



## **VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA**

**April 26, 2021 7:00 pm**

THE RICHARD T. FLICKINGER MUNICIPAL CENTER, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6101 CAPULINA AVE, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

### **COVID-19 NOTICE**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting – April 12, 2021
- 4. Special Reports**
  - a. Promotion of Officer Constantinos (Gus) Fasos to the Rank of Sergeant
- 5. Public Hearings** – None
- 6. Plan Commission Reports**
- 7. Residents' Comments (agenda items only)**
- 8. President's Report** – Administration, Comprehensive Plan, Council of Mayors, Northwest Municipal Conference, Strategic Plan Committee
  - a. John and Mary Helen Slater Recognition



- b. Proclamation: Arbor Day
- c. Proclamation: Jim Szczepaniak

9. **Clerk's Report** – *Condominium Association, Strategic Plan Committee*

10. **Staff Report**

- a. **Village Administration**
- b. **Corporation Counsel**

11. **Reports by Trustees**

- a. **Trustee Grear** – *Police Department, Police Pension Bd, Police Facility Committee, Plan Commission/Zoning Board, Lehigh/Ferris TIF, Special Events Commission (Trustee Minx)*
- b. **Trustee Minx** – *Finance Department, Finance Advisory Commission, Appearance Commission, Capital Projects, Waukegan Road TIF (Trustee Grear)*
- c. **Trustee Ramos** – *IT, Legal Department, Traffic Safety Commission, Emergency Management Agency (Trustee Travis)*
- d. **Trustee Thill** – *Advisory Commission on Aging, Family and Senior Services Department, SWANCC, Building Department, Chamber of Commerce, Water Commission (Trustee Witko)*
- e. **Trustee Travis** – *Community Relations Commission, Fire Department, Fire Pension Board, RED Center, Fire and Police Commission, NIPSTA (Trustee Ramos)*
- f. **Trustee Witko** – *Farmers' Market, Public Works Department, Community and Economic Development Department, Economic Development Commission, Environment and Natural Resource Commission, Dempster Street Corridor Plan, Sawmill Station TIF (Trustee Thill)*

1) **Resolution 21-31:** Authorizing Annual Memorial Day Parade Closure of Dempster Street.

11. **Other Business**

12. **Presentation of Warrants** - \$875,868.08

13. **Residents' Comments**

14. **Adjournment**



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT  
AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE  
RICHARD T. FLICKINGER MUNICIPAL CENTER  
APRIL 12, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- I. Village President Dan DiMaria convened the Regular Meeting of the Village Board at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Village Hall and led the Board and assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Village Clerk Eileen Harford called the roll. Present were Trustees Bill Grear, Rita Minx, Ed Ramos, John Thill, Connie Travis, and Janine Witko.

III.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor DiMaria asked for an approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 22, 2021. Trustee Minx moved to accept the Minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Witko. **Motion passed unanimously (with one absent) via voice vote.**

IV.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

1. Promotion of FF/P George Carlson to the Rank of Lieutenant
  - a. Mayor DiMaria and Fire Chief Frank Rodgers joined Fire and Police Commission Chairman Mike Simkins, George Carlson, and George's family at the podium to perform the swearing in of George as he is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.
  - b. Mr. Simkins provided some background on Firefighter/Paramedic Carlson, who began his career in the fire service as a firefighter in Morton Grove in 2001. In his 20 years of service, George has obtained many certifications, including Advanced Technician Firefighter and Advanced Company Officer. He is certified in Confined Space, Trench, Rope, and Structural Collapse Rescue, and is also a certified Hazardous Materials Technician. George has received an Associate's Degree in Fire Science Technology and is currently working on his bachelor's degree in the Science of Applied Management.
  - c. Mr. Simkins said George serves many functions at the Morton Grove Fire Department. As the department's SCBA coordinator, he oversees all respiratory protection for department members. He is a member of the MABAS Division 3 Hazardous Materials team and coordinates the MGF's hazardous material monitoring equipment. He is currently serving as the president of the Morton Grove Firefighters Association.

IV. **SPECIAL REPORTS** (continued)

- d. Mr. Simkins said George is very grateful for the tremendous support he's received from his parents, his wife, and their four children. He considers it a privilege to serve the residents of Morton Grove and looks forward to continuing the invaluable traditions of the MGFD for many years to come.
- e. Chief Rodgers congratulated George on his promotion to Lieutenant. He said that obtaining this rank is not easy. Not only is there a lot of studying and test-taking involved, but the candidate also has to be a demonstrated leader. One of the most important roles at the scene of a fire is the role of the Lieutenant. He's the person you see on the street, making the decisions. His team of firefighters, like a great baseball team, has to work together to be excellent. He has to mentor new personnel. Chief Rodgers said this is a monumental step in George's career. He presented George with a red fire helmet. The red helmet distinguishes the officer in charge from the other firefighters at a fire scene.
- f. Chairman Simkins swore in George Carlson to his new rank. The Board and the assemblage applauded him as his mother proudly pinned on his new badge.

2. **Outstanding Neighbor Recognition: Michael Stock**

- a. Mayor DiMaria introduced Arcelia Pimentel, Chairman of the Community Relations Commission (CRC), to present this award.
- b. Ms. Pimentel explained the purpose of the CRC and said that, while the pandemic has been difficult for everyone, many of us have witnessed extraordinary acts of kindness and selflessness by our neighbors. This gave the CRC the idea to create the Outstanding Neighbor Recognition program. The program gives all Morton Grover residents the opportunity to acknowledge an outstanding neighbor for doing special things that make your neighborhood a better place. An outstanding neighbor can be any age or background; they may be a longtime resident or new to Morton Grove; or they may be a business that makes a positive difference in your neighborhood.
- c. Ms. Pimentel said, to nominate an individual for recognition as an Outstanding Neighbor, complete the nomination form on the Village's website or send a letter to the Mayor saying why you believe your nominee is an Outstanding Neighbor. If selected, you and your Outstanding Neighbor will be recognized at a Village Board meeting and in various Village social media and printed publications.
- d. Ms. Pimentel said she was pleased to announce and recognize the first recipient of this award, Michael Stock. She asked Mayor DiMaria, Trustee Travis, Mr. Stock, Jim and Dolores Elliot (who nominated him) and any of their families, neighbors, or friends present tonight to join her at the podium. She congratulated Mr. Stock and said that, while Jim and Dolores spearheaded his nomination, many of the other neighbors also submitted letters of support. Ms. Pimentel then read some of the tributes the neighbors had written, and said that Mayor DiMaria wanted to present Michael with a few small tokens of the Village's appreciation.

IV. **SPECIAL REPORTS** (continued)

- e. Mayor DiMaria thanked the members of the CRC for their great work, and thanked Ms. Pimentel because this program was really her idea. He said he knows Mike and isn't at all surprised that he's the first recipient of this award. He told Mike, "You are exactly what the Village had in mind when this program was created. You put the "Amazing" in the Village's tagline 'Amazingly Close'." He presented Mike with a Certificate of Appreciation and an official Village pen and pin. The mayor also gave him a \$50 gift certificate to a Morton Grove restaurant of his choice.
  - f. Mike introduced his wife and their friends and neighbors, adding, "This is what retired life will do to you," adding that he usually ends his day having 30,000 steps!
  - g. Ms. Pimentel said this is just one of the small things the CRC does for the Village of Morton Grove. She then invited anyone who is interested in serving the Village to join the CRC. The Commission meets the second Tuesday of every month, and their next meeting is tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting in person or via Zoom. Anyone who's interested in nominating a neighbor for the Outstanding Neighbor Award should visit the Village's website for more information.
3. MGPD Re-Accreditation Certificate Presented by Chief Mitchell Davis, Vice President of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.
- a. Mayor DiMaria introduced Mitchell Davis from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. The mayor said that police officers, including Chief Simo, are currently involved in an incident.
  - b. Chief Davis introduced himself, saying he is currently the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Association, but in a couple of weeks, he'll be sworn in as the President. He is also Chief of Police of the Village of Hazel Crest, IL. He said he understands that there is a situation going on, but he couldn't miss the opportunity to give this presentation in honor of Morton Grove's Police Department.
  - c. Chief Davis said, in law enforcement, there are state-wide accreditations. In Illinois, it's called "ILEAP" (Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program), which is managed by the Illinois Accreditation Council. This program is special in that it has a couple of tiers, and in those tiers it shows whether or not your Police Department is operating with the best standards and best practices in law enforcement. Morton Grove's Police Department was last accredited in 2017, and now it's being re-accredited for the top tier, which means your Police Department is doing what it's supposed to do as a professional organization to meet the standards that residents and elected officials demand of them.
  - d. Chief Davis read the accreditation certificate, which certifies that the MGPD has the policies, procedures, and daily routines that achieve the level of tier 2, which is the highest level. It signifies that the department is in compliance with the professional standards of modern law enforcement.

IV. **SPECIAL REPORTS** (continued)

- e. Chief Davis noted the accreditation took place on February 10, 2021 and is presented to Morton Grove Police Chief Michael Simo and Commander Paul Yaras. Commander Yaras serves as the MGPd's Accreditation Manager. This accreditation is extremely labor intensive; the accreditation manager must spend countless hours ensuring the department is in compliance, and it's an ongoing process. Commander Yaras took on this monumental task and has done a great job.
- f. Chief Davis said the Accreditation Council consists of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the Illinois City/County Management Association, the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety, and the UIC Center for Public Safety and Justice. He congratulated the Village again, and presented the Accreditation Certificate to Commander Yaras' wife and asked her to extend his compliments to her husband.
- g. Mayor DiMaria thanked Chief Davis for making the trip from Hazel Crest to Morton Grove for this presentation and wished him a safe journey home.

V. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NONE

VI. **PLAN COMMISSION REPORTS**

NONE

VII. **RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)**

NONE

VIII. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- 1. Mayor DiMaria asked for the Board's concurrence with his appointment of John Liston to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term. Trustee Minx so moved, seconded by Trustee Thill. **Motion passed unanimously (with one absent) via voice vote.**
- 2. Mayor DiMaria also sought the Board's concurrence of his appointment of Patrick Baldwin to the Community Relations Commission for a three-year term. Trustee Travis made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Minx. **Motion passed unanimously (with one absent) via voice vote.**



VIII.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (continued)

3. Mayor DiMaria announced a Morton Grove Vaccine Opportunity for seniors on Saturday, April 17. He said this opportunity was the result of much effort and through cooperative community partnership with Cook County Commissioner Suffredin and State Rep. Villivarm. Through the combined efforts of the Village of Morton Grove and the Muslim Education Center (MEC), a supply of the "2<sup>nd</sup> shot" of Pfizer vaccine has been secured through Jewel/Osco. The first of two shots will be offered by appointment only at the MEC, 6801 Menard, on April 17. The second shot will be available at the same location on May 8, again, by appointment only.
  - a. Mayor DiMaria said, recognizing the increased vulnerability of Morton Grove's seniors to the effects of the virus, the Village will be accepting requests for appointment from residents age 65 or older beginning on Wednesday, April 14, at 10:00 a.m. Appointments are only available by calling 847-663-3055. Call-takers will be staffing that phone number beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14. No appointments will be provided prior to April 14 at 10:00 a.m. A Village-wide mass telephone notification ("reverse 911" call) will be transmitted to all Village households and registered notification recipients tomorrow morning. The recorded message will contain the registration phone number and call-in date and time mentioned previously.
  - b. Mayor DiMaria said this opportunity would not have been possible if not for the cooperative partnership of government, community, and private sector organizations. He said he was very proud to announce this program, adding that the Village will continue its efforts to offer increased access for residents to these types of opportunities in the future. He thanked Village Administrator Czerwinski for his efforts in this regard.
4. Mayor DiMaria noted that the best place for current COVID-19 information is the Village's website. It contains the most up-to-date information on vaccination sign-up, as well as resident and business support.
5. Mayor DiMaria encouraged everyone to continue to follow some simple safety measures to fight COVID-19 by remembering the three W's: **W**atch your distance; remain at least 6 feet away from those outside your immediate household; **W**ear face coverings any time social distancing is not possible—especially indoors, and **W**ash your hands often and for a minimum of 20 seconds each time. Wash with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
6. Mayor DiMaria urged everyone to please continue to patronize local businesses, restaurants, and bars, as you feel comfortable. He said we all have to work together to help these local establishments get back on their feet. 2020 was an incredibly difficult year for local restaurants, so it's more important now than ever to show our support.

IX. **CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Harford had no report this evening.

X. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. **Village Administrator:**

Mr. Czerwinski had no report this evening.

B. **Corporation Counsel:**

Corporation Counsel Liston had no report this evening.

XI. **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

A. **Trustee Gear:**

Trustee Gear had no report this evening, but noted that newly-elected Village Trustee Saba Khan was in attendance tonight.

- a. Mayor DiMaria said he had intended to offer his and the Board's congratulations during the "Other Business" segment of the meeting, but since Trustee Gear mentioned it, he offered congratulations and best wishes to Saba and all the newly-elected or reelected officials, including those on the Village Board, School Board, Library Board, Park Board, and Niles Township Board.

B. **Trustee Minx:**

Trustee Minx had no report this evening, but commented as a former Police Department employee in Skokie, that she can attest to how labor-intensive the accreditation process is. She congratulated the MGPD, saying that this is a "huge" achievement.

C. **Trustee Ramos:**

Trustee Ramos had no report this evening.

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

D. **Trustee Thill:**

Trustee Thill had no report this evening, but asked Mr. Czerwinski if he knew the amount of vaccination shots that would be available at the MEC on April 17. Mr. Czerwinski said the number is very limited, but the Village is working on other opportunities to provide more vaccinations.

E. **Trustee Travis:**

1. Trustee Travis announced that the CRC is sponsoring its 10<sup>th</sup> Community Artists Performance on Saturday, April 24. This celebration of the arts, themed "Spring Forward," will be held via Zoom and livestreamed at 4:00 p.m., and is free to the public.
- a. Trustee Travis said the "open call" for artists ends at noon on April 16. Those who wish to participate should submit a pre-recorded submission by that deadline. Online submissions can be sent to [www.identityperformingarts.org/projects.aspx](http://www.identityperformingarts.org/projects.aspx). Anyone with questions should reach out to [ginny@identityperformingarts.org](mailto:ginny@identityperformingarts.org).

F. **Trustee Witko:**

1. Trustee Witko presented **Resolution 21-27, Authorizing a Contract With Schroeder and Schroeder, Inc. for the 2021 Concrete Replacement Program.**
- a. She explained that Concrete Replacement Program addresses concrete features disturbed by utility repairs and deteriorated sections of sidewalk and pavement. This work should be completed by July 2021. Additional work that emerges during the summer of 2021 will be repaired in September 2021 with remaining funds. This contract was bid through a public process in accordance with the Village Code. Four sealed bids were received. The proposal amount is \$33,905 less than the Engineer's Estimate of Cost. This contract must conform to the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act.
- b. Trustee Witko said Schroeder and Schroeder, Inc.'s bid includes one irregularity that may be cured by waiving it with a 2/3 majority vote of the Corporate Authorities. The contract price is not to exceed \$210,500, but since this is a unit price contract, the final contract amount will be based on the actual quantity of work performed.

Trustee Witko moved to approve Resolution 21-27, seconded by Trustee Gear.

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

Tr. Gear      aye  
Tr. Thill      aye

Tr. Minx      aye  
Tr. Travis    aye

Tr. Ramos    aye  
Tr. Witko     aye

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

F. **Trustee Witko:** (continued)

2. Trustee Witko then presented **Resolution 21-28, Authorizing the Execution of a Contract With Bill's Complete Landscape Service, Inc. for the 2021 Landscape Maintenance Program.**

She explained that the Public Works Department maintains landscaping on Village properties and rights-of-way throughout the Village using in-house staff and hired contractors. Public Works invited bids for the 2021 Landscape Maintenance Program on the Village's website in early March, and fifteen entities obtained bidding material. Three sealed bids were received. Staff verified the qualifications and availability of the bidders and determined the lowest responsible bidder to be Bill's Landscape Service, Inc. of Morton Grove, in an amount not to exceed \$32,900.

Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Minx, to approve Resolution 21-28.

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

Tr. Grear	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Ramos	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Witko	<u>aye</u>

3. Next, Trustee Witko presented **Resolution 21-29, Authorizing the Execution of a Contract With Muscat Painting & Decorating for the 2021 Street Light Pole Painting Program.**

- a. She explained that the Village has three major streetscape business corridors. Regular maintenance is required within the rights-of-way of these corridors to preserve the operational and aesthetic value of different streetscape elements. The existing street light poles in the Waukegan Road Corridor and the Morton Grove Civic Center light poles are in need of painting. Two painting contractors obtained bid documents, and staff determined the lowest qualified bidder to be Muscat Painting & Decorating of East Dundee, IL, in the amount of \$16,316.22.

Trustee Witko moved to approve Resolution 21-29, seconded by Trustee Travis.

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

Tr. Grear	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Ramos	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Witko	<u>aye</u>

4. Trustee Witko presented **Resolution 21-30, Authorizing and Approving a Professional Services Agreement for Land Use Planner Services Between Anne Ryder Kirchner and the Village of Morton Grove.**

- a. She explained that the Village's Community and Economic Development Department is currently staffed by one full-time employee. The workload of this department has and will require additional professional support.

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

F. Trustee Witko: (continued)

- b. Village staff and Anne Ryder Kirchner have negotiated a professional services agreement to provide needed services. The total amount billed by the Consultant for the Services under this Agreement shall not exceed \$60,000 annually and includes reimbursable expenses. The Consultant's invoiced services shall not exceed \$50 per hour.

Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Minx, to approve Resolution 21-30.

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

Tr. Grear	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Ramos	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Witko	<u>aye</u>

5. Trustee Witko reminded the Board and the assemblage that Earth Day is on April 22. This is a busy month for the Environment and Natural Resources Commission! The Commissioners and Trustee Witko hope residents have been practicing new ways to be environmentally conscious and developing new habits by way of the Commission's "Passport to a Greener Morton Grove" game. These bingo-type cards were mailed to each household, but if extras are needed, they are available at Village Hall and on the Village's website. Trustee Witko hoped everyone would submit their completed cards to the Village for a chance to win a prize.
6. Trustee Witko also reminded the assemblage that Mayor DiMaria is challenging residents to conserve water, energy, and other natural resources by participating in the 2021 Wyland Foundation's Annual National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation during the month of April. It takes just a minute to make the pledge, and you can choose which local charity you'd like to receive the Toyota Highlander if Morton Grove wins. She added she learned she will personally save 68,376 gallons of water if she sticks to her commitment, and said, "Imagine what our entire Village could do together?" Visit [mywaterpledge.com](http://mywaterpledge.com) and get inspired and started.
7. Trustee Witko announced that the Village will be hosting an Electronics Recycling and Document Destruction event on Saturday, May 15, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Public Works facility located at 7840 Nagle Avenue. This is a free drive-up event for Morton Grove residents and surrounding SWANCC communities. IDs will be checked for proof of residency.
- a. When you arrive, please remain in your car. Event staff will remove your items from your trunk. Please have your items ready by removing all plastic packaging from electronics, and do not bring items in plastic bags. Acceptable items include cable receivers, cell phones, computer monitors, keyboards, printers, televisions, scanners, video game consoles, video recorders, and more. For a complete list of acceptable items, please visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org). For document destruction, please ensure that all paper is dry, clean, and loose. Remove all clips and binding and place paper items in paper bags or cardboard boxes—NOT plastic bags. All COVID guidelines must be followed, including wearing a mask and keeping a safe distance.

XII.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Trustee Grear asked if the recycling event would be posted on the Village's website. Mr. Czerwinski assured him that it would be.

XIII.

**WARRANTS**

Trustee Minx presented the Warrant Register for April 12, 2021 in the amount of \$548,390.45. She moved to approve the Warrant Register as presented, seconded by Trustee Witko.

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

Tr. Grear	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Ramos	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Witko	<u>aye</u>

XIV.

**RESIDENTS' COMMENTS**

1. Mr. Czerwinski noted that he had not received any residents' comments electronically for tonight's meeting.
2. **Rudy Vilk** asked the Trustees if they had brought their copies of his letters. Each trustee has received a copy of his February 22<sup>nd</sup> letter and he wondered if they had read it. He said he understood Trustee Minx' statement at the last meeting, where she explained the Board makes the rules for all residents, not for individual residents. He felt that the issues he's raised about water and vehicle stickers are issues that impact everyone, however. He also stated that Corporation Counsel Liston is supposed to provide information, but he felt she does not.

XV.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Tr. Grear	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Ramos	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Travis	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Witko	<u>aye</u>

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

PASSED this 26th day of April, 2021.

Trustee Gear	_____
Trustee Minx	_____
Trustee Ramos	_____
Trustee Thill	_____
Trustee Travis	_____
Trustee Witko	_____

APPROVED by me this 26th day of April, 2021.

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

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 27th day of April, 2021.

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

Minutes by Teresa Cousar





# Proclamation

## Village of Morton Grove

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called "Arbor Day", was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide a habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for fires, and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Morton Grove has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and will continue to plant trees and enjoy them as a vital part of our community for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel P. DiMaria, Mayor of the Village of Morton Grove, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021, as

## ARBOR DAY

in the Village, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support the Village's urban forestry program; and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden hearts and promote the well being of present and future generations.



In Witness hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of Morton Grove

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. DiMaria", is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel P. DiMaria, Mayor





# Proclamation

## Village of Morton Grove

WHEREAS, Niles Township High School District 219's Director of Community Relations and Strategic Partnerships, Jim Szczepaniak, has announced his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Jim Szczepaniak has served as an excellent ambassador for D219, delivering D219's message within the local community, making him a trusted member of the D219 administration; and

WHEREAS, Jim Szczepaniak has served as a key point of contact for neighboring businesses, institutions, and communities through his position as Director of Strategic Partnerships, as well as his membership and participation in local civic and business organizations; and

WHEREAS, as Chairperson of the Coming Together Program started in 2010, Jim has worked with multiple communities to showcase a different culture each year through literacy and activities, creating a coalition of diverse cultures that continues to foster understanding and friendship throughout Niles Township; and

WHEREAS, Jim Szczepaniak has served as the charming emcee for the District's Powerful Partnerships Breakfast, where he shined a spotlight on the many talents and successes of D219 students; and

WHEREAS, Niles Township is a diverse community, Jim Szczepaniak has been a staunch advocate and supporter of the District's initiatives for Equity and Inclusion, from attending Beyond Diversity and SEED training and conferences, to always being willing to engage in difficult and courageous conversations; and

WHEREAS, Jim Szczepaniak has profoundly affected the lives of Niles Township children since 2007, through his supervisory position on the Education Foundation, ensuring that students in need have been supported through scholarships, programs, grants, as well as emergency funding; and

WHEREAS, Jim Szczepaniak is an example to younger generations, and a superlative example of caring leadership at Niles Township High School District 219.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel P. DiMaria, Mayor of the Village of Morton Grove, do hereby proclaim

June 30, 2021, as

### JIM SZCZEPANIAK DAY

in the Village, and I wish to express deep appreciation to Jim Szczepaniak for his fifteen years of service to Niles Township High School District 219 and to the Niles Township community, and wish him all the best years in his retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of Morton Grove.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. DiMaria", is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel P. DiMaria, Village President



## Legislative Summary

### Resolution 21-31

#### AUTHORIZING ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE CLOSURE OF DEMPSTER STREET

<b>Introduced:</b>	April 26, 2021
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Illinois Department of Transportation requires the Village to adopt a resolution approving the closing of Dempster Street for the annual Memorial Day Parade. This resolution will also authorize the Village Engineer to file an application through the Illinois Department of Transportation for the actual closing of Dempster Street, Route 58, from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Sunday, May 30, 2021, for the Parade which is scheduled to be held at 1:30pm on that date.
<b>Background:</b>	The Memorial Day Parade is a Morton Grove tradition, and each year a resolution is developed authorizing the parade and assuming full responsibility for the direction, protection, and regulation of traffic during the time the detour is in effect and all liabilities for damages of any kind occasioned by the closing of said state route.
<b>Programs, Departments or Groups Affected</b>	Public Works-Placement of barricades and directional information Police Department-Enforcement and traffic control.
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	Overtime associated with the above activities.
<b>Source of Funds:</b>	General Fund dollars will be used to support the manpower and equipment costs.
<b>Workload Impact:</b>	All Village Departments will provide their usual support for this activity.
<b>Administrator Recommendation:</b>	Approval as presented.
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Not Required
<b>Special Considerations or Requirements:</b>	None

Submitted by: Ralph E. Czerwinski, Village Administrator  
Reviewed by: Teresa Hoffman Liston, Corporation Counsel  
                  :Joe Dahm, Director Public Works  
Prepared by: Chris Tomich, Village Engineer

# RESOLUTION 21-31

## AUTHORIZING ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE CLOSURE OF DEMPSTER STREET

WHEREAS, the Village of Morton Grove (Village), located in Cook County, Illinois, is a home rule unit of government under the provisions of Article 7 of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, can exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government affairs, including but not limited to the power to tax, purchase, and incur debt; and

WHEREAS, the Morton Grove Post #134 American Legion is planning a parade as part of an annual celebration on Sunday, May 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the parade will commence at 1:30 p.m. and will require the closing of Dempster Street for approximately two hours, either partially or completely between Austin Avenue and Ferris Avenue between the hours of 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois requires the Village to assume all responsibility and liability involved in closing said State Route.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Corporate Authorities do hereby incorporate the foregoing WHEREAS clauses into this Resolution as though fully set forth therein thereby making the findings as hereinabove set forth.

SECTION 2: The Village Engineer will file an application with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the closing of Dempster Street on Sunday, May 30, 2021, from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

SECTION 3: The Village will assume full responsibility for the direction, protection and regulation of traffic during the time the detour is in effect and all liabilities for damages of any kind occasioned by the closing of said State Route. It is further agreed that efficient, all weather detours will be maintained, conspicuously marked and judiciously police patrolled for the benefit of traffic deviated from the State Route.

PASSED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021

Trustee Gear	_____
Trustee Minx	_____
Trustee Ramos	_____
Trustee Travis	_____
Trustee Thill	_____
Trustee Witko	_____

APPROVED by me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021

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Daniel P. DiMaria, Village President  
Village of Morton Grove  
Cook County, Illinois

APPROVED and FILED in my office this  
27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021

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