

**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 24, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Village President Janine Witko 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. Deputy Village Clerk Saba Koya called the roll. Present were Trustees Saba Khan, Rita Minx, Ashur Shiba, John Thill, Connie Travis, and Keith White. Village Clerk Eileen Harford was absent with notice.

III.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Witko asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2025 Village Board Meeting as presented. Trustee Minx so moved, seconded by Trustee White.

Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

IV.

SPECIAL REPORTS

NONE

V.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

VI.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORTS

NONE

VII.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

NONE

VIII.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. **Mayor Witko** announced that she had appointed Amit Shah, one of the Commissioners on the Traffic Safety Commission, to be that Commission's Chairperson. She also asked for the Board's concurrence with the following appointments to various Village Commissions:

- Traffic Safety Commission: Frank Wang, Commissioner
- Advisory Commission on Aging: Janice Pietron, Commissioner
- Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals: Mathew Ingram, Commissioner
- Appearance Review Commission: Lindsey Dahlberg, Commissioner
- Economic Development Commission: Furqan Mohammed, Commissioner

Trustee Travis moved to concur with the above-named appointments, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passes: 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. White	<u>aye</u>

- a. Trustee Thill commented that one of the best things about Morton Grove is that people will always step up to volunteer their time and/or services to their community.
2. Next, Mayor Witko established the Dempster Corridor Plan Steering Committee. The Committee is an ad hoc committee, formed by Mayor Witko, for the purposes of guiding the discussions and ultimately creating a plan for the Dempster Street Corridor. The Committee will be comprised of:
- 1) Mayor Janine Witko
 - 2) Trustee Connie Travis
 - 3) Trustee Ashur Shiba
 - 4) Village Clerk Eileen Harford
 - 5) Chris Kintner, Plan Commission/Zoning Board Chairperson
 - 6) John Pietron, Appearance Commission Chairperson
 - 7) Mark Fernandez, Economic Development Commission Chairperson
 - 8) Georgianne Brunner, Environment & Natural Resources Commission Chairperson
 - 9) Theresa Polyak, Community Relations Commission Chairperson
 - 10) Mathew Ingram, Commissioner, Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
 - 11) Michael Stein, Commissioner, Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
 - 12) Robert Campenella, Commissioner, Traffic Safety Commission
 - 13) Christopher Sheehan, Commissioner, Traffic Safety Commission
 - 14) Lindsey Dahlberg, Commissioner, Appearance Review Commission

Trustee Minx moved to concur with the appointments of the above-named individuals to the Dempster Corridor Plan Steering Committee, as presented. Trustee Travis seconded the motion.

- a. Trustee White noted that his name did not appear on this list, although it was his understanding that he is supposed to be one of the Committee members. Mayor Witko asked Mr. Meyer to update the list, reflecting the addition of Trustee Keith White.

VIII.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

Trustee Minx moved to concur with the *amended* list of individuals to the Dempster Corridor Plan Steering Committee, and Trustee Travis seconded the motion.

Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

3. Mayor Witko noted that the Village Board Liaison Assignments had been updated effective July of 2025 for herself, Clerk Harford, Trustee Travis, and Trustee White. The full list of Board Liaison Assignment can be found in the Agenda Packet.
4. Mayor Witko encouraged the assemblage to participate in the annual Morton Grove Days Celebration. It starts on Thursday, July 3, and continues through Sunday, July 6. There will be fun for everyone with the carnival, food, and music every day. Our headliners for the event include:
 - High Infidelity on Thursday, July 3
 - 7th Heaven on Friday, July 4
 - Face the Music followed by Mike and Joe on Saturday, July 5
 - Sealed with a Kiss closes the event on Sunday, July 6
- a. This year's event also includes our annual Fourth of July parade starting at 2:30 p.m. It starts at Dempster and Central and ends near Dempster and Ferris. There will be fireworks in Harrer Park at dusk that night. To see the complete schedule, please visit the Village's website.
5. Mayor Witko said the Village wants to hear feedback and ideas regarding the future of Dempster Street. Residents are welcome to attend a meeting about Dempster Street tomorrow night from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 6140 Dempster. You'll have the chance to learn more and share your thoughts. Appetizers will be served, and participants will have a chance to win a \$100 gift card to a local Morton Grove restaurant. To learn more, please visit plandempster.org.

IX.

CLERK'S REPORT

Deputy Clerk Koya had no formal report this evening.

X.

STAFF REPORTSA. **Village Administrator:**

Village Administrator Chuck Meyer said, while the Village encourages everyone to celebrate the Fourth of July, as a reminder, residents are prohibited from setting off fireworks in the State of Illinois.

X. **STAFF REPORTS** (continued)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 25-51, Authorizing the Purchase of Genesis Extrication Tools from Equipment Management Company.**

- a. She explained that the Fire Department routinely provides emergency medical service and vehicle rescue from vehicle collisions. A key component of that service is the ability to safely remove patients from damaged vehicles, using hydraulic rescue tools. In 2019, the Fire Department conducted a comprehensive evaluation of rescue tool manufacturers and determined Genesis as the best option due to its reliability, ease of use, and dependable service.
- b. The Village Administrator and the Fire Chief recommend the purchase of Genesis vehicle extrication equipment to equip the rescue squad/engine that is anticipated to be delivered to the Village in early 2026, as it matches current inventory, will permit simplified in-service training for the use of the equipment, and allows for interchangeability between vehicles.
- c. Equipment Management Company of Channahon, IL, is the sole source dealer for Genesis vehicle extrication equipment in this region. Also, the Village is a member of the Houston-Galveston Area Council, and intergovernmental joint purchasing group, and Equipment Management Company was awarded the group's Contract #EE11-24, effective through October 31, 2028, for Genesis rescue equipment. The Village was awarded a fire Equipment Grant to be utilized for this purchase, the fiscal impact of which is \$51,850.00.

Trustee Minx moved, seconded by Trustee Thill, to approve Resolution 25-51.

Motion passes: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Travis aye

Tr. Shiba aye
Tr. White aye

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

B. **Trustee Minx:** (continued)

2. Trustee Minx said, as Mayor Witko mentioned, the Morton Grove Days festival is set for July 3 through July 6. The Morton Grove Days Committee is currently selling Morton Grove Days yard signs to show support, and is also looking for volunteers for the four-day event. Please visit the Village's website to get the latest updates and for more information about the event.

C. **Trustee Shiba:**

Trustee Shiba had no formal report this evening.

D. **Trustee Thill:**

Trustee Thill had two Resolutions this evening.

1. **Resolution 25-52, Authorizing a Contract with Visu-Sewer of Illinois, LLC, for the 2025 Sewer Lining Program.**
 - a. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) of Greater Chicago requires the lining of sewer pipes to reduce excess groundwater and stormwater infiltration and inflow ("I/I") into their sewer system. Reducing I/I lessens the burden on MWRD's wastewater treatment system and helps prevent sewer overflows, safeguarding public health and the environment. The Village has an annual sewer lining program to rehabilitate aging and deteriorating sanitary and combined sewer pipes, eliminating groundwater I/I in the Village's sewer infrastructure, as well as the storm sewer pipes, to improve flow capacity and maintain the structural integrity of the sewer pipes.
 - b. The Public Works Department advertised on the Village website on April 21, 2025, inviting bids for the 2025 Sewer Lining Program. Three bids were received on May 7, 2025 with Visu-Sewer, LLC, of Bridgeview, IL, submitting the lowest bid in the amount of \$387,683.80. This bid amount is based on the contractor's proposed unit pricing for the number of units estimated by the Village. The final contract price will be based upon the number of units the Village determines to be in its best interest. The contract must conform to the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act.

Trustee Thill moved to approve Resolution 25-52, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passes: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Travis aye

Tr. Shiba aye
Tr. White aye

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

D. Trustee Thill: (continued)

2. **Resolution 25-53, Authorizing the Purchase of the Metra Train Station Parking Pay Terminals from Total Parking Solutions, Inc. of Downers Grove, Illinois.**
 - a. The Village of Morton Grove's Metra train station facility and parking lot are under construction as part of the Metra Station redevelopment. The existing four (4) train station parking pay station terminals, which are used to collect daily rider parking fees, were installed in 2008. The existing pay terminals have exceeded their useful service life and are technologically outdated. Due to their age and obsolete capabilities, the staff of the Public Works Department determined that the existing parking pay terminals should be replaced as part of the Metra Station redevelopment. The existing pay equipment is proposed to be replaced with three (3) parking pay terminals, which will be touch-screen terminals with coin, card, and bill paying capabilities, including cellular communication with real-time credit card payment processing.
 - b. A bid package was advertised on May 13, 2025 on the Village's website. One bid was received and opened on May 27, 2025. Total Parking Solutions, Inc. of Downers Grove, IL, submitted the lowest qualified bid in the amount of \$38,979.00. This resolution authorizes a contract with Total Parking Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$38,979.00.

Trustee Thill moved to approve Resolution 25-53, seconded by Trustee Travis.

Motion passes: 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. White	<u>aye</u>

3. Trustee Thill said that, in May, the Village had hosted a shredding and small electronics recycling day at our Public Works Department, sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). He mentioned at a previous meeting that the Village had taken in 6 tons of paper for recycling. In addition to that, 491 cars came through with what ended up being 8 tons of electronic equipment for recycling! He thanked the community and the Public Works Department for another successful event.
4. Trustee Thill asked people who live where new parkway trees have been planted (or trees that were planted last year) to please water the trees. Public Works does water them, but they need more watering than that. He said that, especially in the hot conditions we've been experiencing, "You can't overwater trees," and asked that people try to give these trees an additional 5 gallons of water per week. And speaking of the hot weather, Trustee Thill suggested that if you have neighbors who struggle to get their garbage and recycling cans out, especially in this heat, to offer to move the cans out for them.

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

E. Trustee Travis:

Trustee Travis reminded the assemblage that the Community Relations Commission's Summer Photo Contest is under way! Photographers are encouraged to take photos in Morton Grove during the summer season to highlight our wonderful community. Participants can submit up to five (5) photos of summer in Morton Grove by September 1. Please visit the Village's website to learn more.

XI. Trustee White:

F. Trustee White had three ordinances this evening:

- Ordinance 25-20, Approving a Minor Amendment to Ordinance 24-17 Granting an Amendment to a Special User Permit (Ordinance 18-09) Authorizing the Expansion of an Existing School at the Property Commonly Known as 8601 Menard Avenue in Morton Grove, IL.**
- 1.

This is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- In October of 2024, the Village Board approved a Special Use Permit with conditions for the
- a. expansion of the existing school, including the expansion of an existing gymnasium and the installation of a track within the existing field in the norther portion of the property at 8601 Menard. In a letter dated June 2, 2025, Raffi Arzoumanian of a+c architects, LLC on behalf of MCC Academy requested that horizontal window slits included in the approved elevations for the south façade be removed from the project. In discussion with staff, the applicant cited concerns with rising construction costs and the potential for light glare to impact players using the proposed gymnasium floor.

- b. Section 12-16-4:B of the Unified Development Code allows for minor amendments of existing special use applications upon the review of the request by the Building Commissioner or his/her designee, the Plan Commission Chairperson, the Village Administrator, and Corporation Counsel.

- c. The Appearance Commission chairperson had no concerns with the proposed amendment and agreed that Appearance Commission review is not needed. Since the proposed elimination of the horizontal window slits within the porcelain windscreen would not change any aspect of the approved use or site plan, the proposed amendment is eligible for approval as a minor amendment to Ordinance 24-17.

Trustee White moved to adopt Ordinance 25-20, seconded by Trustee Thill.

Motion passes: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Travis aye

Tr. Shiba aye
Tr. White aye

TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

XI.

Trustee White: (continued)

- F.
- Ordinance 25-21, Approving a Special Use Permit for an Indoor Recreational Facility at 7840-7860 Lehigh Avenue in Morton Grove, IL.**
2. This is the second reading of this Ordinance.
- a. The Applicant, Vitrychenko Academy, submitted a complete Special Use Permit Application to the Department of Community and Economic Development requesting to operate an indoor recreational facility within the existing industrial space at 7840-7860 Lehigh Avenue.
- b. Per Section 12-4-4:E of the Village's Unified Development Code, an indoor recreational facility is classified as a Special Use in the M-2 General Manufacturing District and requires Plan Commission review and Board of Trustees approval. The Applicant is leasing space to accommodate a proposed gymnastics training facility with four (4) mats, offices, and a lounge.
- c. On May 1, 2025, the Traffic Safety Commission reviewed Case PC 25-05 and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the application. On May 20, the Applicant appeared before the Plan Commission to present the request for approval of the application made under Case PC 25-05. Based on the application, staff report, and testimony presented at the public hearing, the Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit with conditions relating to business operations, parking, and parking lot lighting.

Trustee White moved to adopt Ordinance 25-21, seconded by Trustee Thill.

Motion passes: 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. White	<u>aye</u>

3. **Ordinance 25-22, Approving Text Amendments to Establish Sections 12-3-9 and 12-3-10 of the Morton Grove Unified Development Code (Title 12) to Provide Guidance for the Installation and Use of Solar Energy Collection Systems and Wind Energy Collection Systems in Morton Grove, IL.**

Trustee White turned this over to Village Administrator Meyer.

- a. Mr. Meyer said that Village staff is asked that this Ordinance be tabled tonight so as to allow time for further refinements or revisions, and to possibly ask the Plan Commission to take another look at it. Staff also wants to make sure they've planned for all possible impacts to the community.

Trustee White then moved to table Ordinance 25-22, seconded by Trustee Thill.

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

F. Trustee White: (continued)

Motion passes: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Travis aye

Tr. Shiba aye
Tr. White aye

XII.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

XIII.

WARRANTS

Trustee Khan presented the Warrant Register for June 24, 2025 in the amount of \$489,346.54. She moved to approve the Warrants as presented, seconded by Trustee Shiba.

Motion passes: 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

Devesh Pandit was happy to announce and invite the Board to attend a Celebration of Democracy, which would be taking place on August 23, 2025 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 P.M. It will be held at 9233 Shermer Road, which is near the church at Harlem and Shermer. He said that last year, he had 40 RSVPs, but only 14 people attended. He's hoping to do better this year, and said, all are welcome.

XV.

ADJOURNMENT

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

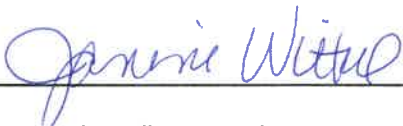
Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

PASSED this 8th day of July 2025.

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

APPROVED by me this 8th day of July 2025.



Janine Witko, Village President
Board of Trustees, Morton Grove, Illinois

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 9th day of July 2025.



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

Minutes by Teresa Cousar