

**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
OCTOBER 22, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Village President Dan DiMaria called to order 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. Clerk Harford called the roll. Present were: Trustees Saba Khan, Rita Minx, Ashur Shiba, John Thill, Connie Travis, and Janine Witko. ✓

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- III.
 - a. Mayor DiMaria asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2024 as presented. Trustee Minx so moved, seconded by Trustee Witko. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.**
 - b. Mayor DiMaria then asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting (Budget workshop) of October 15, 2024. Trustee Minx made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Khan. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.**

SPECIAL REPORTS

NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

PLAN COMMISSION REPORTS

NONE

VII. RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

NONE

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor DiMaria asked for a motion to approve two appointments to the Traffic Safety Commission: Bradley Alper and Robert Campanella. Trustee Thill so moved, seconded by Trustee Minx. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.** The mayor welcomed the two gentlemen and thanked them for stepping up, saying he knew they'd do a good job, and adding that it was nice to see new faces on the Commission.

IX. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Harford reminded the assemblage that early voting continues at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center. It runs through November 4. Hours are 9am to 5pm Monday through Saturday, and 10am to 4pm on Sundays. You can register and vote at the same time. She also reminded everyone that Election Day is Tuesday, November 5.

X. STAFF REPORTS

A. Village Administrator:

1. Mr. Meyer noted that, this coming Saturday, October 26, the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual Autumn Faire, featuring 70 vendor tables. Entry is free and there will be plenty to do for the whole family. The event runs from 9am to 2pm in the Prairie View Community Center at 6834 Dempster Street.

B. Corporation Counsel:

Corporation Counsel Liston had no report.

XI. TRUSTEES' REPORTS

A. Trustee Khan:

Trustee Khan had no formal report this evening.

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

B. **Trustee Minx:**

Trustee Minx had no formal report this evening.

C. **Trustee Shiba:**

Trustee Shiba, on behalf of the Environment & Natural Resources Commission, announced the third annual "Pumpkin Smash" would take place on Saturday, November 2, at the north end of Harrer Park from 9am to 12 noon. Everyone is encouraged to bring their Halloween pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns to help the Village turn the pumpkins into compost.

D. **Trustee Thill:**

1. Trustee Thill presented **Resolution 24-62, Authorizing an Emergency Water System Interconnection and Water Supply Supplemental Agreement with the Village of Golf.**

- a. This Resolution will authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute an Emergency Water System Interconnection and Water Supply Supplemental Agreement with the Village of Golf.
- b. The Village desires to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Golf to provide emergency water services to the Village of Morton Grove. Morton Grove is supplied by the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission ("MGNWC") for potable water, The MGNWC is currently engaging in a water main lining project for the primary 20-inch water line that supplies the Village. During this time, the Village is dependent on an existing 12-inch water line. To provide additional redundancy, the Village has negotiated an agreement with the Village of Golf to provide emergency potable water to the Village in emergency situations. Once the construction project concludes later this year, the emergency agreement with Golf to supply water to Morton Grove will no longer be needed. The fiscal impact of this Resolution will be determined based on usage.

Trustee Thill moved, seconded by Trustee Witko, to approve Resolution 24-62.

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 Thill presented **Resolution 24-63, Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between the Village of Morton Grove and the Village of Golf for the Emergency Water System Connection and Emergency Water Supply from the Village of Morton Grove to the Village of Golf.**

XI. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

D. Trustee Thill: (continued)

- a. This Resolution will authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Village of Morton Grove and the Village of Golf for the Emergency Water System Connection and Emergency Water Supply From the Village of Morton Grove to the Village of Golf.
- b. The Village of Golf has requested the Village of Morton Grove provide an emergency water supply to the Village of Golf, and desires to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Village of Morton Grove to secure the emergency water supply. The Village of Morton Grove owns and operates a water supply distribution system that provides Lake Michigan water to its residents, businesses, and other customers, obtained from the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission (MGNWC), with the original source being the City of Evanston. The Village of Golf owns and operates a water supply distribution system that provides Lake Michigan water to its residents, businesses, and other customers. The Village of Golf currently purchases its water supply from the Village of Glenview. The Village of Morton Grove agrees to sell such water, and the Village of Golf agrees to purchase and accept water from Morton Grove for emergency purposes in accordance with the terms of the IGA.
- c. The fiscal impact of this Resolution will be determined based on water usage based on the current Morton Grove retail rate for water or the then-current Morton Grove outside village rate, whichever is higher. Golf shall pay Morton Grove the rate for the water provided by Morton Grove to Golf or the rate for 10,000 gallons per month, whichever is higher.

Trustee Thill moved to approve Resolution 24-63, seconded by Trustee Travis.

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>

- 3. Trustee Thill noted that the Morton Grove newsletter, *The Village Exchange*, comes out quarterly, but he doesn't think people actually read it, which then makes it a waste of money. He said people should be aware that the Fall Leaf Pick-up season will begin on October 28 and end on December 6. **Only leaves** should be pushed to the curb. People have put other things out on the street and some items can potentially damage the machinery being used to gather up the leaves. Additionally, if you have landscapers, they should take any leaf or other debris with them for disposal, including grass clippings, bushes, branches, flowers landscaping and construction materials. Do not leave these items for the Village to pick up.
- 4. Trustee Thill also called attention to an article in the newsletter regarding "Home Visibility." Your address should be visible on the front of your house for emergency services. If you have an alley, it's also a good idea to have your address on your garage or alley fence, where it can be seen.

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

E. **Trustee Travis:**

Trustee Travis said the Village's Winter Adopt-a-Planter Program has begun. Applications for planters and more information on the program can be found on the Village's website. You must sign up by November 10.

F. **Trustee Witko:**

1. Trustee Witko presented for a first reading **Ordinance 24-17, Approving an Amendment to a Special Use Permit (Ord. 18-09) Granting the Expansion of an Existing School at the Property Commonly Known as 8601 Menard Avenue in Morton Grove, IL.**

This is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- a. The MCC Academy is requesting approval of an amendment to a Special Use Permit to allow for the expansion of the existing gymnasium and the installation of a two-lane clay track for the existing field. An amendment is also needed to increase the maximum permitted student enrollment to 350. In response to mediation agreement requirements, Resolution 04-32, the MCC provided a parking management plan to address concerns regarding observed on-street parking activity in the area surrounding the MCC. The Appearance Commission and the Traffic Safety Commission both unanimously approved the project. The Plan Commission also voted unanimously, with conditions, to recommend the project for the Board's approval.

Trustee Witko moved to adopt Ordinance 24-17, seconded by Trustee Minx.

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>

Trustee Thill remarked that the MCC always tries to be a good neighbor.

2. Trustee Witko next presented **Ordinance 24-18, Approving a Special Use Permit for a Parking Variation at 6017-6049 Dempster Street in Morton Grove, IL.**

This is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- a. The Applicant, JJK Property, LLC, is requesting a Special Use Permit for a parking variation for the entire Dempster Commons shopping center at 6017-6049 Dempster. Due to existing limitations, individual uses must apply for parking variations. The proposed Special Use Permit will identify the total maximum parking at the site, beyond by-right parking ratios, and which will enable the leasing of several smaller vacant spaces currently available at the site.

XI. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

Trustee Witko: (continued)

- b. Trustee Witko noted that both the Traffic Safety Commission and the Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of this request.

Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Shiba, to adopt Ordinance 24-18.

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>

- 3. Lastly, Trustee Witko presented **Ordinance 24-19, Approving a Special Use Permit for an Automotive Minimart Station at 6335 Dempster Street in Morton Grove, IL.**

This is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- a. Cissily, Inc., the applicant in this matter, is requesting approval of a Special Use Permit for the redevelopment of an automobile minimart station, including a new 2,500 square foot retail building with two pick-up windows for walk-up customers. The project was unanimously approved by the Appearance Commission and Traffic Safety Commission. The Plan Commission as well voted unanimously to recommend the project for approval with conditions relating to building materials, lighting, business operations, operating hours, and prohibiting the proposed use of the alley.

Trustee Witko moved to adopt Ordinance 24-19, seconded by Trustee Travis.

- b. Trustee Thill asked when this construction/renovation would be taking place. Village Administrator Meyer said he had not yet heard of an official start date.

Mayor DiMaria called for the vote on Ordinance 24-19.

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>

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Mayor DiMaria remarked that exciting things are happening at the Morton Grove train station. Gateway Plaza, the new green space south of Lincoln Avenue at Ferris Avenue, will be the site of a ribbon-cutting on Thursday, October 24, at 1:00 p.m. at the site. There will also be a ground-breaking ceremony tomorrow to say goodbye to the 1995 train station and commemorate the construction for the new Metra station. The mayor said, "This will be a welcome change!"

XII. **OTHER BUSINESS** (continued)

2. Mayor DiMaria acknowledged his appreciation of the MCC for honoring him over the weekend with a Community Service award.

XIII. **WARRANTS**

Trustee Khan presented the Warrant Register for October 22, 2024 in the amount of \$1,237,942.25. She moved to approve the Warrants as presented, 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>

XIV. **RESIDENTS' COMMENTS**

1. **Deluda Daris** appeared before the Board because she's having problems with her neighbors and hoped the Board could help. She complained of fumes and fumigation sprays. She has called police and the fire department about this. Her gardens are ruined, and it becomes hard for her to breathe and hard on her eyes. The neighbors have garbage strewn around their yard, even next to her windows, which she'd really like to keep open. The neighbors swear at her, but in spite of all this, she is hoping to be able to settle these problems peacefully.

Mayor DiMaria said if something is happening on-site, that's the best time to call the Police and Fire, rather than after the damage is done. He asked her to speak to Mr. Meyer and to give him her contact information.

Ms. Daris also noted that John Kerry was in Morton Grove today!

2. **Kim Moldofsky** said she would urge the Board to think more broadly about what it means to be fiscally responsible and to factor climate change into its decisions. She said this is not a partisan or a political plea. She walked the Board through a handout she had provided that had a lot of very good information in it, including timelines showing climate change and its effect on future generations. She said we need to build a new culture, and the next five to six years are crucial. Basically, every decision made needs to be a climate decision.

XV. **ADJOURNMENT**


As there was no further business before the Board, Trustee Minx moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Khan. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

PASSED this 12th day of November 2024.


Trustee Khan	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee Minx	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Shiba	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Thill	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Travis	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Witko	<u>Aye</u>

APPROVED by me this 12th day of November 2024.



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

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 13th day of November 2024.



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

Minutes by Teresa Cousar