

**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 14, 2026**

**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. Village Clerk Eileen Harford called the roll. Trustees Saba Khan, Rita Minx, Ashur Shiba, John Thill, Connie Travis, and Keith White were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

III.

Mayor Witko asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2026 Regular Village Board Meeting as presented. Trustee Minx so moved, seconded by Trustee Thill.

**Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.**

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

IV.

NONE

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

V.

NONE

**PLAN COMMISSION REPORTS**

VI.

Mayor Witko introduced Zoe Heidorn, Director of Community and Economic Development, to present two Plan Commission cases this evening.

1. **Case PC 25-13: Request for Approval to Amend a Special Use Permit to allow for the Installation of Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Collection Systems at the property commonly known as 8625 Waukegan Road in Morton Grove, IL.**
  - a. Ms. Heidorn said the Applicants are seeking to amend the Special Use Permit to allow for the installation of a roof-mounted community solar energy collection system for the sale of energy.

VI. **PLAN COMMISSION REPORTS (continued)**

- b. The Applicants also want a behind-the-meter solar energy collections system to supply the on-site user with energy to conduct operations.
  - c. This case was heard on January 20, 2026, and amended by the Applicants to include all proposed solar systems at the property. On March 12, the Plan Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit amendment with conditions, which are contained in the draft Ordinance 26-08.
2. **Case PC 26-02: Request for Approval of a Special Use Permit for an Accessory Structure greater than 750 square feet with variations from Sections 12-2-5 for Rear Yard Coverage for the property commonly known as 9230 Newcastle Avenue.**
- a. Ms. Heidorn said the Applicants are requesting a Special Use Permit to allow the construction of an 816 square foot detached garage, driveway, and patio at 9230 Newcastle. The garage requires a special use permit because it exceeds the maximum permitted square footage by right.
  - b. On March 12, the Plan Commission heard the case and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit, with conditions which are contained in the draft Ordinance 26-09.

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

NONE

VIII. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. Mayor Witko invited Dick Dorgan to join her at the podium for his Village recognition.
  - a. She said Dick Dorgan has been an integral part of the Morton Grove community for an impressive 52 years. His journey began with two years on the Community Relations Commission, where he worked tirelessly to foster connections among residents. However, it was his remarkable 37-year tenure with the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals—and, Mayor Witko commented, that is a tough Commission—that truly defined his legacy.
  - b. Throughout his time in these roles, Dick's passion for enhancing our town for the benefit of all residents was palpable. He took great pride in spearheading the transformation of neglected areas into thriving developments, such as the innovative Sawmill Station and the picturesque Delaine Farms subdivision. These projects not only revitalized parts of Morton Grove but also strengthened its identity as a vibrant and welcoming residential community.
  - c. Dick often emphasizes that his successes were never achieved in isolation; they were the result of collaborative efforts with a dedicated team. He believes that everyone who worked alongside him deserves recognition for their hard work and commitment.

## VIII.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (continued)

- d. Mayor Witko continued, saying that Dick expresses heartfelt gratitude for the Village staff, whose support and dedication were instrumental in bringing the Commission's vision to life and helping Morton Grove flourish. As Dick transitions into "retirement," he is eagerly anticipating watching new episodes of NCIS on Tuesday evenings rather than reruns of past seasons.
  - e. Mayor Witko presented a plaque to Dick and said, "We extend our deepest gratitude to Dick Dorgan for his unwavering dedication, wealth of knowledge, and boundless enthusiasm, all of which have played a crucial role in shaping Morton Grove into the exceptional community it is today." She invited Dick to say a few words.
  - f. Dick said he has worked with seven (7) mayors, starting with Dick Flickinger. He had high praise for Village staff, calling them "incredible." He said one thing he's enjoyed, is when every month, a squad car sits in front of his house and a community service officer comes to the door with Dick's monthly Plan Commission/Zoning Board packet. After the squad car leaves, his neighbors come out and want to know if everything is all right. He said, "I just tell them it was my Parole Officer."
2. **Mayor Witko proclaimed April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day in the Village.** She provided some background on Arbor Day, noting that Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and is now observed throughout the nation and the world. She spoke of the benefit of trees—how they can reduce erosion of precious topsoil by wind and water; how they can cut heating and cooling costs; moderate the temperature; clean the air; produce oxygen; and provide a habitat for wildlife.
    - a. Mayor Witko pointed out that trees are also a renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for fires, and countless other wood products. She said that trees in Morton Grove increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community. She commented this is the 25th year that the Village has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and this is the fifth year Morton Grove has received the foundation's "Growth Award" for demonstrating a higher level of tree care and community engagement during the calendar year.
    - b. Mayor Witko urged all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, to support the Village's urban forestry program, and to plant trees to gladden hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.
  3. Mayor Witko announced that the Morton Grove Public Library's Executive Director Pam Leffler will be retiring after a successful 35-year career. Pam has been a staunch advocate for Morton Grove and the library system, and on behalf of the Village, Mayor Witko thanked Pam for her years of service, and wished her and her family the best as she begins a well-deserved retirement.
  4. Lastly, Mayor Witko noted that, after tonight's meeting, she, Trustees Shiba and Travis, and staff will be traveling to Springfield to meet with legislators and State Officials to advocate on behalf of

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

Morton Grove and our residents. Mayor Witko said the Morton Grove contingent will be meeting on a variety of issues facing this community, and will be seeking support for major projects, including our new Police Department and Village Hall.

5. Trustee Thill said a big thanks should go to his wife Marian, who, 25 years ago, attended a Village Board meeting and told the Board they should consider being designated a Tree City by the Arbor Day Foundation. He said he was so very proud of her for doing that!

IX. **CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Harford had no formal report this evening.

X. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. Village Administrator:

Mr. Meyer had no formal report this evening.

B. Corporation Counsel:

Corporation Counsel Liston had no formal report this evening, but offered her congratulations to Dick Dorgan on his retirement. She served on the Plan Commission with him years ago. She also congratulated Dick's wife Jean for sharing Dick with the Village for so many years. She added a note of thanks to Jean for "educating my children."

XI. **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

A. Trustee Khan:

Trustee Khan had no formal report this evening.

B. Trustee Minx:

Trustee Minx had no formal report this evening. She wished Dick Dorgan well and told him "enjoy your retirement!"

XI.

**TRUSTEES' REPORTS** (continued)

C. Trustee Shiba:

Trustee Shiba had no formal report this evening.

D. Trustee Thill:

Trustee Thill had two resolutions to present this evening:

1. **Resolution 26-28, Authorizing a Contract with Globe Construction Company, Inc. of Addison, IL for the 2026 Concrete Replacement Program.**

- a. This Resolution authorizes the Village Administrator to execute a contract with Globe Construction Company, Inc. of Addison, IL, for the 2026 Concrete Replacement Program.
- b. Concrete curbs, pavements, and sidewalks are repaired throughout the Village as part of the annual concrete replacement program. The work is performed mostly by a contractor hired by the Village. In accordance with the Village Code, the Public Works Department advertised on the Village’s website in early March 2026, inviting bids on the 2026 Concrete Replacement Program. Four bids were received, and Globe Construction Company, Inc. submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$227,020.00. The bid amount is based on unit pricing, and the contract’s final price will be based on the number of units the Village will determine.
- c. This contract must conform to the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act. This Resolution will authorize a contract with Globe Construction Company, Inc. for the 2026 Concrete Replacement Program in an amount not to exceed \$227,020.00.

Trustee Thill moved to approve Resolution 26-28, seconded by Trustee White.

**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>

2. **Resolution 26-29, Authorizing a Contract with Builders Asphalt, LLC of Hillside, IL for the 2026 Material Purchasing Program.**

- a. The Village has an annual material purchasing program to purchase asphalt for use by the Public Works Department and to dispose of recyclable asphalt to maintain the Village’s rights-of-way and properties. Public Works will use Village trucks to deliver the recyclable asphalt to the plant, collect the asphalt from the producer, and deliver the asphalt to the work site. The purchase and recycling of construction materials for this program are paid for within the Village General Fund and the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund.

XI. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

D. Trustee Thill: (continued)

- b. The State of Illinois administratively controls MFT Funds. Bidding procedures and contract documents are required to conform to state requirements for these amounts. The contract was bid through a public process in accordance with the Municipal Code and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requirements.
- c. Two sealed bids were received, with the lowest responsive and responsible bid coming from Builders Asphalt, LLC of Hillside, IL. The amount to be paid to the vendor is based upon unit pricing proposed by the contractor for the number of units estimated by the Village, and the final price of the contract will be increased to the amount budgeted.
- d. This Resolution will approve a contract with Builders Asphalt, LLC for the 2026 Material Purchasing Program in an amount not to exceed \$93,000.00.

Trustee Thill moved, seconded by Trustee Travis, to approve Resolution 26-29.

**Motion passes: 6 ayes, 0 nays.**

Tr. Khan     aye  
Tr. Thill     aye

Tr. Minx     aye  
Tr. Travis    aye

Tr. Shiba     aye  
Tr. White     aye

E. Trustee Travis:

Trustee Travis had no formal report.

F. Trustee White:

Trustee White had two ordinances under his report this evening. Both are first-reads, with no action being taken on either Ordinance this evening.

- 1. **Ordinance 26-08, Approving an Amendment to a Special Use Permit Authorizing the Installation of Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Collection Systems at 8625 Waukegan Road in Morton Grove.**  
  
Trustee White noted that this had been covered under the Plan Commission cases Zoe Heidorn had presented earlier this evening.
- 2. **Ordinance 26-09, Approving a Special Use Permit Authorizing the Construction of an Accessory Structure Greater than 750 square feet with Select Variations at 9230 Newcastle Avenue in Morton Grove, Illinois.**

XI. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

F. Trustee White: (continued)

Trustee White noted that this, too, has been covered earlier this evening by Zoe Heidorn.

That concluded his report.

XII. WARRANTS

Trustee Khan presented the Warrant Register for April 14, 2026 in the amount of \$806,412.75. She moved to approve the Warrants as presented, 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>

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

XIV. RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

NONE

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

**Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

PASSED this 28th day of April 2026.

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 White	<u>aye</u>

APPROVED by me this 28th day of April 2026.

Janine Witko

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

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 29th day of April 2026.

Eileen Scanlon Harford

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

Minutes by Teresa Cousar