

**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
JULY 26 , 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Village Clerk Eileen Harford convened the Regular Meeting of the Village Board at 7:00 p.m. and stated that Mayor Dan DiMaria was absent with notice. She asked for a motion to appoint a trustee to serve as President pro-tem for tonight's meeting.

Trustee Gear moved to appoint Trustee Rita Minx as President pro-tem for this meeting, seconded by Trustee Witko.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

- II. President pro-tem Minx then led the Board and assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Harford called the roll. Present were Trustees Bill Gear, Saba Khan, Rita Minx, John Thill, Connie Travis, and Janine Witko.

III.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President pro-tem Minx asked for an approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 12, 2021. Trustee Gear moved to accept the Minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Travis. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.**

IV.

SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Promotion of Police Officer Nick Hoffman to Sergeant
 - a. Chairman of the Fire and Police Commission Mike Simkins invited President pro-tem Minx, Chief Mike Simo, and Trustee Liaison Bill Gear to the podium as he introduced Officer Nick Hoffman. Officer Hoffman was accompanied tonight by his parents, wife, three children, and his sister.
 - b. Mr. Simkins said that Officer Hoffman has been with the Morton Grove Police Department for 18 years. He started as a Community Service Officer in 2003 and was sworn in as a police officer in January of 2007. He has spent 14 years in the patrol division.

IV. **SPECIAL REPORTS** (continued)

- c. During that time, he has served as a Field Training Officer, a Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor, Evidence Technician, Juvenile Officer, and a Tactical Medicine Instructor. In 2020, Officer Hoffman was a class supervisor at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy for recruit class 20-03. He is also president of Morton Grove's FOP lodge and has organized several successful fundraisers.
- d. Mr. Simkins swore in Sergeant Hoffman, whose son pinned on his badge. The Board and assemblage congratulated him warmly.

2. **Promotion of Police Sergeant Andrew Novak to Commander**

Chief Simo said that recently, a competitive process was held among the sergeants to fill a

- a. Watch Commander vacancy created by the retirement of Commander Dan Stueber. Andrew was selected from a field of very qualified candidates, and Chief Simo said he was sure that Andrew would do a great job as a member of the Police Department's senior command staff.
- b. Andrew introduced his sons, his girlfriend, and her children. President pro-tem Minx then performed the swearing in of Commander Novak. His son pinned on his badge as the Board and assemblage applauded him.

3. **Swearing in of Firefighter Logan Dean**

- a. Mr. Simkins invited President pro-tem Minx, Trustee Liaison Connie Travis, and Interim Fire Chief Dan Gallagher to the podium as he introduced Logan Dean to be sworn in as the Morton Grove Fire Department's newest Firefighter. Logan had with him this evening his girlfriend and his mother.
- b. Mr. Simkins said Logan began his employment as a Firefighter/Paramedic with Morton Grove on July 6, 2021. He began with one week of orientation and is now currently attending the Fire Academy at NIPSTA. Logan grew up in Omaha, Nebraska, where had a diverse work history, such as rock-climbing instructor, arborist, and sales associate. He relocated to Chicago in 2015 to be an indoor and outdoor skydiving instructor. Logan then chose to pursue a career in the Fire Service to satisfy his desire for learning and community service, while applying his skills and experience. In 2020, Logan graduated from the College of DuPage with an Associate Degree in Emergency Medical Services, as well as graduating from Loyola's Paramedic Program as the Salutatorian. Logan has said that Morton Grove has a great resemblance to his own home town, and he is looking forward to a long and productive career serving our community as his own.
- c. Mr. Simkins swore in Firefighter Logan. His girlfriend pinned on his badge, and the Board and assemblage congratulated and welcomed him.

V.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

VI.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORTS

NONE

VII.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

NONE

VIII.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. President pro-tem Minx asked for a moment of silence to mark the passing of Morton Grove Library Trustee Erich Monzon.
2. President pro-tem Minx asked for the Board's concurrence with her appointment of Uzma Noormohamed to the Environment and Natural Resources Commission. Trustee Thill so moved, seconded by Trustee Witko. **Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.**
3. President pro-tem Minx asked everyone to **please get vaccinated!** She said, as a reminder, all non-vaccinated individuals are required to wear a face covering when in Village facilities.
4. President pro-tem Minx said the French Market is being held every Saturday from now to October 30, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., except Saturday, September 4. The French Market takes place at the Morton Grove Civic Center at 6140 Dempster Street. It is a family-friendly outdoor market featuring a variety of local vendors offering fresh produce, food items, and other goods. Vendors and offerings can change throughout the season.
5. President pro-tem Minx announced that the Morton Grove Police Department will once again host "National Night Out," on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. This free event will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Civic Center. The purpose of this event is to enhance the relationship between residents and law enforcement while fostering a greater sense of community. Family-friendly activities, entertainment, and refreshments will also be available.
6. Lastly, President pro-tem Minx announce that, on Thursday, August 5, Niles Township is offering qualified families school supplies to start off the academic year successfully.

VIII.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

- a. Drive-by pickup of these supplies is at 8300 Lehigh Avenue. Pickup time is 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for families with a last name beginning with the letters A through L, and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for families with a last name beginning with the letters M through Z. For more information on this, call 847-673-9300 or visit the Niles Township website.
- 7. President pro-tem Minx reminded everyone that the Village will hold a two-day event called "Morton Grove Labor Days." It will be held at 6140 Dempster Street on Saturday, September 4th from 4:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and on Sunday, September 5th from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This event will feature live musical entertainment, a beer garden, food, children's entertainment, and on Sunday, beginning approximately 8:05 p.m., fireworks!
- 8. President pro-tem Minx also noted that the Village will hold a Sustainability Expo on Saturday, September 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. It will feature exhibits from local businesses and community organizations providing eco-friendly services and opportunities for Morton Grove residents and businesses.

IX.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Harford had no report this evening.

X.

STAFF REPORTSA. Village Administrator:

- 1. Mr. Czerwinski presented **Resolution 21-49, A Resolution Setting a Public Meeting Relating to the Proposed Establishment of the Lincoln/Lehigh Redevelopment Project Area Within the Village of Morton Grove, Illinois.**
 - a. He explained that the area on Lincoln Avenue and Lehigh Avenue adjacent to the Metra Station has not experienced significant growth and development through investment by private enterprise, and it is not reasonably anticipated to continue to produce property taxes comparable to other redeveloped areas. The Village is therefore considering designating the area as a "Redevelopment Project Area" or "TIF District" as contemplated by the State's "TIF Act" statute. Pursuant to the TIF Act, a public meeting must be scheduled prior to scheduling a public hearing, at which time the Village will advise the public, taxing districts having real property in the redevelopment project area, taxpayers who own property in the redevelopment project area, and residents in the area as to the Village's plans to establish the Redevelopment Project Area. The public meeting shall take place at the Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center at 6101 Capulina Avenue in Morton Grove at 3:00 p.m. on August 26, 2021.

X. **STAFF REPORTS** (continued)

A. **Village Administrator:** (continued)

Trustee Gear moved to approve Resolution 21-49, seconded by Trustee Witko.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Gear aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Travis aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Witko aye

B. **Corporation Counsel:**

Corporation Counsel Liston had no report this evening.

XI. **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

A. **Trustee Gear:**

Trustee Gear had no formal report, but wanted to commend Village Arborist Dave Hoffman and Village staffers Anne Kirchner and Zoe Heidorn for a very educational tree walk this past Saturday. It was warm, but he and the rest of the group learned a lot.

Trustee Gear said he was looking forward to seeing everyone at the Village's Labor Days.

B. **Trustee Khan:**

Trustee Khan had no report this evening.

C. **Trustee Minx:**

Trustee Minx had no report this evening.

D. **Trustee Thill:**

Trustee Thill had no report.

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

E. Trustee Travis:

Trustee Travis noted that the Community Relations Commission's quarterly photo contest is under way. The theme is "Summer in Morton Grove." She encouraged people to take pictures of their favorite summertime activities and submit them. More information on the photo contest and how to submit photos can be found on the Village's website.

F. Trustee Witko:

1. Trustee Witko presented **Resolution 21-47, Authorizing the Execution of a Contract With Hayes Mechanical for the 2021 HVAC Maintenance Program.**
 - a. She explained that the Village utilizes a contractor to perform quarterly maintenance for HVAC equipment at Village-owned facilities. Public Works advertised for and received bids for the 2021 HVAC Maintenance Program. Staff verified the qualification and availability and determined the lowest responsible bidder is Hayes Mechanical of Chicago, IL in the amount not to exceed \$27,512. Funding is included in the Village's 2021 Adopted Budget.

Trustee Witko moved to approve Resolution 21-47, seconded by Trustee Travis.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

2. Next, Trustee Witko presented **Resolution 21-48, Authorizing the Village Administrator to Approve a Contract Amendment with Safety Services and Assessments, LLC for Additional Saw Cutting of Public Sidewalks Under the 2021 Concrete Saw Cutting Program.**
 - a. She explained that Public Works bids for work to saw cut uneven sidewalk joints in the Village Right-of-Way to eliminate trip hazards and reduce liability through the 2021 Concrete Saw Cutting Program. Three bids were received and Safety Services and Assessments LLC was selected as the low bidder. The company currently has a contract with the Village in the amount of \$17,200. The available funds budgeted for sidewalk saw cutting is in the amount of \$30,000. Public Works is now requesting authorization for additional sidewalk concrete cutting in the amount not to exceed the \$30,000 budgeted for the program. Safety Services and Assessments LLC has performed sidewalk saw cutting in the Village and has met all engineering quality standards and has agreed to continue at the current unit price under the current contract.

Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Thill, to approve Resolution 21-48.

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

F. Trustee Witko: (continued)

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

Tr. Grear aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Travis aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Witko aye

XII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

XIII. **WARRANTS**

Trustee Minx presented the Warrant Register for July 26, 2021 in the amount of \$843,800.82.
Trustee Minx moved to approve the Warrant Register as presented, seconded by Trustee Travis.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Grear aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Travis aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Witko aye

XIV. **RESIDENTS' COMMENTS**

NONE

XV. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Grear aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Travis aye

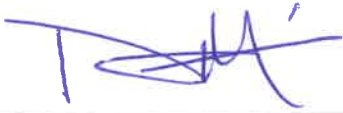
Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Witko aye

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

PASSED this 9th day of August, 2021.

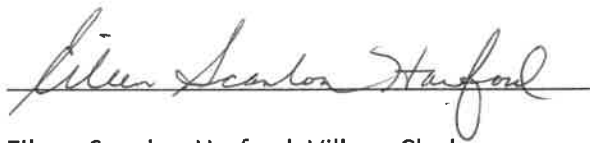
Trustee Gear	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Khan	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Minx	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Thill	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Travis	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Witko	<u>Aye</u>

APPROVED by me this 9th day of August, 2021.



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

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 10th day of August, 2021.



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

Minutes by Teresa Cousar