

**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 22, 2025**

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 Saba Khan, Rita Minx, John Thill, Connie Travis, and Janine Witko. Trustee Ashur Shiba was absent with notice.

III.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor DiMaria asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2025 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. Greener Morton Grove Awards
 - a. Mayor DiMaria introduced Lindsey Dahlberg of the Economic Development Commission to present the Greener Morton Grove awards. The Greener Morton Grove Award program recognizes businesses, organizations, groups, and multi-family residential facilities in Morton Grove that have promoted or implemented environmentally sustainable practices. Achievements may be in the categories of waste reduction and recycling, water and energy conservation, public education and awareness, and transportation, but all applications are welcome. The Village appreciates the importance of everyone in the Village, including government, schools, residents, businesses, and community organizations, working together to reach our sustainability goals.
 - b. The first award, in the category of Religious Organizations, was awarded to the Muslim Community Center. Ms. Dahlberg noted that the MCC's "Green Team" had also won an award last year. Since then, the MCC has begun selling refillable water bottles, has placed several water dispensers and paper cups in its facilities, has replaced Styrofoam plates and serving ware with biodegradable products, and has replaced plastic tablecloths with cloth ones. The MCC also received a grant to provide weekly compostable waste pickup, and has posted information and held events to help educate the campus users about food waste.

IV. **SPECIAL REPORTS** (continued)

- c. Ms. Dahlberg asked the Board and assemblage to join her in congratulating the Muslim Community Center for their sustainability efforts. She presented representatives of the MCC with a beautiful plant and plaque.
- d. The second award of the evening, in the category of Public Schools, was given to Parkview Elementary School’s Green Club. Ms. Dahlberg noted that Parkview was a winner in this category last year, too. The Green Club collected over 34 strands (50 lbs.) of holiday lights for recycling; they also researched the cost benefit of going from plastic cutlery to metal cutlery in the school cafeteria. The switch will happen in the next school year and will effectively eliminate 70,000 plastic fork packets. The Green Club educated 37 classrooms about the proper way to recycle, and undertook several educational campaigns regarding Earth Day and Holiday Lights recycling.
- e. Ms. Dahlberg again asked the Board and assemblage to congratulate the Parkview Green Club on their efforts to help Morton Grove be more “green.” She presented the Parkview representatives with a lovely plant and plaque.

V. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NONE

VI. **PLAN COMMISSION REPORTS**

NONE

VII. **RESIDENTS’ COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

NONE

VIII. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

- 1. Mayor DiMaria said, if the Board had no objections, he wanted to amend the Agenda for this evening, seeking a motion to table Ordinance 25-16 at the request of Trustee Shiba, who has some input into this Ordinance. Trustee Shiba couldn’t be here this evening due to a family medical issue.

Trustee Minx moved to table Ordinance 25-16, seconded by Trustee Witko.

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

VIII.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT (continued)

- a. Mayor DiMaria said if there were people in the audience tonight who wanted to comment on Ordinance 25-16, they can state their comments during the “Residents’ Comments” portion of the Agenda.

- 2. Mayor DiMaria then called Johnnie Mitchell and his wife Sharon to the podium to recognize him as he will be retiring next month after 50 years of service! Mayor DiMaria provided some background on Johnnie’s career in Morton Grove:
 - a. Since joining the Public Works Department in June of 1975, Johnnie has been an integral teammate and component of the Department. He started his career in the Water and Sewer Division as a maintenance worker and rose to the position of Superintendent of the Streets Division. In between those 50 years, Johnnie’s resident-focused approach to service touched all facets of Public Works, including stints in the former Tree and Landscaping Divisions, leading snow plowing operations (contributing to the development of the now-famous “Curb to Curb” plowed streets program), and managing street maintenance. It’s through Johnnie’s diligence that it’s estimated Johnnie drove the Village streets enough times in the past 50 years to have circumnavigated the world 3 times! He has also led leaf pick-up and tree operations and volunteered for numerous community-sponsored events. Johnnie’s dedication and willingness to improve processes and systems have yielded countless other initiative to improve the conditions of the Village.

 - b. Johnnie’s contributions, sense of ownership, focus on field operations, dependability, and, simply put, his “can-do” and “get-it-done” attitude has contributed greatly to Public Works’ outstanding reputation. His work ethic and dedication are a model for others to follow. Working with five directors during his tenure, some would say it included mentoring those directors, not to mention developing many other employees who started their careers as summer interns and rose to the positions of superintendent and supervisor, all ensuring Johnnie’s legacy and contributions will continue long after his retirement.

 - c. Mayor DiMaria said, “Many thanks for an outstanding job, well done. The entire Village Board, the Public Works team, and the Village will miss you.” He then asked the Board for a motion and second on **Resolution 25-34, Authorizing the Installation of Temporary Street Signs in the 9000 Block of McVicker Avenue in Morton Grove, Illinois, to Honor Johnnie Mitchell.** Trustee Witko so moved, seconded by Trustee Minx. He called for the vote on the motion:

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

- d. Trustee Thill commented that he’d like the street signs to be “permanent,” rather than temporary. The assemblage agreed!

- e. Mayor DiMaria then turned the microphone over to Johnnie Mitchell.

VIII.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

- f. Johnnie thanked everyone for coming out tonight, especially his neighbors and his wife, Sharon. He said that, when he was growing up, his parents divorced and he lived with his dad, who worked for the Village in the Public Works Department. He said he remembers company to work with dad and many great guys. One of the things he learned was how to drive a stick shift, so he could drive a back hoe or a dump truck when he was in 6th grade. He said he knew then where he wanted to work. Johnnie mentioned Jim Dahm, the former Public Works Director who hired him. He said the Public Works guys can't be beat and they're all his best friends—the most dedicated and hardest-working people you'll ever meet.
- g. Mayor DiMaria presented the street signs to Johnnie and Sharon, and Johnnie noted that his brother Gary was here tonight as well.
- h. Trustee Khan said thank you to Johnnie for his 50 years of service and wished him a very happy retirement, saying “we appreciate you.”
- i. Trustee Minx said it had been a pleasure knowing and working with both Johnnie and Sharon. She said Johnnie was an exemplary employee, and said he and the Public Works staff, as well as the personnel of the Police Department and Fire Department, were phenomenal.
- j. Mayor DiMaria said he was proud to know that his granddaughter will be living on Johnnie Mitchell Way!
- k. Clerk Harford said that the Village will miss Johnnie's smiling face, adding that she hoped she would run into Johnnie and Sharon in Arizona! Johnnie told her, “Your dad was a great man and a great mayor.”
- l. Trustee Thill told Johnnie that he's a good man, really, one of a kind! He said, “The fish are waiting for you!”
- m. Trustee Travis said that 50 years of service is an incredible achievement, and said “Your willingness to get things done and your dedication have resulted in decades of accomplishments not many achieve.” She also said, “If you're ever looking for a fishing buddy, I know a young man who really looks up to you who would love to go fishing with you!”
- n. Trustee Witko congratulated Johnnie on his remarkable 50-year career. She said, “As Superintendent of Streets Division, your legacy is quite literally built into the streets of Morton Grove.” She noted that, whether it was snow plowing, leaf pick-up, or tree operations, Johnnie brought his “can-do spirit” and relentless drive to every task. She added that she personally has seen Johnnie at nearly every community event, and said she hoped that doesn't change. Trustee Witko said, “Johnnie's decades of dedication truly helped shape the Village we're all proud to call home.
- o. Mayor DiMaria told the assemblage that if they were present this evening for Johnnie, he'd give everyone a minute or two to exit at this time.

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

3. Next, Mayor DiMaria proclaimed the week of May 4–May 10, 2026 as “International Compost Awareness Week” in the Village. He said that International Compost Awareness Week is the largest and most comprehensive education initiative of the compost industry and is celebrated worldwide annually during the first full week of May.
 - a. International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) is designed to promote the benefits of composting and compost itself for effective resource management, soil health, and plant growth. Composting returns organic resources to the soil, promotes water conservation during extreme drought and flooding conditions, reduces water consumption and non-point pollution, stores carbons in soils reducing climate impacts, and is a proven method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers and decreasing erosion.
 - b. Materials such as yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, bio solids, and food scraps are all composted and converted into compost. Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure for cities and states that implement composting program. This year’s theme is “Sustainable Communities Begin with Compost!” The theme was chosen with the goal of highlighting composting in all kinds of communities at any scale—from backyard home composting to community composting, to large-scale facilities, to all those who recognize the many benefits of using compost on our soils. Composting is essential in developing a sustainable resource management plan for any community. Composting empowers communities to manage their own waste, create job opportunities, and support healthy soils with locally made compost.
 - c. Mayor DiMaria encouraged residents and businesses to explore the benefits of composting, and urged residents to explore a composting service such as Groot and WasteNot for all organic waste including landscape trimmings and food scraps and do their part to create a more sustainable planet.
4. Next, Mayor DiMaria said there’s still time left to take a pledge to conserve water and resources as part of the 2025 Wyland National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation! He encourage people to pledge now to help the Village of Morton Grove win and enter to win great prizes, including a chance to win getting your utility bills paid for one year (up to \$3,000)! To take the pledge, visit <https://mywaterpledge.com/> and search for Morton Grove, Illinois
5. Lastly, Mayor DiMaria noted that it’s easy to stay up-do-date with the Village’s latest events and news by signing up for E-News and following the Village on Facebook and Instagram

IX. **CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Harford had no report this evening.

X.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Village Administrator:

Village Administrator Chuck Meyer had one ordinance he was presenting as a first reading.

1. **Ordinance 25-18, Amending Title 1 Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code to Add a New Article R Entitled "Municipal Grocery Tax."**

- a. Mr. Meyer explained that, in August of 2024, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker signed legislation repealing the State grocery tax and authorizing municipalities to recover its share of revenue from the State grocery tax. In December of 2024, the Village Board adopted Ordinance 24-27 which established the Municipal Grocery Tax authorized by Section 8-11-24 of the Illinois Municipal Code at the rate of 1% of the gross receipts from the sale of groceries and a Service Occupation Tax at the same rate. These taxes will be administered, collected, and enforced by the Illinois Department of Revenue. This Ordinance will codify Ordinance 24-27 as Title 1, Chapter 10, Article R of the Village Code. The Municipal Grocery tax will maintain the status quo prior to the repeal of the State grocery tax. If the Village had not adopted Ordinance 24-27, the Village would lose approximately \$152,000 in revenue generated through its share of the State grocery tax.
- b. Mr. Meyer said that, since the creation of a Municipal Grocery Tax was completed with Ordinance 24-27, it is requested that a second reading be waived for this Ordinance.

Trustee Thill moved to waive the second reading of this Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

Trustee Minx then moved to adopt Ordinance 25-18, seconded by Trustee Khan.

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

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:

1. Trustee Minx presented **Resolution 25-26, Adopting the 2024 Update of the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

a. She explained that the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (CCMJHMP) was submitted to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) for review and approval pending adoption. FEMA guidance (Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000) requires that the CCMJHMP be updated every five years. In 2024, Cook County Emergency Management and Regional Security (EMRS) updated the 2019 CCMJHMP, which now includes 125 participating jurisdictions/partners, making Cook County's plan the largest in the nation. The planning area for the hazard mitigation plan encompasses Cook County and includes the incorporated and unincorporated jurisdictional areas of the County and the Cook County Forest Preserve. The result of these combined efforts has been to produce and Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEHMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Adoption of the CCMJHMP makes participants eligible to apply for grants funds through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program. FEMA requires that each participating partner adopt the plan by resolution.

Trustee Minx moved, seconded by Trustee Witko, to approve Resolution 25-26.

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

C. Trustee Shiba:

Trustee Shiba was absent with notice so his report on tonight's Agenda was given by Trustee Witko.

1. Trustee Witko presented **Resolution 25-27, Authorizing a Lease Agreement with Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA, Inc. for Multifunction Copiers Hardware, Service, and Supplies, for the Administration, Finance, and Public Works Departments.**

a. She explained that the Village routinely leases multifunction copier hardware for printing, copying, scanning, and related office productivity. As existing leases end, the Village obtains new hardware lease proposals. The leases for the Administration Department, Finance Department, and Public Works Department have all ended or will end shortly.

XI. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

C. Trustee Shiba: (continued)

- b. The Information Technology Division reviewed proposals for hardware, maintenance services, and supplies and recommends establishing a 60-month lease with Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA, Inc. for copier hardware, service, and supplies for the Administration, Finance, and Public Works Department.
- c. The Village worked with leading vendors in the field and solicited quotes from Impact Networking, Elite, Cannon, and Konica Minolta. In reviewing the features and total cost, it was found that Konica Minolta was the most cost-effective providers while still providing the needed features for the devices.
- d. The lease cost is \$1,275 per month for three devices, maintenance service, and supplies. The Village did not follow the technical requirements of the formal bid process required by the Village Code; however, the Village did solicit quotes from a variety of vendors and believes that the quotes presented to the Village Board are in line with the expected cost for these services if the Village had engaged in a formal bid process.

Trustee Witko moved to approve Resolution 25-27, seconded by Trustee Travis.

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

D. Trustee Thill:

Trustee Thill had six Resolutions to present this evening.

1. **Resolution 25-28, Authorizing a Contract with Murphy Construction Services, LLC for the 2025 Concrete Sawcutting Program.**

- a. As part of the Village’s annual Concrete Sawcutting Program, the Village hires a contractor to sawcut uneven sidewalk joints in the Village rights-of-way to eliminate trip hazards, improve public safety, and reduce liability. The contract was bid through a public process in accordance with the Village Code. Two bids were received, and Murphy Construction Services, LLC was the lowest qualified bidder with a bid amount of \$72,199.00, which is \$17,801.00 less than the budgeted funding. However, the bid amount is based on unit pricing and the contract’s final price will be based on the number of units the Village determines. This contract must conform to the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act. This Resolution will authorize a contract with Murphy Construction Services, LLC for the 2025 Concrete Sawcutting Program in an amount not to exceed \$79,400.00 in order to fully utilize the budgeted funds.

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

D. **Trustee Thill: (continued)**

Trustee Thill moved to approve Resolution 25-28, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

2. **Resolution 25-29, Authorizing a Contract with Precision Pavement Marking, Inc. for the 2025 Pavement Marking Program.**

- a. Pavement markings throughout the Village are maintained through an annual pavement marking program. The Public Works Department developed contract documents for the 2025 Pavement Marking Program. Bids were solicited on the Village website in mid-March and 13 entities downloaded the contract documents. Two bids were received, with the lowest bid coming from Precisions Pavement Marking, Inc., of Pingree Grove, IL, in the amount of \$54,876.00. This contract conforms to the purchasing requirements of the Village. This work is expected to be completed in approximately two weeks. This contract must conform to the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act. This Resolution will authorize the Village Administrator to execute a contract and change orders with Precision Pavement Marking, Inc. for the 2025 Pavement Marking Program in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 to include a contingency and more fully utilize budgeted funds. This Resolution will also authorize the Village Administrator to extend this contract for 2026 and 2027 if, in the opinion of the Village Administrator, circumstances warrant such extension.

Trustee Thill moved, seconded by Trustee Travis, to approve Resolution 25-29.

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

3. **Resolution 25-30, Authorizing an Agreement with Primera Engineers, LTD., to Provide Construction Engineering Services for Beckwith Road Resurfacing. (MFT Section 21-00111-00-RS)**

- a. The Village has developed a project to make improvements on Beckwith Road utilizing some federal funding provided by the State of Illinois. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will advertise the construction contract for bids in May and June of 2025. The construction engineering for this contract exceeds the capacity of the Public Works Department. The Village followed a qualifications-based process to select Primera Engineers, Ltd., to provide construction engineering services. The Village is responsible for hiring and paying the construction engineering costs not to exceed \$82,375.00, and the State will reimburse the Village for eligible construction engineering expenses estimated to be up to \$65,900.00.

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

D. **Trustee Thill:** (continued)

- c. As part of the State’s bidding process, the Village needs to provide the construction engineering agreement ahead of the advertisement and according to the State’s schedule.
- d. The fiscal impact of this Resolution is \$82,375.00, with up to \$65,900.00 expected to be reimbursed by IDOT.

Trustee Thill moved to approve Resolution 25-30, seconded by Trustee Travis.

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

4. **Resolution 25-31, Authorizing an Agreement with Primera Engineers, LTD., to Provide Construction Engineering Services for Central Avenue Resurfacing. (MFT Section 24-00113-00-RS)**

- a. The Village has developed a project to make improvements on Beckwith Road utilizing some federal funding provided by the State of Illinois. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will advertise the construction contract for bids in May and June of 2025. The construction engineering for this contract exceeds the capacity of the Public Works Department. The Village followed a qualifications-based process to select Primera Engineers, Ltd., to provide construction engineering services. The Village is responsible for hiring and paying the construction engineering costs not to exceed \$100,772.00, and the State will reimburse the Village for eligible construction engineering expenses estimated to be up to \$80,617.60. As part of the State’s bidding process, the Village needs to provide the construction engineering agreement ahead of the advertisement and according to the State’s schedule.
- b. The fiscal impact of this Resolution is \$100,772.00, with up to \$80,617.60 expected to be reimbursed by IDOT.

Trustee Thill moved to approve Resolution 25-31, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

5. **Resolution 25-32, Authorizing an Agreement with InNova Consulting, Inc., to Provide Construction Engineering Services for Gross Point Road Resurfacing. (MFT Section 21-00110-00-RS)**

- a. Mayor DiMaria asked Village Administrator Meyer to present this Resolution. Mr. Meyer said there had been an error on the Agenda initially regarding this, which has since been corrected.

XI. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

D. Trustee Thill: (continued)

- b. The Village has developed a project to make improvements on Beckwith Road utilizing some federal funding provided by the State of Illinois. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will advertise the construction contract for bids in May and June of 2025. The construction engineering for this contract exceeds the capacity of the Public Works Department. The Village followed a qualifications-based process to select InNova Consulting, Inc., to provide construction engineering services.
- c. The Village is responsible for hiring and paying the construction engineering costs not to exceed \$118,191.00, and the State will reimburse the Village for eligible construction engineering expenses estimated to be up to \$94,552.80. As part of the State's bidding process, the Village needs to provide the construction engineering agreement ahead of the advertisement and according to the State's schedule. As part of the State's bidding process, the Village needs to provide the construction engineering agreement ahead of the advertisement and according to the State's schedule.
- d. The fiscal impact of this Resolution is \$118,191.00, with up to \$94,552.80 expected to be reimbursed by IDOT.

Trustee Thill moved to approve Resolution 25-32, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

- 6. **Resolution 25-33, Authorizing an Agreement with Primera Engineers, LTD., to Provide Construction Engineering Services for Shermer Road Resurfacing. (MFT Section 24-00114-00-RS)**
 - a. The Village has developed a project to make improvements on Shermer Road utilizing some federal funding provided by the State of Illinois. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will advertise the construction contract for bids in May and June of 2025. The construction engineering for this contract exceeds the capacity of the Public Works Department. The Village followed a qualifications-based process to select Primera Engineers, Ltd., to provide construction engineering services. The Village is responsible for hiring and paying the construction engineering costs not to exceed \$80,509.00, and the State will reimburse the Village for eligible construction engineering expenses estimated to be up to \$64,407.20. As part of the State's bidding process, the Village needs to provide the construction engineering agreement ahead of the advertisement and according to the State's schedule.
 - b. The fiscal impact of this Resolution is \$80,509.00, with up to \$64,407.20 expected to be reimbursed by IDOT.

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

D. Trustee Thill: (continued)

Trustee Thill moved to approve Resolution 25-33, seconded by Trustee Travis.

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

E. Trustee Travis:

Trustee Travis reminded the assemblage that the Village’s annual Community Garage Sale is scheduled for the weekend of Friday, June 6 through Sunday, June 8. The Village is inviting businesses and organizations to sponsor this popular community event with garage sale signage that can be displayed throughout the year. Sponsorships are only being accepted until April 18, so visit the Village’s website to sign up now!

F. Trustee Witko:

1. Trustee Witko presented **Ordinance 25-17, Approving Text Amendments to Clarify Various Definitions; Provide Guidance for the Parking of Vehicles with Livery Plates; Extend the Construction Timing Period for Planned Unit Developments and Special Use Permits; Define Opportunities for the Zoning Board of Appeals to Receive Input from the Traffic Safety Commission; Permit the In-Kind Replacement of Driveways with Two Approaches; and Provide Guidance for the Installation and Use of Synthetic Turf and Security Shutters in Morton Grove, IL.**

This is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- a. Trustee Witko said the text amendments approved by this Ordinance will clarify various definitions and update related illustrations; provide guidance for the parking of vehicles with livery plates; extend the construction timing period for Planned Unit Developments and Special Use Permits, define opportunities for the Zoning Board of Appeals to receive input from the Traffic Safety Commission, permit the in-kind replacement of driveways with two approaches, and provide guidance for the installation and use of synthetic turf and security shutters.

Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Travis, to adopt Ordinance 25-17.

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

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

F. Trustee Witko: (continued)

2. Trustee Witko then introduced **Ordinance 25-19, Amending Title 4, Chapter 4, Section 9 Entitled "Suspension and Revocation" and Amending Title 4, Chapter 4, Section 10 Entitled "Appeal" to Modify the Notice and Hearing Regulations Relating to the Suspension or Revocation of Certificates of Occupancy of Business Operations in Morton Grove, Illinois.**
 - a. She explained that, in July of 2024, the Village had adopted Ordinance 24-13, which amended Section 4-4-9 of the Municipal Code to authorize the Village Administrator to suspend or revoke business compliance certificates, business licenses, and certificates of occupancies if businesses are noncompliant with applicable regulations. This Ordinance sets for notice requirements and a hearing procedure before the Village's Local Adjudication Hearing Office for these suspensions and revocations. The Ordinance also deletes Section 4-4-10 of the Village Code, which provided an appeal process before the Local Adjudication Hearing Officer since the Illinois Administrative Code requires decisions of the Local Adjudication Hearing Officer to be reviewed by the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Trustee Witko said, as this is the first reading of this Ordinance, no action will be taken this evening.

XII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor DiMaria reminded the assemblage that the Village will be hosting an Electronics Recycling event on Saturday, May 10, from 9:00 am to noon at the Public Works facility, 7840 Nagle Avenue. This event is sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), so you'll need to bring an ID that proves you are a Morton Grove (or other SWANCC community) resident. Put your electronics in your car and drive to the Public Works facility where staff will guide you through the process and remove the unwanted electronics from your vehicle. Common items include phones, computer monitors, and TVs. Visit the Village's website to learn more.

XIII. **WARRANTS**

Trustee Khan presented the Warrant Register for April 22, 2025 in the amount of \$753,991.79. She moved to approve the Warrants as presented, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

XIV.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

1. **David King** said he had intended to come to this meeting to speak in strong support of Ordinance 25-16. He congratulated the Board and Village staff for taking action that promotes public health and safety, particularly as to the dangers of THC. THC is a component of cannabis that is a dangerous synthetic. He said he would be back on June 10 to discuss this further, but said he wanted to use the last of his time before the Board to congratulate Johnnie Mitchell. Mr. King said he didn't know Johnnie, but he does know, as a 37-year resident, how great the Morton Grove Public Works team is.
2. **Craig Katz** said he is the Government Relations and Compliance Officer for a company called CBD Kratom. He complimented the Board on having the best interests of the Morton Grove community at heart. He added that he hoped the Board would be able to keep an open mind and "be educated" regarding Ordinance 25-16. Mr. Katz said his company strongly opposes the stuff kids are getting their hands on these days. His company is in favor of strong regulation of these products so as to keep them out of the reach of children and off the shelves. He said his company would like the opportunity to talk to the Board about regulating certain products versus banning them.
 - a. Mr. Katz said, in the history of the United States, prohibitions don't work—but regulations do. If you ban something, people will still find a way to get it. They will be able to online and purchase it and have it shipped directly to their home. He said, "Banning something won't give you the results you're looking for. You'll lose revenue and you won't be keeping this out of the hands of children." He said he would be happy to meet with individual members of the Board or the Board as a group. Mayor DiMaria thanked him for his time.

XV.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Board, Trustee Minx moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Witko.

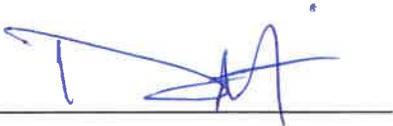
Motion passed unanimously via voice vote with 1 absent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

PASSED this 13th day of May 2025.

Trustee Khan	<u>Aye</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 13th day of May 2025.



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

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 14th day of May 2025.



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

Minutes by Teresa Cousar

