be the Chair of the Economic Development Commission. Trustee Minx so moved, seconded by Trustee Travis. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.**
3. Mayor DiMaria stated that April is "Earth Month" and hoped that everyone had a chance to review the Village's Earth Month Edition Newsletter. It contains a variety of sustainable programs and information. He hoped that residents had reviewed the newsletter and participated in at least some of these programs as they matched to their needs and lifestyle. Mayor DiMaria invited all residents to help protect and preserve the planet by participating in the following Village of Morton Grove Earth Month programs:
 - **Mayor's Water Conservation Challenge:** Only six more days to take the mayor's water conservation challenge! Mayor DiMaria said that last year, we were fourth in the nation for our population category. He'd really like to see Morton Grove be ranked #1!
 - **2023 Crayon & Marker Recycling Program:** Collection points will be at Village Hall and the Library from April 1 to June 30, 2023.
 - **First "Community Clean Up Event":** May 20, 2023, from 9:00am to noon. Meeting point is the Civic Center to check-in, pick-up supplies, and a map of pre-selected clean-up site.

X. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Harford had no formal report this evening.

XI. STAFF REPORTSA. Village Administrator:

Village Administrator Czerwinski had no formal report this evening.

B. Corporation Counsel:

Corporation Counsel Liston had no formal report this evening.

XII.

TRUSTEES' REPORTSA. **Trustee Khan:**

Trustee Khan had no formal report this evening.

B. **Trustee Minx:**

Trustee Minx had no formal report this evening.

C. **Trustee Shiba:**

Trustee Shiba encouraged residents to participate in other upcoming Village activities:

- **Arbor Day Celebration:** April 28 t 11:00am at Park View School, 6200 Lake Street
- **Electronic Recycling & Document Destruction Event:** Saturday, May 13, from 9:00am to noon at Public Works, 7840 Nagle.
- **Morton Grove 2023 Tree Walk:** Saturday, June 10 at 10:00am, starting at Village Hall
- **Community Garage Sale:** Friday, June 9 through Sunday, June 11. Check Village website for details and to register as the date gets closer.

D. **Trustee Thill:**

1. Trustee Thill presented **Resolution 23-22, Authorizing a Contract With Empire Today, LLC for the 6250 Lincoln Avenue Flooring Project.**
 - a. He explained that the existing carpeting on the administrative side of Fire Station #4 was installed in 1996 and has reached the end of its useful life. The project was bid out and two sealed bids were received, with Empire Today, LLC of Northwest Avenue in Northlake, Illinois being the low bidder in the amount of \$39,141.13. This contract must conform to the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act.

Trustee Thill moved to approve Resolution 23-22, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Travis aye

Tr. Shiba aye
Tr. Witko aye

XII. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)E. Trustee Travis:

1. Trustee Travis noted that the very successful Winter Adopt-a-Planter Program had concluded, and that homes had been found for all of the trees.
- a. Trustee Travis asked the assemblage to watch for details regarding these upcoming community events:
 - Next "**Neighborhood Outreach**" event will be held on Thursday, May 18, at Edison School.
 - Registration for the **Summer Adopt-a-Planter Program** is now available on the Village's website. Plant pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, at Village Hall.
 - The **Community Garage Sale** will be held on June 9, 10, and 11. Registration information is on the Village's website.

F. Trustee Witko:

1. Trustee Witko presented **Ordinance 23-04, Approving a Text Amendment to Establish Regulations Relating to Tattoo, Body Art, and Permanent Cosmetics Services Establishments in Morton Grove, Illinois.**

This is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- a. Trustee Witko explained that this Ordinance is pursuant to Plan Commission Case PC 23-03 which was reported out at the April 11, 2023 Board Meeting. This is based on a request by Ironwood Tattoo LLC for a text amendment authorizing the use of tattoo and body art establishments as a Special Use in the Commercial zoning district. The text amendment defines tattoo and body art establishments in "permanent cosmetics services" and classifies them as a Special Use in all Commercial Zoning Districts. Permanent cosmetic services, such as micro-blading, may be administratively approved as a permitted use if the activities occupy no more than 20% of the customer care area.

Trustee Witko moved to adopt Ordinance 23-04, seconded by Trustee Thill.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

2. Next, Trustee Witko presented **Ordinance 23-07, Approving a Special Use Permit for a Tattoo and Body Art Establishment for the Property Commonly Known as 6046 Dempster Street in Morton Grove, Illinois.**

XII. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

F. Trustee Witko: (continued)

- a. Trustee Witko explained that this Ordinance is pursuant to Plan Commission Case PC 23-04, which was reported out at the April 11, 2023 Board Meeting. This is based on a request by Ironwood Tattoo LLC for a Special Use Permit to operate a tattoo and body art establishment at 6046 Dempster. The property is currently improved by a two-story mixed-use building.
- b. Trustee Witko noted, as recommended conditions of the Special Use Permit approval, the business would be limited to a maximum of three (3) employees onsite at any time; all services to be provided by appointment only; the rear parking area would be striped; the hours of operation would be limited; and snow removal, trash screening, and parking signage will be addressed. She said that Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit, with conditions noted in the Ordinance.

Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Travis, to adopt Ordinance 23-07.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Travis aye

Tr. Shiba aye
Tr. Witko aye

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

XIV. WARRANTS

Trustee Khan presented the Warrant Register for April 25, 2023 in the amount of \$713,866.47. She moved to approve the Warrant Register as presented, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Travis aye

Tr. Shiba aye
Tr. Witko aye

XV. RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

NONE

XVI.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

PASSED this 9th day of May, 2023.

Trustee Khan
Trustee Minx
Trustee Shiba
Trustee Thill
Trustee Travis
Trustee Witko

Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye

APPROVED by me this 9th day of May, 2023.



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

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 10th day of May, 2023.



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

Minutes by Teresa Cousar

