

**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
JUNE 13, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

- I. In the absence of Village President Dan DiMaria (absent with notice), Village Clerk Eileen Harford
& II. called the Regular Meeting of the Village Board to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Village Hall. She then asked the Board for a motion to approve one of them as President pro-tem for tonight's meeting.

Trustee Travis moved to name Trustee Witko as President pro-tem for this meeting, seconded by Trustee Thill. Clerk Harford called the roll:

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Travis aye

Tr. Shiba aye
Tr. Witko aye

President pro-tem Witko then led the Board and assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

III.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Minx moved to approve the Minutes of the May 23, 2023 Village Board Meeting as presented. Trustee Travis seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.**

IV.

SPECIAL REPORTS

NONE

V.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

VI.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORTS

Plan Commission Case PC 23-10, Request for Approval of a Text Amendment to Sections 12-4-4, 12-5-5, 12-7-3, and 12-17-1 of the Morton Grove Unified Development Code (Title 12) to define "Moving and Storage Facility," Authorize Use in the Manufacturing Districts, and Establish Use Standards and Off-Street Parking Requirements.

- a. Community Development Administrator Zoe Heidorn presented this case. She said it was her pleasure to introduce this Plan Commission Case, which is a request for a text amendment, and which will be presented later tonight as a first reading of Ordinance 23-14 under Trustee Witko's report.
- b. Ms. Heidorn said this request is from MSN Logistics Group to allow the use of moving and storage facilities as a permitted use in the M-2 General Manufacturing District. The Applicant currently operates a moving and storage facility at 8232 Lehigh Avenue, but has been unable to obtain zoning approval.
- c. As part of the application, staff recommended that the use be subject to standards that would restrict the amount of on-site truck parking. Staff also felt the use should be classified as a Special Use in the more restrictive M-1 and M-O/R districts.
- d. Ms. Heidorn said that review by the Appearance Commission and the Traffic Safety Commission was not required for this case, and on May 16, 2023, the Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the application as presented. She said she would be happy to answer any questions, noting that the Applicant and Applicant's counsel were also present to respond.
- e. Trustee Thill commented that he was not comfortable with "as permitted" use. He also said he'd like to see language included detailing of list of items that would not be allowed to be stored, even for one night—for example, chemicals and electronics.
- f. Corporation Counsel Liston advised Trustee Thill that his comments would be more appropriately noted when the Ordinance itself is presented tonight.

VII.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

NONE

VIII.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President pro-tem Witko had no formal report this evening.

IX.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Harford had no formal report this evening.

X. STAFF REPORTS

A. Village Administrator:

Village Administrator Czerwinski had no formal report this evening.

B. Corporation Counsel:

Corporation Counsel Liston had no formal report this evening.

XI. TRUSTEES' REPORTS

A. Trustee Khan:

Trustee Khan had no formal report this evening.

B. Trustee Minx:

Trustee Minx had no formal report this evening, but announced that Morton Grove Days will be held starting Saturday, July 1 and ending on Tuesday, July 4. She said this event is a celebration of country and community spirit. It features live music, a carnival, a parade, fireworks, a beer garden, food, and loads of family entertainment. Visit mortongrovedays.org to see the schedule, learn about volunteer opportunities, and order money-saving Megabands!

Trustee Minx also noted the volunteers for the event are urgently needed, so if anyone has an hour or two, she asked that they please consider volunteering. The Volunteer Coordinator will be flexible and will work with each volunteer's schedule to be as accommodating as possible.

Trustee Minx said she's been involved with Morton Grove Days as a volunteer for over 10 years, and said most volunteers have a wonderful time! She encouraged people to participate in this four-day event, even if they're unable to volunteer.

C. Trustee Shiba:

1. Trustee Shiba presented **Ordinance 23-15, Authorizing the Renewal of a Non-Exclusive Cable Television Franchise Agreement by and between Comcast of Illinois VI, LLC and the Village of Morton Grove.**

- a. This Ordinance will authorize the Village to renew its non-exclusive cable television franchise agreement with Comcast of Illinois VI, LLC.

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

C. **Trustee Shiba:** (continued)

Trustee Shiba said, as this is a first reading of Ordinance 23-15, no action will be taken tonight.

2. Trustee Shiba encouraged residents to participate in these upcoming Village activities:

- **Morton Grove 2023 Tree Walk:** The Tree Walk was held on Saturday, June 10 and was a great success! He thanked Village staff for “making it happen” and thanked the residents who attended.
- **2023 Crayon & Marker Recycling Program:** This program continues with collection points at Village Hall and the Library until June 30, 2023. Remember to dispose of crayons and markers appropriately as the school year ends.

D. **Trustee Thill:**

1. Trustee Thill presented **Resolution 23-26, Authorizing the Closure of Dempster Street for the Annual Fourth of July Parade.**
- a. The July 4 Parade is a Morton Grove tradition. It is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 and will require Dempster Street to be partially or completely closed between Central and Lincoln Avenues from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. The Illinois Department of Transportation requires the Village to adopt a resolution to approve this closing and assume full responsibility for the direction, protection, and regulation of traffic along with all liabilities for damages of any kind occasioned by the closing of this state route.

Trustee Thill moved to approve Resolution 23-26, 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

E. **Trustee Travis:**

1. Trustee Travis announced that “National Night Out” will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm in the parking lot of the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster. She said the MG Police Department will host this free event which enhances the relationship between residents and law enforcement, while fostering a greater sense of community. Family-friendly activities, entertainment, and refreshments will be available.

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

E. Trustee Travis: (continued)

2. Trustee Travis noted that details regarding these upcoming community events are on the Village website:

- **Summer Adopt-a-Planter Program:** Plant pick-up took place last weekend, and the plants look great. She thanked the residents who participated and Village staff for all their assistance.
- The **Community Garage Sale** was held this past weekend and over 100 households participated. She saw many people in her neighborhood out garage sale-shopping, and felt it was a great success!
- The **Summer Photo Contest** has begun and goes until September 4 (Labor Day.) Photographers are encouraged to submit photos of people having summer fun at Village Hall or via the Village website.

F. Trustee Witko:

Trustee Witko presented **Ordinance 23-12, Approving a Preliminary and Final Plat of Subdivision and a Planned Unit Development Special Use Permit for an Eighty-Nine Unit Townhome Development on Property Commonly Known as 8350 Lehigh Avenue in Morton Grove, Illinois.**

1. **Townhome Development on Property Commonly Known as 8350 Lehigh Avenue in Morton Grove, Illinois.**

This is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- a. Trustee Witko noted that the Village had received correspondence from the Applicant, Lexington Homes, LLC, requesting that the seconded reading be postponed to July 25, 2023.

Trustee Witko moved to table Ordinance 23-12, at the Applicant's request, until the Board Meeting of July 25, 2023, 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

2. Trustee Witko next presented **Ordinance 23-14, Approving a Text Amendment to Establish Regulations Relating to Moving and Storage Facilities in Morton Grove, Illinois.**

- a. She explained that this Ordinance is pursuant to Plan Commission Case 23-10, which was reported out earlier this evening by Community Development Administrator Zoe Heidorn. As this is the first reading of this Ordinance, no action will be taken on it at this time.

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

F. Trustee Travis: (continued)

- b. President pro-tem asked Trustee Thill if he wished to comment on this Ordinance.
- c. Trustee Thill said he was not comfortable with the idea that any moving company can come in, whenever they want. He thought that "by right" should be eliminated from the Ordinance. He also felt strongly that there should be a list of things that cannot be stored, such as chemicals and electronics.
- d. Ronald Cope, the attorney for the Applicant, asked if he could respond to Trustee Thill. He said he'd like to call to the Board's attention the fact the M-2 District is the most "intense" industrial area in the Village, where freight transfer stations, freight warehousing, and distribution centers are allowed. He felt that what Trustee Thill was talking about should be more of a general standard that would apply to all uses in the M-2 zoning district, rather than singling out one particular use, especially in regards to things that cannot be stored, such as chemicals. He said there very likely already exists a list of prohibited chemicals in the M-2 District.
- e. Mr. Cope pointed out that basically this is moving and storage for people who are relocating. The movers come, load the homeowner's belongings on the truck, and sometime have to store said items for a brief time until the items can be delivered to the new location. As far as electronics, Mr. Cope said, he felt that meant radios, televisions, computers, etc., and often times those are among the items being moved.
- f. Trustee Thill said his comments weren't intended for this one business, but more for the zoning district in general. He felt it would be better for this verbiage to be included in the Ordinance than not. Mr. Cope suggested that Trustee Thill's suggested language/standards would be better served by being brought before the Plan Commission so that it could become part of the Village's Code.

XII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

XIII. **WARRANTS**

Trustee Khan presented the Warrant Register for June 13, 2023 in the amount of \$906,072.81. 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

XIV.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

Rudy Vilk told the Board he hoped they had each received and read his last letter. He said they must give him answers because this has been going on for seven years. He said that the Village Administrator, Corporation Counsel, and Mayor all ignore him. He said his last letter contains all of his unanswered questions. Mr. Vilk said he has spoken with Trustee Travis, who said she reads and keeps his letters. He has also spoken with Trustee Thill, who reads his letters, but does not keep them. He said Corporation Counsel Liston "must" keep his letters. Mr. Vilk concluded by saying that he hopes the trustees will have prepared answers for him by the next board meeting.

XVI.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

PASSED this 27th day of June, 2023.

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

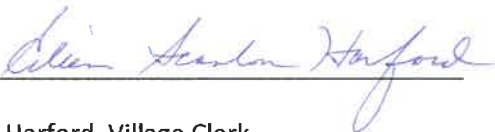
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye

APPROVED by me this 27th day of June, 2023.



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

ATTESTED and FILED in my office this 28th day of June, 2023.



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

Minutes by Teresa Cousar