



**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA  
June 11, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

**RICHARD T. FLICKINGER MUNICIPAL CENTER, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6101 CAPULINA AVENUE, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting – May 28, 2024
- 4. Special Reports** – None
- 5. Public Hearings** – None
- 6. Plan Commission Reports** – None
- 7. Residents’ Comments (agenda items only)**
- 8. President’s Report** – *Administration, Council of Mayors, Northwest Municipal Conference, Strategic Plan Committee*
  - a. Pride Month Proclamation
- 9. Clerk’s Report** – *Family and Senior Services, Advisory Commission on Aging, Chamber of Commerce, Condominium Association*
- 10. Staff Report**
  - a. **Village Administrator**
  - b. **Corporation Counsel**

## 11. Reports by Trustees

- a. **Trustee Khan** – *Finance Department, Appearance Commission, Lehigh/Ferris TIF (Trustee Travis)*
  - 1) **Ordinance 24-10** (*Introduced June 11, 2024*)(*First Reading*): Authorizing the Transfer of Funds From the Lehigh Avenue/Ferris Avenue Tax Increment Financing District to the Lincoln Lehigh Tax Increment Financing District within the Village of Morton Grove, Cook County, Illinois.
- b. **Trustee Minx** – *Fire Department, Fire Pension Board, Fire and Police Commission, Special Events Commission, RED Center, NIPSTA (Trustee Thill)*
- c. **Trustee Shiba** – *Building Department, Environment & Natural Resources Commission, Legal Department, IT Department Sawmill Station TIF (Trustee Witko)*
- d. **Trustee Thill** – *Public Works Department, SWANCC (Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County), MG-Niles Water Commission, Traffic Safety Commission (Trustee Minx)*
- e. **Trustee Travis** – *Police Department, Police Pension Board, Fire & Police Commission, Community Relations Commission, (Trustee Khan)*
- f. **Trustee Witko** – *Community & Economic Development Department, Economic Development Commission, Plan Commission/ Zoning Board Lincoln/Lehigh TIF (Trustee Shiba)*

## 12. Other Business

13. **Presentation of Warrants:** \$597,497.94

## 14. Residents' Comments

## 15. Adjournment

**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 28, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- I. Village President Dan DiMaria convened the Regular Meeting of the Village Board at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Village Hall and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Village Clerk Eileen Harford called the roll. Present were Trustees Rita Minx, Ashur Shiba, John Thill, Connie Travis, and Janine Witko. Trustee Saba Khan was absent with notice.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor DiMaria asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 14, 2024 Village Board Meeting as presented. Trustee Minx so moved, seconded by Trustee Witko. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote with one absent.**

IV. **SPECIAL REPORTS**

1. Swearing-In of New Police Officer Lindsay LaPaglia

Mayor DiMaria asked Fire and Police Commission Chairman Mike Simkins to perform the swearing-in ceremony for three new police officers.

- a. Mr. Simkins introduced Lindsay LaPaglia, who had her mom and aunt with her this evening. He provided some background about Lindsay: She began her employment with the Village on December 4, 2023. She began her training at the Suburban Law Enforcement Police Academy while she was hired by the Woodridge Police Department and graduated on December 16, 2022.
- b. Lindsay was born and raised in Morton Grove. She attended Niles West High School and moved on to Oakton Community College where she studied law enforcement. From as young as 8 years old, she was determined to become a Police Officer. While pursuing her career in law enforcement, she spent her time working in the automotive industry in several roles. In her spare time, Lindsay enjoys being outdoors, traveling, and spending time with family.
- c. Mr. Simkins administered Lindsay's Oath of Office and her mother pinned on her badge as Lindsay was welcomed by the Village Board and assemblage.

IV. **SPECIAL REPORTS** (continued)2. **Swearing-In of New Police Officer Froylan “Chris” Serna**

- a. Next, Chairman Simkins introduced Chris Serna, who had brought with him his dad, a retired member of the Chicago Police Department, and his dad’s wife. Chris’ background: He started his employment with the Village of Morton Grove on December 28, 2023. He was born and raised on the northwest side of Chicago, attending Saint Patrick and Ridgewood High School. After high school, he attended Triton College and studied criminal justice.
- b. Chris decided to pursue a career in law enforcement, following in his dad’s footsteps. In 2020, he was hired by the Illinois Secretary of State Police and attended the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center. He served as an Investigator with the Illinois Secretary of State Police and completed three and a half years of service before lateraling to Morton Grove. In his spare time, Chris enjoys working out, traveling, and being outdoors.
- c. Mr. Simkins administered the Oath of Office to Chris, whose dad proudly pinned on his badge. Chris was welcomed by the Board and assemblage.

3. **Swearing-In of New Police Officer Trung B. Nguyen**

- a. Lastly, Mr. Simkins introduced Trung Nguyen, who was accompanied by his wife. Mr. Simkins provided some background: Trung was born in Vietnam and raised in Chicago. He has served in distinguished roles across multiple law enforcement capacities. His military service includes time with the elite 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, where he was deployed to Mosul, Iraq in 2004 and 2005. During this brief but intense four-month deployment in 2004, he participated in over 120 special operations missions, earning the Combat Infantry Badge for his outstanding service.
- b. Following his service in the Army, he embarked on a 14-year career in law enforcement, which included roles with the Park Ridge Police Department in Illinois, the Los Angeles Police Department, and a significant ten years with the Chicago Police Department. His tenure at the Chicago PD included five years on the full-time SWAT team as a shield operator. His extensive training includes certificates from the FBI SWAT and Sniper Schools, a Team Leader Course, and a Hostage Rescue Course, among others. Outside of his professional life, he enjoys working out and spending time with his family.
- c. Chairman Simkins administered the Oath of Office to Trung, whose wife pinned on his badge. The Board and assemblage welcomed him warmly.

4. Mayor DiMaria commented, “It really takes a special person, especially these days, to become a police officer. This is a new, young, diverse group of officers coming in. At the same time, we have officers that have been with us for quite some time. Residents can rest assured that they are in good hands with the MG Police Department.” He asked for a round of applause for the current members of the MGPD, and thanked them for all they do, day in and day out.

IV. **SPECIAL REPORTS** (continued)

5. Next, Mayor DiMaria welcomed Mark Fernandez, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission, here this evening to present the “Greener Morton Grove” awards. The awards were given out for several categories.
- a.
    - In the category “Public Schools,” the award goes to Park View Elementary School. The school started a “green club” for students in grades 6 through 8. The club added recycling containers and educated student and staff on recycling. They also set up bins to “upcycle” school materials. On Earth Day, they encouraged students to walk or ride bikes, promoted “no waste” lunch, and held a trash challenge.
  - b.
    - In the category “Religious Organizations,” the winner is the Muslim Community Center of Chicago (MCC). The MCC has provided refillable water bottles and water stations, transitioned to eco-friendly serving water, and promoted sustainability through services. They have a Newsletter and regional partnerships participating in the Village’s annual Sustainability Expo. They have reduced waste in their classrooms and have promoted composting and gardening in the community.
  - c.
    - In the “Business” category, the award goes to Catering By Michaels. They are one of only two caterers in the nation to earn a 4-star Green Restaurant Certification from the Green Restaurant Association. Since partnering with Rescuing Leftover Cuisine in 2023, they have diverted 5,095 pounds of food to food shelters and food banks rather than landfills. That’s equivalent to 4,500 meals!
  - d.
    - Finally, in the “Service Provider” category, Waste-Not Compost wins the award. As Morton Grove’s exclusive provider of curbside compost collection, they have increased the number of households participating from 53 to 94 since January 2024. Waste-Not’s commitment to zero emissions and 100% electric van fleet prevent 60,000 gallons of gas from being burned annually.
  - e. Mr. Fernandez said, “This year’s recipients showcased remarkable achievements in waste reduction, recycling, water and energy conservation, public education, and sustainable transportation.” He thanked the award winners for making Morton Grove a greener and more sustainable place to live, work, and play.
  - f. Mayor DiMaria commented, “If that’s not something to be proud about, I don’t know what is!”

V. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NONE

VI. PLAN COMMISSION REPORTS

NONE

VII. RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

NONE

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Mayor DiMaria sought the Board's concurrence of several appointments this evening:
  - **Eric Rubio** to the Police & Fire Commission
  - **Mubashir Khan** to the Economic Development Commission
  - **Ibrahim Khan** to the Environment and Natural Resources Commission

Trustee Minx moved to concur with these appointments, seconded by Trustee Thill.

**Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.**

Tr. Khan	<u>absent</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. Mayor DiMaria extended special thanks to all those who made the Village's second Community Clean-Up event on Saturday, May 18, a success, including the over 50 residents who participated, as well as Village staff, notably Saba Koya, Kevin Lochner and other Public Works staff, Trustees Thill and Travis, and members of the Environment and Natural Resources Commission.
3. Mayor DiMaria said there's still time to get a free Kids Explorer Kit for getting involved in the Village's sustainability efforts. They only need to sign the Kid's Sustainability Pledge found in the Earth Month edition of the Village newsletter, then bring it to Village Hall to receive a free Kids Explorer Kit.
4. Mayor DiMaria reminded everyone that Morton Grove Days will be here before we know it! This event will be held starting Wednesday, July 3 and ending Saturday, July 6. It's a celebration of country and community spirit, featuring live music, a carnival, a parade, fireworks, a beer garden, food, and fun for the whole family. There will be more information on the Village website and in an upcoming Village newsletter. You can find the event schedule and money-saving information regarding carnival Megabands at the event website: [mortongrovedays.org](http://mortongrovedays.org). New this year, on Saturday, July 6, from 10am to 4pm, there will be a Morton Grove Days Market on the grounds.
5. Mayor DiMaria said that the Village is seeking volunteers for the upcoming Morton Grove Days event. Volunteer scheduling is very flexible, and any amount of time you're willing to commit is welcome! If interested, please sign up on the Village website or contact Village Hall.

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

6. Mayor DiMaria noted that, on Tuesday, August 6, from 5:30 to 8:30pm, the Morton Grove Police Department will host "National Night Out." This is a free event to enhance the relationship between residents and law enforcement while fostering a greater sense of community. Family-friendly activities, entertainment, and refreshments will be available. This event takes place in the parking lot of the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster.
7. Mayor DiMaria said that the Village is seeking volunteers beyond the Morton Grove Days event. There are various events throughout the year that require volunteers. Get involved! Sign up on the Village's website or contact Village Hall.

IX. **CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Harford had no formal report this evening.

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

1. Mr. Czerwinski presented **Ordinance 24-07, Amending Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 1 entitled "Definitions," and Title 4, Chapter 6D entitled "Liquor Control," Section 8 entitled "License Classifications and Fees," and Section 14 entitled "Regulations for Licenses Operating Video Gaming Terminals on the Licensed Premise."**

This is a second reading of this Ordinance.

- a. Mr. Czerwinski explained the Village's 2023 Strategic Plan establishes goals of enhancing economic development programs and efforts, and preserving and promoting the character of the Morton Grove community. To help achieve these goals, staff has developed a Legacy Restaurant Assistance Program to support the continued success and longevity of restaurants that have operated under common family ownership in Morton Grove continuously for at least thirty (30) years. These establishments help define Morton Grove's identity and character, are cultural assets, and have contributed significantly to the local food and beverage sales tax base.
- b. This Ordinance amends Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 1, and Title 4, Chapter 6D, Sections 8 and 14, to support the proposed program as follows:
  - Amends Section 4-2-1 to clarify the definition of a "restaurant" as an establishment deriving more than fifty percent (50%) of its gross sales from prepared food.
  - Amends Section 4-6D-9 to allow the issuance of additional Class E-V restaurant and video gaming liquor licenses to Legacy Restaurants pursuant to the Program.

X. **STAFF REPORTS** (continued)

A. Village Administrator:

- Amends Section 4-6D-14 to relocate requirements for video gaming establishments to the Program requirements and determined on a case-by-case basis through economic development agreements between the Village and the licensee.

c. Mr. Czerwinski noted that adoption of the Legacy Restaurant Assistance Program will be considered under Resolution 24-37 on this evening’s Agenda.

Mayor DiMaria asked for a motion regarding Ordinance 24-07. Trustee Minx moved to adopt Ordinance 24-07, seconded by Trustee Shiba.

**Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.**

Tr. Khan	<u>absent</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, Mr. Czerwinski presented **Resolution 24-37, Authorizing a Legacy Restaurant Assistance Program.**

- He explained this proposed Legacy Restaurant Assistance Program will be available to restaurants who have submitted a complete application, meet the definition of a “restaurant” as defined by Section 4-2-1 of the Municipal Code, which, under the just-passed Ordinance 24-07, is clarified as being under individual or common ownership for at least thirty (30) years without any break in operations for more than six (6) months except as required by construction activities or due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and are in compliance with all applicable Village rules and regulations.
- Designated Legacy Restaurants are eligible to receive a one-time grant of \$5,000 for commercial façade improvements or a Class E-V Restaurant and Video Gaming License, provided certain criteria relating to square footage, video gaming terminal area design, and signage are met. This Resolution is being considered in conjunction with Ordinance 24-07, which amends Title 4, Chapters 2 and 6D, to support the proposed Legacy Restaurant Assistance Program.

Trustee Thill moved to approve Resolution 24-37, seconded by Trustee Witko.

**Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.**

Tr. Khan	<u>absent</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>

c. Trustee Thill asked Mr. Czerwinski how many restaurants currently qualify for this Assistance Program. Mr. Czerwinski said he felt there would be four or five that would qualify. The Village does plan to advertise this new program.



X. **STAFF REPORTS** (continued)B. Corporation Counsel:

Corporation Counsel Liston had no formal report this evening.

XI. **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**A. Trustee Khan:

Trustee Khan was absent with notice—no formal report this evening.

B. Trustee Minx:

Trustee Minx had no formal report this evening.

C. Trustee Shiba:

Trustee Shiba wanted to remind residents about two upcoming events to remember:

- **Crayon Recycling Program**—Collection points are at Village Hall and the Library. This program began April 1 and runs through June 30, 2024.
- **Morton Grove 2024 Tree Walk**—This event takes place on Saturday, June 8, at 10:00 a.m. and starts at the Morton Grove Civic Center.

D. Trustee Thill:

1. Trustee Thill presented **Resolution 24-38, Authorizing the Closure of Dempster Street for the Annual Fourth of July Parade.**
  - a. The July 4 Parade is a Morton Grove tradition. The 2024 parade is scheduled to begin at 2:30pm on Thursday, July 4, and will require Dempster Street to be partially or completely closed between Central and Lincoln Avenues from 2:00pm to 4:30pm. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) 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, seconded by Trustee Travis, to approve Resolution 24-38.

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

D. Trustee Thill: (continued)

**Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.**

Tr. Khan	<u>absent</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 Thill presented **Resolution 24-39, Authorizing the Purchase of a New 2024 Ford F450 XL 4x4 Pickup From Sutton Ford Inc. of Matteson, Illinois.**

- a. The Public Works Department Vehicle Maintenance Division routinely reviews vehicles and equipment for fuel economy, safety, dependability, age, and excessive repair cost, and has recommended that its fleet be upgraded by the purchase of a 2024 Ford F450 XL 4x4 utility pickup truck. The Village, along with 142 other municipalities, participates in the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) Suburban Purchasing Cooperative to take advantage of volume purchasing discounts for vehicles. The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative conducted a bidding process for 2024 Ford F450 XL pickup trucks and awarded contract #226 to Sutton Ford Inc. in Matteson, IL. Sutton Ford has provided a quote to the Village for this vehicle in the amount of \$86,100. This Resolution will authorize a Purchase Order for this expenditure.

Trustee Thill moved to approve Resolution 24-39, seconded by Trustee Travis.

**Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.**

Tr. Khan	<u>absent</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>

- 3. Trustee Thill thanked the Morton Grove Police Department for participating in “Cop on a Roof” this year to raise money for the Special Olympics. He said maybe a bigger advertising push might be needed next year.
- 4. Trustee Thill also recounted that a woman had called Village Hall, quite upset to learn that the Village isn’t “spraying” for cicadas. He said cicadas come around once every 17 years. They are not pretty, and they’re very noisy. But cicadas are good for the environment. He suggested people learn more about cicadas before complaining about them.

E. Trustee Travis:

- 1. Trustee Travis reported the following on behalf of the Community Relations Commission. Details for the following upcoming Community events are also on the Village website:

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

E. Trustee Travis: (continued)

- b.
    - **Community Garage Sale**—scheduled for June 7–9. Check the Village website for details and to register by May 15.
  - c. Trustee Travis said, if you’re participating in the garage sale and the Summer Adopt-a-Planter program, you can get your garage sale signs at the same time as when you pick up your planter materials, which is Saturday, June 1.
2. Trustee Travis set the Community Relations Commission is sponsoring a Summer Photo Contest, themed “Summer in MG.” The contest is underway and goes till Labor Day. She encouraged everyone to participate.

F. Trustee Witko:

1. Trustee Witko presented **Ordinance 24-08, Approving a Minor Amendment to Ordinance 23-13, Granting a Special Use Permit for a Restaurant with a Drive-Through Facility at 5843 Dempster Street in Morton Grove, IL.**
- a. She explained that this Ordinance is an amendment to the Special Use Permit authorizing the construction of a new Dunkin’ restaurant with a drive-through at 5843 Dempster. It would grant the Applicant a one-year extension to May 23, 2025. The Village Board approved a Special Use Permit for this project in 2023 under Ordinance 23-13. Village Code states that a Special Use Permit is valid for one year unless a building permit is issued and construction has begun. The Village has a complete permit application as of April 29, 2024, which is being reviewed, but the building permit will not be issued prior to the May 23 deadline.

Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Travis, to adopt Ordinance 24-08.

**Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.**

Tr. Khan	<u>absent</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 for a second reading **Ordinance 24-09, Approving a Special Use Permit for a Commercial Tutoring/Learning Center at 8120 Lehigh Avenue in Morton Grove, IL.**
- a. She explained that this is a request for a Special Use Permit for the operation of a tutoring and learning center at 8120 Lehigh, which is the eastern half of the North Grove Corporate Park/office complex. Apex Pediatric Therapy Services is currently leasing over 3,000 square feet to accommodate a business that provides therapy services to children and adolescents with autism.

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

F. Trustee Witko: (continued)

- b. They operate similar facilities in Illinois, including locations in Gurnee, Lisle, and Palatine, and in similar office campus environments.
- c. Apex Pediatric Therapy has been operating at the subject property without a business compliance certificate since April 2023 but has now entered into a compliance and escrow agreement to obtain the required Special Use Permit retroactively.
- d. Trustee Witko said it should also be noted that, in 2017, a similar business, By Your Side Autism Therapy Services, was permitted by Special Use in the western building at North Grove Corporate Park.

Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Thill, to adopt Ordinance 24-09.

**Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.**

Tr. Khan	<u>absent</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>

XII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

XIII. **WARRANTS**

In the absence of Trustee Khan, Trustee Travis presented the Warrant Register for May 28, 2024 in the amount of \$397,895.79. She moved to approve the Warrants as presented, seconded by Trustee Minx.

**Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.**

Tr. Khan	<u>absent</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>

XIV. **RESIDENTS' COMMENTS**

- 1. **Lisa Ware, President of Catering By Michael's** addressed the Board regarding its exclusive composting franchise. The company has been based in Morton Grove since 1991. She thanked Mayor DiMaria and the Board for their time tonight, and also for recognizing the company as a leader in sustainability. She noted that the "event industry" can often be one of excess and waste. Catering By Michael's has focused on reducing its impact on the planet long before it was trendy or expected.

XIV.

**RESIDENTS' COMMENTS** (continued)

- a. Ms. Ware said a significant part of the company's sustainability practice, and one which the Board clearly values, is composting. She noted that, twelve years ago, options for commercial composting were extremely limited, and none of the companies that provided the service were willing to come to Morton Grove.
- b. Catering By Michael's began composting in April of 2012, thanks to a company called Collective Resource Compost, who was willing to take a chance on the catering company. Their businesses grew together and today, Catering By Michael's is one of the largest, if not the largest single generator of compost in the Village. In 2022, the company composed 85.7 tons of food scraps.
- c. Ms. Ware said she was addressing the Board today because of the challenges her company and its sustainability program are facing with Waste-Not, the new exclusive compost franchisee. Village staff is aware that the company has had challenges with the new franchise agreement, Ms. Ware said, but as they are not in a position to change it, she wanted to bring it to the Board's attention. She added that her interactions with Village staff have always been excellent, and her company values staff's efforts.
- d. Ms. Ware said, as the owner of a business and of real estate in Morton Grove, her first and most important objection to this exclusive agreement is that it's not the role of government to tell her who she can do business with. She said she understands the value of waste-hauler franchise agreement for residential areas, but they have no place in the business or industrial realm. Competition is health, and the free market should force companies to try to win her business with the best service levels and the best pricing for her company's needs.
- e. Ms. Ware said Waste-Not is a good company, led by good people providing good service. However, their business model is not the best for her company's needs. She said we have met with and shared our issues with Waste-Not leadership, and they have not been able to meet us where we need them to be. The information collected by the Village in the RFP process for this agreement was not sufficient to evaluate bidders' pricing and operational practices for larger commercial users such as Catering By Michaels and their neighbor, John Crane, who shares her feelings on this matter.
- f. Under the agreement with Waste-Not, Ms. Ware said their pricing for composting has increased 70% because Waste-Not doesn't offer volume pricing like Collective Resources does. Prices have gone up from \$14 per tote to \$23.75 per tote. At 87.5 tons a year, that's a lot of money. Also, Waste-Not does not offer metered pricing as Collective does. With metered pricing, they are only billed for the amount of compost hauled each pick-up day, whereas now they are being billed for the maximum amount of compost that "could have been" hauled, even if the actual amount is far less, as happens in their slower weeks. Ms. Ware said, when are busier than usual and need an extra pick-up, they are charged an off-route fee, so her company is being penalized whether they're busy or slow. Waste-Not also charges for tote delivery and several other fees that Collective doesn't have. Changes to scheduling or services require significant lead time, which is very difficult, given the last-minute nature of the catering business. She said she is projecting their compost spend to be more than \$15,000 higher this year—money they don't have with the thin margins in the catering industry.

XIV.

**RESIDENTS' COMMENTS** (continued)

- g. Ms. Ware said, due to the significant cost increases and other service level challenges Catering By Michael's is facing, it will be very difficult for the company to maintain its same level of composting that it has done historically. She said she is very proud of the way the company "greens" its operations, and clearly the Village values it as well, based on the award they received early this evening. She said it pained her to have to consider scaling back their efforts because of an anti-competitive agreement. In addition, Collective Resources is a woman-owned business, which is important to her as the female owner of a business, and it's very important to their customers who have minority-owned vendor purchasing thresholds to meet.
  - h. Ms. Ware said Morton Grove is the only municipality in the area that has an exclusive agreement for compost hauling. The agreement the Village entered into with Waste-Not allows the Village to terminate the agreement at any time with 30 days' notice. She is asking the Board to consider revising the agreement with Waste-Not to be exclusive to residential service only and to allow businesses to hire any vendor of their choosing.
2. **Hamid Akbari, 9233 Shermer Road.** Mr. Akbari wanted to call attention to some Juneteenth events being held by the Dehkhoda Education Foundation. There will be a round table discussion on June 21<sup>st</sup> and a classical concert on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are located at Shermer and Harlem and they welcome everyone. They asked for the Board to support these activities.

3. **Rudy Vilk.** Mayor DiMaria cautioned Mr. Vilk about "rehashing" topics he's already brought up.

Mr. Vilk said he had talked to Mr. Czerwinski about the public auction of vehicles and wanted more information about them. Mr. Czerwinski told Mr. Vilk he'd have to talk to Public Works about more specific information; he didn't want to misspeak. Mr. Vilk felt that Mr. Czerwinski "should know" and felt it was ridiculous to direct him to Public Works.

Mr. Vilk also said that Trustee Thill had said something about the new pipe in Linne Woods but it was different from what Mr. Czerwinski had said. He said he did not like getting different answers to the same question. He also complained about needing to acquire a Village sticker; and said that Corporation Counsel Liston ignores him.

With that, Mayor DiMaria asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

XV.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Minx moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Shiba. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote with one absent.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

PASSED this 11th day of June, 2024.

Trustee Khan \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Minx \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Shiba \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Thill \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Travis \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Witko \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED by me this 11th day of June, 2024.

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

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 12th day of June, 2024.

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

Minutes by Teresa Cousar

# Proclamation

## Village of Morton Grove

WHEREAS, June 2024 marks the 55th annual celebration of Pride Month throughout the United States to embrace diversity, and recommit our efforts to advance inclusion and prevent discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people are important and respected members of our community. They are our family members, friends, and neighbors and they make invaluable contributions to the cultural, civic, and economic success of the Village of Morton Grove; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Morton Grove's tagline "Incredibly Close and Amazingly Open" underscores our collective resolve to work together with all members of our community to facilitate open relationships and foster a safe and welcoming environment for our residents and visitors regardless of age, race, religion, marital status, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or physical challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton Grove believe all our residents should feel valued, safe, empowered and supported by their peers, educators, community leaders and the community at large, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Daniel P. DiMaria, Mayor of the Village of Morton Grove, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024, as

### **PRIDE MONTH**

In the Village of Morton Grove

FURTHER, I urge all residents to join with the Village Board and me to eliminate discrimination wherever it exists, to accept all people for who they are and who they love, and to honor our diversity by celebrating our LGBTQ+ family, friends, and neighbors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of Morton Grove.

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Daniel P. DiMaria, Village President



## Legislative Summary

<b>Ordinance 24-10</b>
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**AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE LEHIGH AVENUE/FERRIS AVENUE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT TO THE LINCOLN LEHIGH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

<b>Introduced</b>	June 11, 2024
<b>Purpose:</b>	To authorize the transfer of revenue from the Lehigh/Ferris TIF District to the Lincoln Lehigh TIF District.
<b>Background:</b>	The Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et. seq. allows the Village to transfer funds from one TIF District to a contiguous TIF District. This ordinance will authorize the transfer of \$2,750,000 from the Lehigh/Ferris TIF to the Lincoln Lehigh TIF. The funds will be used to further redevelopment projects within the Lincoln Lehigh TIF District.
<b>Programs, Departments or Groups Affected</b>	Finance Department, Village Administrator, Legal Department, and Community and Economic Development.
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	None
<b>Source of Funds:</b>	N/A Budget Transfer
<b>Workload Impact:</b>	The Finance Department will handle the transferring of these funds as part of their normal workload.
<b>Administrator Recommendation:</b>	Approval as presented.
<b>Second Reading:</b>	June 25, 2024
<b>Special Considerations or Requirements:</b>	None

## **ORDINANCE 24-10**

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WHEREAS, the Village of Morton Grove, Cook County, Illinois (the “Village”) is a home rule unit of government as is provided by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and as a home rule unit of government, the Village can exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government affairs, including but not limited to, the power to tax and incur debt; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 *et. seq.* (the “TIF Act”), allows revenue to be transferred between contiguous TIF Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Lehigh/Ferris TIF District is contiguous to the Lincoln Lehigh TIF District; and

WHEREAS, the Village created the Lincoln Lehigh TIF District to continue redevelopment projects for the enhancement of the Village; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the Village President (the “President”) and the Board of Trustees of the Village (the “Village Board”) have determined it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to transfer funds from the Lehigh/Ferris TIF District to the Lincoln Lehigh TIF District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Corporate Authorities do hereby incorporate, by reference, the foregoing preambles into this Ordinance as though fully set forth therein thereby making the findings as hereinabove set forth.

SECTION 2: The Village Treasurer/Finance Director is authorized to transfer two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000) from the Lehigh/Ferris TIF District to the Lincoln Lehigh TIF District

SECTION 3: Conflicting ordinances or pertinent portions thereof in effect at the time this ordinance takes effect are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: The Village is taking this action as an exercise of its home rule authority, and in accordance with the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 *et. seq.* and applicable redevelopment plans.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Passed this 25th day of June 2024

Trustee Khan \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Minx \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Shiba \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Thill \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Travis \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Witko \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by me this 25th day of June 2024

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Daniel P. DiMaria, Village President  
Village of Morton Grove  
Cook County, Illinois

Attested and Filed in my office this  
26th day of June 2024

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