

**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
NOVEMBER 25, 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 Chuck Meyer called the roll. Present were Trustees Saba Khan, Rita Minx, Ashur Shiba, Connie Travis, and Keith White. Trustee John Thill and Village Clerk Eileen Harford were absent with notice.

III.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Witko asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2025 Village Board Meeting as presented. Trustee Minx so moved, seconded by Trustee Khan.

Motion passes unanimously via voice vote with 1 absent.

IV.

SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Mayor Witko introduced Fire Inspector Rick Dobrowski who is here tonight with members of the Morton Grove Firefighters' Association to announce the winners of the annual Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest.
 - a. Mr. Dobrowski thanked Mayor Witko for the opportunity to present the poster contest winners. He said the MGF D has been running this poster contest for probably the last 30 years or so. The contest usually starts right after Fire Prevention Week. All public and private schools in the Village are invited to participate. There are usually about 14 different fire prevention themes or topics and the artist can draw something for one specific theme or several. The contest is sponsored by the Morton Grove Firefighters' Association, and they also do the judging. The winning posters are judged on the following criteria: that the fire safety message is correct, that the message is clear, and the quality of the artwork.
 - b. Each winner receives a plaque with a digitized photo of the winning poster. There is also one overall winner selected.

IV. **SPECIAL REPORTS** (continued)

c. Mr. Dobrowski presented the winners:

Kindergarten	Harmain Rehman	MCC Academy
First Grade	Ayyoub Rafiq	MCC Academy
Second Grade	Carl Maries	Hynes Elementary
Third Grade	Sulaiman Puthawala	MCC Academy
Fourth Grade	Raheeba Farhan	Melzer Elementary
Fifth Grade	Juliana Baylock	Edison Elementary **
Sixth Grade	Ariel Schiop	Jerusalem Lutheran
Seventh Grade	Aliyanna Behrami	Jerusalem Lutheran
Eighth Grade	Maryam Qureshi	MCC Academy

** Juliana Baylock from Edison was also named Overall Winner

Mayor Witko thanked the Firefighters’ Association and all the creative, talented participants. Several photos were taken of the winners, and a short break was taken before the Board Meeting continued.

V. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mayor Witko opened the Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget of the Village of Morton Grove and the Morton Grove Public Library. She asked the Board Members if anyone had any questions or comments on the Budget. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Trustee Travis so moved, 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>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>absent</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. White	<u>aye</u>

VI. **PLAN COMMISSION REPORTS**

NONE

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

Mr. Meyer said more forms (to sign in indicating you want to speak on an agenda item) are forthcoming; however, they are not a requirement. He said if you’re here tonight to talk about immigration-related issues, this is the time to do. Mayor Witko added that she would also ask later in the meeting (during “Residents’ Comments”) if there were any other comments on these issues.

VII.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Mayor Witko noted that each speaker would be allowed 4 minutes to talk. She asked the speakers not to repeat the same message as the speaker immediately before them, but to instead give your name and say that you agree with the previous speaker.

1. **Rick Incorvati, 6612 Hazel St.** Mr. Incorvati thanked the Mayor and the Board for their time tonight. He introduced himself as a deacon at St. James Episcopal Cathedral in Chicago who has lived in Morton Grove for just over four years. He said he was speaking in support of the proposed policy which upholds the kind of community for which the Illinois Trust Act is intended, and that affirms the dignity of the people who live and work in this community, people who have been mischaracterized and who are at risk every day. He said it's hard to watch the many ICE videos circulating on social media and even more troublesome to see these things happening in Morton Grove, especially when they're happening at local stores and eateries. He said, when it happens here, I'm seeing families being torn apart, and people living in fear wondering if they're next. He said he also feels a sense of personal accountability. Seeing things happening within blocks of where he lives, he said, even though I know there's little I can do about this, it feels like "doing nothing" is tantamount to "acquiescing," and if we acquiesce quietly, we're actually letting these incidents define our community values for us. That's why he was happy to see this topic on the Agenda for tonight's meeting, because speaking in favor of it is one small thing he can do.
 - a. Mr. Incorvati said he was fully aware of the concerns people have about appearing to protect illegal immigrants and about the need to have consequences for those who step outside of the law. He agrees that laws need to be supported by consequences but he thinks many people are troubled by the way border security has played a role in the demeaning and degradation of vulnerable groups of people in this country. He said, when he and his spouse moved here four years ago, they were coming from Springfield, Ohio, a place where Haitian immigrants were accused of "eating cats and dogs" of the people who had lived there for years. He said that, earlier today, when speaking to a friend of his in Springfield, he asked how he was doing. The friend responded, "I feel as if I'm being compressed, as if the walls are closing in around me," and he was wondering when this would all end. Mr. Incorvati said he believed that many immigrants living in Chicago and its suburbs, who have been misrepresented as drug dealers, gang members, murderers, or rapists, probably feel the same way. He said, on their behalf, he was happy to support this proposed policy.
2. **Jenny Marin, a 10-year resident,** thanked the Board for listening and responding to community members who came together at the last Board meeting to express their concerns over immigration enforcement activities in Morton Grove. She said the updated website and items that appear on tonight's Agenda are encouraging steps that will ensure all our community members feel welcome here. Ms. Marin said she hopes that this will be the start of an ongoing conversation. She noted that lots of people here tonight still have questions, which may or may not get answered this evening. While enforcement activities have slowed, many have seen or heard the threats being made of having four times the number of enforcement agents back here in March.

She hoped that Board members would continue to keep this conversation going by reaching out to concerned residents.

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- a. Jenny had some specific “asks” for tonight.
- 1) The current flyer and items on the Agenda indicate that the Village will uphold the Trust Act, and the proposed signage seems to do so as well. In addition to this, she requested that the Board amend the Village Code to add a provision that specifically prohibits any federal immigration operations on Village-owned property, unless there is a valid judicial warrant present. She said it is important that this is outlined in writing in our own local ordinances, so that there is no room for question and it is formalized in our Code.
 - 2) She said she would like to hear more details about when the signs are expected to go up, and where residents can find information on where the signs will be installed, i.e., what is Village property, and what is not?
 - 3) Similar to the need for a provision prohibiting immigration enforcement on any Village-owned property, what is the outlined response the Village will take if illegal immigration enforcement is taking place on Village property? She requested that these details be formalized in writing, and wanted to know when and how the Village’s responses will be shared.
 - 4) Please share more information about how all staff will be required to follow the Trust Act. Will this be written into staff contracts? Does this extend into not sharing information in or on databases? How will this be implemented and is there a projected deadline for when this will happen?
- b. Ms. Marin said she understands there are a number of things the Board has to take care of, adding she appreciates the time they’re taking for this. She said there are a number of people who’ve been impacted by immigration enforcement operations and who’ve been advised by their lawyers not to make any public statements about immigration. She thought it was sad that people don’t feel safe enough to come to their local municipality to share their concerns or to ask for help.
3. **Karina Marin.** She spoke at the previous Village Board meeting and said she’d be brief. She said she’s thankful the Board is hearing what the people are saying; however, she still felt that things are unclear or need to be made more public. She wanted to be sure that appropriate changes would be made to the Village Code and said she felt more transparency is needed. She also agreed with everything her sister Jenny just said.
 4. **Akhter Sadiq, 5736 Main Street.** He said, from the looks of the Agenda for tonight, it appears the Board has worked hard and listened hard to the community. He was concerned about a couple of things he wasn’t seeing, which were: 1) something prohibiting ICE detention without a valid court order, and 2) prohibiting ICE from being allowed to be on Village property while conducting any of their “activities.” He said our neighboring communities have done this, and he wondered why Morton Grove was seemingly shying away from doing the same. Mayor Witko said, as the meeting continues, more things will be clarified.

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5. **Minal Giri, M.D.** is a pediatrician who has spent her career caring for children from immigrant families. She wanted to talk about the deep impact that immigration enforcement has on children and on families. Children's medical care is being disrupted as parents are detained or deported by ICE. They have documented instances of parents being arrested or deported in the middle of a child's chemotherapy treatment. Many of these children are U.S. citizens...not that that should matter. What these families are going through is unfathomable. Deportation of parents impacts a child's security, safety, and well-being. Medications go unfilled. Caregivers are gone. Prescriptions lapse. Sometimes, life-saving equipment is removed. When sick children who depend on a parent or caregiver to provide comfort and hope lose that parent or caregiver to jail or deportation, the child's entire world collapses. Families are now afraid to even seek basic care, and afraid to send their children to schools because seeing armed ICE agents in school or hospital parking lots keeps people away. Seeing helicopters hovering over hospitals keeps families away. Hospitals are scrambling to find emergency guardians for ethics consultations instead of focusing on their jobs. Children are dying alone now. Trust in public health is failing, and families are torn between safety and survival. This is the human cost of the current enforcement environment. Whatever the Village can do to prevent the endangerment of children and families is greatly appreciated.

6. **Heather Freund** is a local preschool teacher. She said, in her classroom, she teaches about trust, kindness, and that the adults around them are here to keep them safe, but when immigration and customs enforcement activities take place on Village-owned property, that sends a different message altogether. Schools, parks, municipal buildings, and libraries should be "safe havens" for children. Even rumors of ICE will stop parents from bringing their children to school. Her ask of the Village Board is to implement clear laws and policies and to enforce them so as to prevent ICE from using Village-owned spaces, equipment, or resources for immigration operations. She said, "Our public spaces should be where families feel welcomed, not watched. We have the opportunity, and she felt, the responsibility, of having a community where children grow up believing that their leaders protect them, not frighten them." She thanked the Board for their time and commitment to the people of Morton Grove.

7. **Bob Raccuglia, 7439 Arcadia Street.** Mr. Raccuglia said he is a 21-year resident of Morton Grove. He said he thinks it's very important for Morton Grove to show its support for its immigrant neighbors in both symbolic and practical ways. "Operation Midwest Blitz" is creating a terrible atmosphere of fear and uncertainty. He said he and his wife have gotten to know a Venezuelan family who arrived here a little over two years ago. The parents and their two young children were objects of violence in their home country. They filed a formal application for asylum. While their claim is being processed, they have a legal right to stay in the United States. Even so, because of the way the "sweeps" of ICE have been conducted, our Venezuelan friends are now afraid to leave their apartment. The parents are no longer able to work for fear of being abducted. Their two boys are really bright and have done very well in their class work. However, the parents are no longer sending them to school. The family is paralyzed by fear. Some of us have been helping out by bringing them groceries, so they don't need to come out. There are thousands in the Chicago area, including some in Morton Grove, whose lives are being similarly impacted. He said he believed the Village needed to support these people in every possible way. It's encouraging to see the Board

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considering the items listed in tonight's Agenda. He urged the Board of Trustees to take action on these items.

8. **Jeremy Pastin, 8652 Fernald.** He said he spoke at the previous meeting and was glad to see that people came out again tonight. He said his concerns were not about the political issues of immigration, but rather, the human rights issues. He was somewhat concerned about the transparency of the Village's actions, and felt that perhaps, in spite of the Agenda items, the Village isn't going far enough. He said it's true that ICE has left the area with promises to be back in the spring with a higher number of agents, adding, "This is not the time to be complacent." He said the Village has been given an opportunity to take stock of the situation and prepare for the future.
- a. Mr. Pastin suggested several concrete actions the Village could take to protect the residents:
- Providing no-cost or low-cost resources to help community members who are at risk of deportation prepare emergency and safety plans;
 - Reaching out to and collaborating with local immigrant rights and social justice groups;
 - Connecting community members with resources for legal representation, including free or low-cost alternatives;
 - Providing trauma-informed care counselors or social workers for children or families who may be impacted by a raid;
 - Implementing clear, internal staff protocols for reporting any federal immigration activity on Village property and guide staff on appropriate responses;
 - Using flexible funding, or specific funding resources to offer wraparound services to families affected by detention, such as emergency assistance, food and grocery delivery;
 - Creating or enforcing policies within all Village departments that prohibit employees from inquiring about an individual's immigration or citizenship status when they seek services or interact with the local government;
 - Requiring local law enforcement officers to clearly identify their jurisdiction, i.e., Morton Grove Police Department, when interacting with residents, to avoid confusion with federal agents.
- b. Mr. Pastin said most of these items' cost is consumption-driven, so if not utilized, costs would be minimal, and if utilized, it would demonstrate that they were needed by the community and therefore worthwhile. He said he was a little disappointed that, in spite of the Immigration Enforcement items on tonight's Agenda, there was no related new ordinances or resolutions. He felt that not codifying these changes risks their removal without public knowledge or consent. Given the current national political climate, trust in governing organizations is abnormally low. Codifying these proposed changes and adding the items he suggested would help the process of rebuilding that trust, ensuring that the residents of Morton Grove felt that their elected and unelected officials' first priority is their safety and security.

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9. **Donna Schiller, a 40-year resident**, thanked the Board for listening. She related a story about how a few weeks ago, she'd gone into a local café and saw a woman harassing the owner, questioning him about his work status. Ms. Schiller noted that the woman was wearing Capris and flip-flops and didn't look professional at all. She asked the woman what she was doing there, and the response was "I'm with the Cook County Department of Administration." The woman then left. Both the owner and Ms. Schiller were quite rattled. The owner said if it happened again, he would call the police. More recently, with the increased aggressiveness of ICE, Ms. Schiller said her entire crew of landscapers was taken. Their machinery was left running, the truck was still there, but they were gone. She noted that the administration in Washington DC is not concerned with legality or with how friends and families are impacted by all this. She said she felt "safe" because of the color of her skin but wondered, "Who'll be next? Asians? Iranians? Moroccans?" She has neighbors from Mexico, Central America, and South America. It's not safe for them anymore in Morton Grove, not with agents wearing masks and carrying no identification roaming around. It's a big deal that the Village support our rights.

10. **Caroline Bilicki** stated that the Agenda and these meetings are a farce. The meeting violates the intent of the Open Meetings Act, the law that says that government needs to deliberate and make decisions in open public meetings. She said that, two weeks ago, she listened to the Village Administrator lecture the audience about what the Illinois Trust Act says, just after listening to trustees talk about religion and their pet projects in lieu of reports and skim over changes to policies and ordinances that will affect our residents. To have a first reading of an ordinance change, you actually have to read the policy—both what it says *now*, and how it's proposed to *change*. She looked at the Minutes of the meetings, and saw that residents' addresses were printed, but the Minutes failed to explain the ways in which these ordinances would change.
 - a. She said she applauded Mayor Witko for taking action such as implementing signage, Ms. Bilicki said that actions such as this should be discussed and deliberated upon during open public meetings. She said Mayor Witko had told her that she's proud of the transparency of the Village. Ms. Bilicki said, nothing about these meetings is transparent or reflects good governance. She told the Board, "Do better."

11. **Lisa Khabeer** thanked Mr. Meyer and said that she and several other community members would be meeting with him regarding police actions and activities. She thanked the Board for taking some steps to help protect the community from the unlawful and terrorizing federal agents. She said, while there isn't a lot we can do, there are some concrete actions we can and should take. She said she was disappointed in the police department's lack of response when armed and unidentified individuals are roaming our streets. The truth is we cannot just "assume" they are federal agents. Anyone who can purchase fatigues from Amazon and get their hands on weapons can abduct people from our streets. Often the license plates don't match the vehicles they're driving and they carelessly speed through our streets. We do not know who these people are. Multiple community members have called 9-1-1 asking for assistance in verifying these unidentified individuals and responding to chaotic scenes. Our police department has denied such requests, stating "there is nothing we can do."

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- a. Ms. Khabeer said she had personally asked a police officer what happens if a license plate doesn't match the vehicle being driven around Morton Grove, and asked the officer to run the plate through the system to verify it belonged to the vehicle. The vehicle had been driving around in Ms. Khabeer's neighborhood for hours, followed by a caravan of rapid responders. The officer informed her that "someone has already been dispatched" to the area—but no one showed up. The officer could have responded with a suggestion about where Ms. Khabeer could get more information, instead of brushing her off while sitting in a parking lot, chatting with another officer.
 - b. Ms. Khabeer suggested the MGPD follow Evanston's Police Department protocol, and also suggested the following:
 - Respond to calls regarding unmarked vehicles with armed individuals;
 - When responding to such calls from distressed community members, identify who was operating the vehicle and demand proof that they are federal agents;
 - Send a supervisor to such scenes;
 - Record interactions with body cams and keep written records;
 - Develop a database of confirmed sightings, observed use of force, if any;
 - Document chemical agent use, number of detained individuals, including their names, ages, race, etc.;
 - Document demographics of individuals being stopped and questioned, including race, age, etc. As we know, race appears to be the only probably cause for questioning individuals;
 - Keep diligent records of names of agents, badge numbers, and vehicle information. These should also be reported to the State, as it is quite likely these will all end up in the court system in the future.
 - Protect the community you are serving with dignity and empathy.
 - c. Ms. Khabeer said, additionally, it appears that ICE is using abandoned property parking lots for their work. She cited several instances, including the forest preserves. She said it is imperative that property owners are diligent about the upkeep of their properties, including locking gates and monitoring their properties for any activity. Property owners must be kept accountable for keeping their property safe and well-maintained in neighborhoods. She said, "We can, and we should, do better."
12. **Mary Elsner** thanked the Board for listening and for their responsiveness to the residents' appeals for action. She was glad to know that the Village would be posting signage on Village-owned properties, that all Village Hall staff would be adhering to the Illinois Trust Act, and that the Morton Grove Police would be documenting and reporting incidents involving federal agents. She said she would also like them to document the conduct of federal agents, where warranted, to the Illinois Accountability Commission.
- a. Ms. Elsner wondered, since there is no ordinance, resolution, or executive order forthcoming, what will be the mechanism to hold the Village accountable to these promises not yet implemented?

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- b. Will there be written directives, policies and procedures to the police and other Village staff that will be shared with residents requesting them? What is the timeline? Will the signage posted be sufficient notice to federal agents that civil immigration enforcement is prohibited on Village properties? The words on the signage must be unambiguous and purposeful. Will the Village identify the properties it owns and share the when and where signage has been posted? How will we know whether, and where, Morton Grove police have responded to immigration enforcement incidents, and which incidents, if any, have been documented and reported to the Illinois Accountability Commission?
- c. Ms. Elsner said, "We look forward to updates at future Board meetings reflecting the data and other information we need as assurances from our local government, such as some of the points regarding databases brought up earlier by Ms. Khabeer. We look forward to a continuing dialogue with you."
- 13. An unnamed resident said he wanted to echo the words of Deacon Incorvati. He hoped faith-based leaders could help bring calm and peace to our immigrants. He said they have a great relationship with the MGPD but he doesn't want kids to have the wrong image of the Morton Grove Police officers, so something that could actually differentiate the local officers from the federal agents would be great.

VIII. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- 1. Mayor Witko asked the Board to concur with her appointment of Jenny Cleary to the Village's Traffic Safety Commission. Jenny currently serves on the Village's Environment and Natural Resources Commission, and she'd like to transfer to the Traffic Safety Commission. Trustee Travis moved to concur with the mayor's appointment of Jenny Cleary to the Traffic Safety Commission, seconded by Trustee White.

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

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

- 2. **Update on Immigration Enforcement Activities in Morton Grove**
 Mayor Witko provided an update on Immigration Enforcement Activities in Morton Grove. She commented that, over the past several weeks, she's heard from countless residents and community members regarding the impact of immigration activity in Morton Grove. She said, "We've heard you and we care about you." She said she had written to each of the Village's State and Federal representatives, and only Jan Schakowsky responded. Mayor Witko said she was proud that Morton Grove is a place that welcomes people of all nationalities, backgrounds, and creeds, and said she has asked Village staff to share how we have helped our community members, and tonight we'll be discussing those actions.

VIII.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)a. **Placement of Signage on Village Property Requiring Parking for Village Business Only in Compliance with the Illinois Trust Act.**

Village Administrator Chuck Meyer said, in line with the Illinois Trust Act, the Village is in the process of procuring signs that demarcate Village property and notify the public and other organizations that they are on Village property. These signs would affirm that the parking lots/ Village property would only be used for Village Business in line with state and local laws. The signs have been purchased and will hopefully be installed by year-end. The signs will be posted at Village Hall, the Police Department, and the Public Works Department. The Fire Department already has signs in place at both fire stations.

b. **Designation of Social Worker as a Confidential Resource for Residents Impacted by Immigration Enforcement.**

Mayor Witko said she has directed the Village to designate the Village's Social Worker as a confidential resource for those residents impacted by immigration enforcement. Those who have been affected directly by immigration enforcement may contact the Village Social Worker at 847-663-3072. The Village Social Worker will listen and provide assistance with connecting to available and appropriate resources.

c. **Creation of Village Webpage for Immigration Enforcement Information**

Mr. Meyer said the Village has created a webpage to serve as a clearing house for immigration enforcement information. The webpage was modeled on neighboring communities to provide resources and information to those who may want to learn more about their rights. The webpage can also be set up to be able to read it in your choice of language.

d. **Creation and Distribution of Resource Flyer for Immigration Enforcement**

Mr. Meyer said, as part of the webpage, we have developed a two-page flyer that will be distributed to houses of worship and other institutions where people gather, to ensure those in need are aware of their rights and the resources available to them.

e. **Requirement of All Staff to Follow the Illinois Trust Act**

Mr. Meyer pointed out that the Illinois Trust Act is for Law Enforcement personnel, adding that, since last week, we have mandated that all staff are covered by the Illinois Trust Act, meaning that all staff will be held to the same standards. As such, this means that all staff will not discriminate on services provided to the public based on someone's immigration status. This ensures that all community members have equal access to Village services.

f. **Overview of Police Department Activities and the Illinois Trust Act**

- i. Police Chief Mike Weitzel said he's been with the Village for 26 years, and he's very proud of the Morton Grove Police Department.

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

- ii. Chief Weitzel said he's encouraged by seeing all those present tonight engaging in civic process. He said he had addressed the Board on this topic several months ago, and his comments tonight would not be dissimilar from what he said before.
- iii. For nearly a decade, the Morton Grove Police Department has maintained the same approach it currently has to immigration-related matters. In 2016, prior to the implementation of the Illinois Trust Act, the MGPD had in its Policy Manual, Policy #428, which pertains to immigration matters. That policy made it clear that the MGPD does not enforce civil immigration law, that people must feel safe reporting crime regardless of their immigration status. That Policy was reaffirmed in updated versions of the policy manual in 2017, 2022, and 2024. In 2017, the State of Illinois passed the Illinois Trust Act, which completely prohibits local police departments from participating in federal civil immigration enforcement; prohibits detaining anyone on the basis of an immigration detainer or administrative warrant, and prohibits giving federal immigration agents access to any individual(s) in custody unless there is a federal criminal warrant for that person. The MGPD has been operating on these principles before the State required it.
- iv. In 2021, the "Way Forward Act" strengthened those protections and added reporting requirements for municipal police departments. It also outlined obligations regarding new visas and t-visa certifications for victims of violent crime and human trafficking. These have all been incorporated into the MGPD's most recent policy manual updates. The MGPD routinely distributes the Attorney General's guidance on Immigration and Law Enforcement to its personnel, and they regularly train on Policy #428 to make sure every member of the department understands the law and our obligations.
- v. Chief Weitzel said that, on November 3, 2025, a letter to the community from Mayor Witko was published, reaffirming what has been true for years. The Village and the Morton Grove Police Department do not participate in immigration enforcement. They do not ask people about their immigration status, except in very specific circumstances where they are legally required to do so. They follow the Trust Act and its related statutes. The MGPD maintains constant communication with Village leadership—the Village Administrator's office, the Village Board, and the office of the Village President. This helps keep the protections, policies, and public messaging aligned. Chief Weitzel said, "Public safety depends on people feeling safe enough to report crimes, to cooperate with our investigations, and to seek our help when they need it." This has been the truth of the Morton Grove Police Department for decades, and it remains so today."

IX. **CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Harford was absent –no report this evening.

X.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Village Administrator:

1. Mr. Meyer presented for a second reading **Ordinance 25-30, Amending Title 1 “Administrative,” Section 1-9b-1 Entitled “Sale of Surplus Property,” Title 8 “Public Health and Safety” Sections 8-11-1 Entitled “Definitions and Exclusions,” and 8-11-2 Entitled “Permit Required,” and Deleting Section 4-10-1 of Title 5 “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” of the Village of Morton Grove Municipal Code.**
 - a. In order to keep its regulations current and relevant, Village staff regularly review the Village’s Municipal Code. As part of this review process, the Village Administrator recommends that Section 1-9B-1 of the Municipal Code be amended to increase the value of property deemed to be surplus from \$1,000 to \$3,000; and further recommends that Sections 8-11-1 and 8-11-2 of the Code be amended to clarify the types of events that require a special event permit, and to change the deadline for submitting an application for a special event permit for 90 to 60 days.
 - b. Also, upon review, the Village Administrator further recommends that Section 4-10 of the Municipal Code be amended to delete subparagraph 1 entitled “Prohibition of Motor Drive Scooters,” as motor-driven scooters are regulated pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code.

Mayor Witko asked for a motion from the Board.

Trustee Minx moved to adopt Ordinance 25-30 as presented, seconded by Trustee Shiba.

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

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

2. Mr. Meyer then presented for a second reading **Ordinance 25-33, Amending Title 4 Entitled “Business Regulations,” Chapter 6, Article D Entitled “Liquor Control,” and Title 1 Entitled “Administrative,” Chapter 11, Entitled “Fees,” Section 4 Entitled “Fees and for Specific Permits, Licenses, Certificates, and Services” of the Municipal Code of the Village of Morton Grove.**
 - a. In order to keep its regulations current and relevant, Village staff regularly review the Village’s Municipal Code. As part of this review process, the Village Administrator recommends the following updates to the Village’s Liquor Control Ordinances:
 - b.
 - Update the regulations for Class J licenses, an ancillary license which authorizes holders of Class A, A-V, C, C-V, M, M-V, E, or E-V licenses to sell alcoholic liquors for consumption off the licensed premises for up to 5 events per year (except that holders of Class E or E-V licenses shall be limited to events lasting no more than one (1) day approved in writing by the Village Administrator at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the event.
 - Reduce the number of Class N Video Gaming Café Licenses from 4 to 2 and the total number of V (video gaming) licenses from 11 to 10.

X. **STAFF REPORTS** (continued)

A. Village Administrator: (continued)

- Establish regulations, application and annual fees for Class S licenses which are an ancillary license which authorizes holders of Class A, A-V, M, M-V, E, or E-V licenses to sell alcoholic liquors, only in original packages for consumption off the premises.
- c. Additionally, it was found that the Village’s Video Gaming Terminal Permit of \$275 per machine or terminal per year was significantly lower than that of other home-rule communities in the area. This Ordinance will modify this fee to \$750 per machine or terminal per year to align with the same fee assessed by the Village of Niles.
- d. This modification would be effective January 1, 2026, and would not impact any current video gaming license holders who have already been sent renewal applications, but would be effective for any new licenses or renewals after January 1, 2026.

Mayor Witko asked for a motion from the Board.

Trustee Minx moved to adopt Ordinance 25-33, seconded by Trustee Shiba.

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

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

- 3. Mr. Meyer presented **Resolution 25-77, Fixing the Time and Place for a Public Hearing to Consider the Approval of a Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Dempster Street Redevelopment Project Area, and the Adoption of Tax Increment Allocation Financing, Therefor, and Convening a Joint Review Board.**
 - a. This Resolution is to comply with the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act to fix the time and place for a public hearing to consider the establishment of a Redevelopment Project Area for Dempster Street from Central Avenue to the Forest Preserve District property.
 - b. Dempster Street from Central Avenue to the Forest Preserve District property has not been subject to maximum growth and development through investment by private enterprise, and it is not reasonably anticipated to continue to produce property taxes of the same level as it previously had without certain public assistance by the Village. The Village is considering designating this area as a “Redevelopment Project Area” or “TIF District” as contemplated by the TIF act.
 - c. This Resolution will authorize the convening of a Joint Review Board meeting on December 16, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Village Hall, and will set January 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall as the time and place for a public hearing to consider the establishment of the Dempster Street TIF District. The Village will provide notice of the public hearing in the January 8, 2026 and the January 15, 2026 editions of the *Morton Grove Champion* as required by law.

X. **STAFF REPORTS** (continued)

A. Village Administrator: (continued)

Mayor Witko asked for a motion from the Board.

Trustee Travis moved, seconded by Trustee White, to approve Resolution 25-77 as presented.

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

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

4. Mr. Meyer introduced **Ordinance 25-38, Amending Title 1, Chapter 11, Section 4 Entitled “Fees For Specific Permits, Licenses, Certificates, and Services” of the Municipal Code of the Village of Morton Grove to Update the Ambulance Transport Fees.**

- a. The Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) program is a federally funded Medicaid program that allows communities to be reimbursed for providing ambulance transportation services.
- b. GEMT has increased its ambulance transportation rate to \$2,710. This Ordinance will increase the fees for ambulance transportation services in the amount of \$2,500 to account for the correct reimbursement rate provided by the GEMT Program and to make the Village whole for costs associated with this service.

As this is a first reading for this Ordinance, no action will be taken this evening.

5. Mr. Meyer announced that Village administrative offices would be closed on November 27 and November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

B. Corporation Counsel:

Corporation Counsel Liston had no formal report this evening.

XI. **TRUSTEES’ REPORTS**

A. Trustee Khan:

- 1. Trustee Khan presented **Ordinance 25-31, Adopting the Budgets for all Corporate Purposes of the Village of Morton Grove and the Morton Grove Public Library, Cook County, IL, for the Calendar Year Effective January 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026.**

XI. **TRUSTEES’ REPORTS** (continued)

A. Trustee Khan: (continued)

This is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- a. She said the 2026 Budget represents the Corporate Authorities’ projections of revenue that are expected to become available during fiscal year 2026, as well as recommended expenditures for the Village. The Budget was presented at Village Workshops held on October 21 and October 22, and a Public Hearing on the Budget was held on November 25, 2025. Public notice of the hearing was published in the Chicago Tribune Local newspaper on November 13, 2025. The Budget has been available for inspection at the Village Administrator’s Office, the Public Library, and on the website.

Trustee Khan moved to adopt Ordinance 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>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>absent</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. White	<u>aye</u>

- 2. Next, Trustee Khan presented **Ordinance 25-32, Levying and Assessing Taxes for the Village of Morton Grove, Cook County, IL, for 2025 to be Collected in the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026.**

- a. She explained that this Ordinance sets the 2025 property tax levy amount that will be collected and will fund the 2026 Budget. This Ordinance must be adopted and filed with the Cook County Clerk to levy property taxes within the Village of Morton Grove.
- b. The amount necessary to be levied for the 2025 property taxes is \$12,660,061 for Village operational expenses, \$657,963 for Village debt service, and \$4,045,637 for the Library. This will result in a net levy of \$13,318,024 for the Village and \$4,045,637 for the Library, for a total levy of \$17,363,661. The effective result is a 4.33% increase in the Village’s portion of the tax levy and a 3.5% increase in the Library’s portion of the tax levy, resulting in an overall increase of 4.14% from the final extended levy from the previous year.

Trustee Khan moved to adopt Ordinance 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>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>absent</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. White	<u>aye</u>

- 3. Trustee Khan then introduced **Ordinance 25-37, Authorizing an Amendment to the Village of Morton Grove 2025 Adopted Budget.**

XI. TRUSTEES’ REPORTS (continued)

A. Trustee Khan: (continued)

- a. She explained that the Budget for Calendar Year 2025 was adopted on November 27, 2024, which was prior to when the Village purchased property for a new Village Hall and Police Station. Title 1, Chapter 9D, Section 6 of the Municipal Code allows the adopted budget to be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Corporate Authorities. Architectural services were needed to draft plans for the remodel and an addition to the new Village facilities. These costs were dependent on the purchase of the property, which was not certain at the time the budget was passed. The Village has also become aware of grant opportunities to reimburse the Village for the purchase of additional parkway trees. This ordinance will approve an amendment to the 2025 Adopted Budget to reflect these 2025 expenditures.

Trustee Khan noted that, as this is the first reading for Ordinance 25-37, no action will be taken this evening.

B. Trustee Minx:

Trustee Minx had no formal report this evening, but announced that residents should mark their calendars for Saturday, December 6, as the Village will hold the annual “Santa Comes to Town” event. Santa will begin his tour of the Village at Greenwood and Waukegan at 11:00 a.m. and will end at Main Street and Austin Avenue between 1:15 and 1:30 p.m. Santa will then reappear at the Prairie View Community Center to provide gifts to kids who receive specially marked candy until 3:30 p.m. Please visit the Village’s website to see the Santa Tracker to see where Santa is along the parade route on December 6.

Trustee Minx said the Village also wants to thank the community volunteers who helped put stickers on over 5,000 lollipops that will be given out during the event. Thanks go to:

Angela Juvonen	Fay Hosseini	Fumie Ikeda	Jane & Nathan Vaitaitis
Maria Campanella	Nini Virtusio	Mary & Rich Senkowski	Paul & Rita Minx

Trustee Minx ended her report with a Happy Thanksgiving wish to all!

C. Trustee Shiba:

Trustee Shiba said that, earlier in November, the Village held its annual pumpkin smash in Harrer Park. 2025 was our best year yet with a total of 4.64 tons of material collected and almost as many pumpkins as last year. This helps to keep compostable waste out of our garbage streams and continues to make Morton Grove more sustainable.

XI. **TRUSTEES’ REPORTS** (continued)

D. Trustee Thill: *In the absence of Trustee Thill, Trustee Minx provided his report.*

1. Trustee Minx presented **Resolution 25-78, Authorizing Renewal of the Exclusive Franchise Agreement with Wastenot, Inc. for Food Scrap Composting Services in the Village of Morton Grove.**

- a. She explained that, in 2023, the Village solicited proposals for year-round food scrap collection services and received two proposals from qualified contractors. After reviewing the proposals and verifying the contractor’s availability to provide efficient food scrap collection along with the lowest cost to Village residents and small businesses, the Village entered into a two-year food scrap collection franchise agreement with Wastenot, Inc. of Chicago, IL.
- b. The agreement provides an exclusive franchise for the collection of food scrap services for Village residents and small businesses on a voluntary subscription contract with a monthly, quarterly, or annual fee to be paid by the customer directly to Wastenot, Inc., and a Winter Gap Program during the period that is off-season for Groot’s Landscape Waste/Food Scrap program (December 15 through March 15 each year) at no cost to the Village. The agreement also provides that it could be renewed at the sole option of the Village annually for up to five (5) additional years.
- c. This Resolution shall authorize the Village Administrator to enter into a one-year renewal of the agreement for the period from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, and, if the Village Administrator deems it in the Village’s best interest based on then-existing circumstances, to authorize the Village Administrator to approve four (4) subsequent one-year renewals for 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030. There is no fiscal impact to the Village from this program.

Trustee Minx moved to approve Resolution 25-78, 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>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>absent</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. White	<u>aye</u>

2. Next under Trustee Thill’s report, Trustee Minx presented **Resolution 25-79, Authorizing the Acceptance of a Material Proposal from Cargill, Incorporated of North Olmstead, Ohio for the 2026 Rock Salt Purchasing Program.**

- a. The Village has an annual program to purchase road rock salt for the winter snow and ice season. Road rock salt is used to keep the Village-maintained streets, parking lots, and facilities safe during the winter snow and ice season. The purchase of this material is paid from using Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds. The State of Illinois administratively controls the use of MFT funds, and the bidding procedures and contract documents are required to conform to state requirements for these amounts. This contract was awarded through a public bidding process in accordance with Morton Grove’s municipal code and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requirements.

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

D. Trustee Thill: (continued) *In the absence of Trustee Thill, Trustee Minx provided his report.*

- b. The contract was advertised and three sealed bids were received. The low bid was submitted by Cargill Incorporated of North Olmstead, Ohio with a bid amount of \$257,610 for three thousand (3,000) tons of road rock salt. The Village included terms in the contract documents to provide an option to purchase between 40 and 120 percent of the 3,000-ton contract quantity. The bid amount is based upon unit pricing proposed by Cargill for the number of units the Village determines to be in the best interest of the Village. This Resolution will approve a contract with Cargill Incorporated for the 2026 Road Rock Salt Purchasing Program, not to exceed \$309,132.00.

Trustee Minx moved to approve Resolution 25-79, 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>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>absent</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. White	<u>aye</u>

3. Trustee Minx then presented **Resolution 25-80, Authorizing a Contract Extension with Al Warren Oil Company, Inc. for the Purchase of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel.**

- a. She explained that, as a member of the Northwest Municipal Conference, the Village participates in the joint purchasing program offered by the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC), where gasoline and diesel fuel are competitively bid to reduce costs for multiple communities. In June 2024, the Al Warren Oil Company, Inc., of Hammond, Indiana, was awarded Contract #230 by the SPC, effective from July 6, 2024 through July 5, 2025. The contract gave the SPC the right to extend the contract for three (3) additional one-year period under the same terms and conditions of the original contract. In May 2025, the SPC extended Contract #230 through July 5, 2026.
- b. This Resolution authorizes the Village Administrator to extend its contract for gasoline and diesel fuel from Al Warren Oil Company, Inc. through July 1, 2026. If the SPC extends Contract #230, and if the Village Administrator deems then-existing circumstances to warrant the extension, the Village Administrator is authorized to extend the contract through July 5, 2029. The fiscal impact of this Resolution is approximately \$85.475 annually.

Trustee Minx moved to approve Resolutions 25-80, seconded by Trustee White.

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

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

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

D. Trustee Thill: (continued) *In the absence of Trustee Thill, Trustee Minx provided his report.*

4. On behalf of Trustee Thill, Trustee Minx said the Village's Fall Leaf Program will wrap up on Monday, December 1, 2025. The Fall Leaf Program is for leaf pickup only. All other landscape materials, including grass clippings, bushes, tree branches, and flowers, will not be picked up. Leaves must be in the street by the curb, away from parked cars, the day before the regularly scheduled street sweeping day.

E. Trustee Travis:

Trustee Travis had no formal report this evening, but wished everyone a very happy Thanksgiving!

F. Trustee White:

Trustee White had several Ordinances up for a second reading:

1. **Ordinance 25-34, Approving a Special Use Permit for a Mixed-Use Development on Property Commonly Known as 6222 Lincoln Avenue and 8503-09 Fernald Avenue in Morton Grove.**
 - a. Trustee White said this Ordinance would approve a Special Use Permit for the renovation of an existing two-structure mixed-use development at 6222 Lincoln and 8503-09 Fernald. The applicant submitted a complete Special Use Application to the Community and Economic Development department, requesting authorization to renovate a nonconforming mixed-use development, with variations to density, rear setback, number of structures on a zoning lot of less than one acre, transparency requirements, and off-street parking.
 - b. The subject property is improved with two nonconforming mixed-use structures containing in total five residential units and three commercial units. The applicant is planning enhancements to the buildings' facades and will construct off-street parking and landscape screening on the premises, which will improve the property beyond its original condition. The base off-street parking requirement is 14 parking spaces, but the applicant is planning to improve the unpaved area to the east of the principal structure with five (5) off-street parking spaces, requiring a waiver of nine (9) parking spaces to the minimum Code requirement. Each apartment unit will be assigned one parking space.
 - c. On October 2, 2025, the Traffic Safety Commission reviewed the application, including the plans and traffic and parking study, and recommended approval with comments. On October 7, 2025 the Appearance Commission reviewed the Application, approved an Appearance Certificate for proposed improvements, and recommended approval of the application with comments. On October 21, 2025, the applicant appeared before the Plan Commission to present the request for approval of the application made under Case PC25-10.

XI. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

F. Trustee White: (continued)

- d. Based on the application, supporting staff report, and testimony presented at the public hearing, the Plan Commission voted unanimously (with two absent) to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit, with conditions relating to building and site design, construction schedule, signage, lighting, and snow removal.

Trustee White moved to adopt Ordinance 25-34, 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>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>absent</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. White	<u>aye</u>

2. **Ordinance 25-35, Approving a Minor Amendment to Ordinance 24-19 Granting a Special Use Permit for an Automobile Minimart Station at 6335 Dempster Street in Morton Grove, IL.**

- a. Trustee White explained that this Ordinance would amend a Special Use Permit authorizing the construction of an automobile minimart station at 6335 Dempster, to grant a 12-month extension of time, until October 22, 2026, to begin construction.
- b. The applicant, Cissily, Inc. has submitted a letter dated October 21, 2025 from Alex Skariah on Cissily's behalf. The letter requests an additional 12-month extension to October 22, 2026, to allow additional time to obtain all necessary permits and begin construction. The applicant, who owns the property and operates an existing gas station at the subject property, has been working diligently with Village staff to obtain needed permits. Village staff provided comments on initial permit materials and to the applicant working to address those comments and submit revised materials. The applicant also submitted for permit from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), but is still awaiting the required approvals.
- c. The Unified Development Code allows minor amendment to existing special use permits upon the review of the request by the Building Commissioner or his/her designee, the Plan Commission Chairperson, Village Administrator, and Corporation Counsel. Since the proposed amendment would not change any aspect of the approved use or site plan, the proposed request for an extension is eligible for approval; as a minor amendment to Ordinance 23-18.

Trustee White moved to adopt Ordinance 25-35, seconded by Trustee Shiba.

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

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

XI. **TRUSTEES’ REPORTS** (continued)

F. Trustee White: (continued)

3. **Ordinance 25-36, Approving a Final Plat of Subdivision and Accepting Certain Improvements for the Park Villas Townhomes Subdivision Located on Property Commonly Known as 8721 Narragansett, 8720-26 Ferris, and a 1,121-square foot portion of Public Alley Right-of-Way Petitioned for Vacation in Morton Grove, IL.**

- a. Trustee White explained that the property commonly known as 8721 Narragansett Avenue and 8720-26 Ferris is a 0.48 acre site located within a C-1 General Commercial District and comprises lots separated by a 1,120.64 square foot portion of public dedicated alley located directly north of Hennings Court, between Ferris and Narragansett, that has been approved for vacation under Ordinance 22-06. Collectively the site and vacated public alley make up the subject property.
- b. Based on Special Use Permit and Subdivision Applications submitted for the Subject Property by P&P Properties, LLC (“Developer”) under Case PC 22-04, on May 23, 2022, the Village Board passed Ordinance 22-07 approving for the Subject Property a Special Use Permit authorizing the development of ten (10) townhomes in two (2) structures and a preliminary plat of subdivision to create twelve (12) new lots of record, one for each new townhome residence and two for the common areas to be owned and maintained by a homeowners’ association. The Developer is now requesting approval of a final plat that includes eleven (11) new lots of record, including one for each of the ten (10) new townhome residences, and a single lot comprising the common areas to be owned and maintained by a homeowners’ association.
- c. The Developer has completed site improvements required by Ordinance 22-07 and the site improvement permit has been issued for the Subject Property. The Village’s Municipal Code provides that the Village Board may approve a final plat of subdivision that is substantially consistent with the approved preliminary plat of subdivision upon receipt of a statement signed by the Village Engineer certifying that the improvements described in the applicant’s plans and specifications, together with the supporting documents and agreements, meet the requirements of the Village and other authorities having jurisdiction, and that the improvements have been constructed in compliance with the approved plans and all applicable regulations. The Village Engineer has provided a certificate of conformance for the development’s required improvements, and the Developer has fulfilled the requirements and obligations required by Section 12-8-3 of the Municipal Code prior to the Village Board’s approval of the final plat of subdivision. Upon Village Board approval of the final plat of subdivision, the plat and declaration will be recorded with the Cook County Clerk, and the Building and Inspectional Services Department will be able to issue certificates of occupancy for completed townhome units that pass required final inspections.

Trustee White moved to adopt Ordinance 25-36, 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>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>absent</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. White	<u>aye</u>

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

F. Trustee White: (continued)

4. Trustee White concluded his report by wishing everyone a happy, healthy Thanksgiving.

XII. **WARRANTS**

Trustee Khan presented the Warrant Register for November 25, 2025 in the amount of \$952,202.18. She moved to approve the Warrants as presented, seconded by Trustee Shiba.

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

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

XIII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

XIV. **RESIDENTS' COMMENTS**

Mike Baker said he had recently been made aware that the Forest Preserve District was going to put up a concrete barrier on the west side of his property at 6427 Elm Street. This will effectively block his and his tenants' access to the garage. He was told that the reason this was being done was so traffic couldn't "cut through" from Main Street to Elm Street. Two concrete barriers are already in place there. He said he's now being told that in order to have access to his garage, he will need to move his driveway from the west side of the building to the east side. Mr. Baker said there is not enough room on that side of the building for a driveway. He also noted there are small children who play in the grassy area between his and his neighbor's house. Mr. Baker said the previous owners of his building had an easement which allowed them to be able to use a small portion of the west side driveway which enabled them to have access to the garage. He was hoping that easement could be reinstated.

Mayor Witko suggested Mr. Baker speaking with Mr. Meyer after the meeting.

XV. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Trustee Shiba moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Minx.

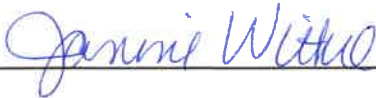
Motion passes unanimously via voice vote, with 1 absent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

PASSED this 9th day of December 2025.


Trustee Khan	<u>aye</u>
Trustee Minx	<u>aye</u>
Trustee Shiba	<u>absent</u>
Trustee Thill	<u>aye</u>
Trustee Travis	<u>aye</u>
Trustee White	<u>aye</u>

APPROVED by me this 9th day of December 2025.



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

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 10th day of December 2025.



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

Minutes by Teresa Cousar

