

**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 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 Gear, Saba Khan, Rita Minx, John Thill, Connie Travis, and Janine Witko.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III.

Mayor DiMaria asked for an approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 28, 2021. Trustee Minx moved to accept the Minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Thill.
Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

SPECIAL REPORTS

IV.

1. Swearing In Ceremony for New Police Officers
 - a. Chairman of the Fire and Police Commission, Mike Simkins, said it was his pleasure this evening to swear in two new Morton Grove Police Officers. He invited Mayor DiMaria, Chief Simo, and Trustee liaison Bill Gear to the podium as he introduced Quinn Fabroni. Quinn, in turn, introduced his sister, his parents, and his girlfriend.
 - b. Mr. Simkins said that Quinn had begun his employment with Morton Grove on March 5, 2021, and began training at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on March 15. He graduated in June. Mr. Simkins said Quinn was raised in Vernon Hills, IL, and had attended the University of Louisville. He graduated from there in May of 2019 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. In his spare time, Quinn enjoys fishing, watching sports, working out, and spending time with his family.
 - c. Mr. Simkins swore in Officer Fabroni, whose girlfriend pinned on his badge. The Board and assemblage welcomed him with applause.
 - d. Next, Mr. Simkins introduced Vladimir Hristov, here tonight with his parents and his girlfriend. He, too, began his employment with Morton Grove on March 5, 2021, began training at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on March 15, and graduated from the Academy in June.

IV. **SPECIAL REPORTS** (continued)

- e. Mr. Simkins said Vladimir was born in Bulgaria and moved to River Grove, IL in 2003. He attended East Leyden High School and went on to Triton College, where he obtained his EMT certificate. He then decided to pursue a career in law enforcement and in 2015 became a correctional officer. He is the first of his family to become a police officer. In his spare time, Vladimir enjoys playing soccer, snowboarding, and being outdoors. He also enjoys cooking and barbecuing with his family.
- f. Mr. Simkins swore in Officer Hristov. His girlfriend pinned on his badge, and the Board and assemblage congratulated and welcomed him.
- g. Mayor DiMaria thanked Mr. Simkins for always finding candidates who are the “cream of the crop” for Morton Grove.

2. **Outstanding Neighbor Presentation**

- a. Mayor DiMaria introduced Arcelia Pimentel, Chairperson of the Community Relations Commission, to present the Commission’s Outstanding Neighbor Award to a group of residents on Major Avenue, as well as the person who nominated them. Ms. Pimentel invited Mayor DiMaria and Trustee liaison Connie Travis to join her at the podium.
- b. Ms. Pimentel explained that, during the pandemic, many people experienced or witnessed others performing extraordinary acts of kindness, which gave the Commission the idea for the Outstanding Neighbor Award program. She noted the CRC is an all-volunteer commission of the Village. Its mission is to foster, encourage, and promote positive relations among all Morton Grove residents of all ages, genders, races, creeds, national origins, and economic and educational levels.
- c. Ms. Pimentel stated that the Outstanding Neighbor program gives residents the opportunity to acknowledge one (or several) of their neighbors who have made a positive difference in their neighborhood.
- d. Ms. Pimentel said it was her pleasure this evening to name the following residents from the 8900 block of McVicker Avenue as recipients of the Outstanding Neighbor Award: Carol Macejak, Jason & Emily Macejak, Elaine & Scott Whitney, Monica & Vasile Todorovici, and the neighbor who nominated them all, Joanne Stucka.
- e. Ms. Pimentel said Joanne has been a resident of the 8900 block of McVicker since 1954, when she moved in with her late husband. They raised two children there, and Joanne taught piano for many years. She is described as a “pillar of motivation and support in the neighborhood.”
- f. In Joanne’s nominating papers, she explained that Carol Macejak has devoted herself to her family and neighbors over the years with her involvement in many worthy projects. She and her husband have hosted many delightful open houses and gatherings for the neighborhood.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS (continued)

- g. Jason and Emily Macejak were nominated by Joanne because they're always on hand to help when it snows. They have three wonderful children. Their son helps Joanne every week by taking out her trash. All three children created a "masterpiece" Christmas card for Joanne that she proudly displays every year.
- h. Elaine and Scott Whitney are very caring neighbors and are always willing to help out with clearing snow. They often host neighborhood parties and treat people to many delicious flavors of Scott's homemade ice cream.
- i. Joanne called Vasile Todorovici a "McVicker hero" because he's always ready to help his neighbors, whenever and wherever help is needed. His wife Monica creates spectacular gourmet-quality pastries and frequently shares them with her neighbors.
- j. Mayor DiMaria told the McVicker neighbors that they represent what Morton Grove is all about. He said, "This is the perfect way to show that our tagline isn't just words on a wall—it's the way we live in Morton Grove." The mayor presented each recipient with a special pin, a pen, a certificate, and a gift card. He thanked the residents for "adding value" to the Village. He also thanked the Community Relations Commission and especially Ms. Pimentel and Trustee Travis for turning the Commission around.
- k. Ms. Pimentel said the Commission is always looking for new members. The Commission meets the second Tuesday every month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at Village Hall in the second floor conference room. She added, on a personal note, "no matter how small the act of kindness, it can have a large impact."

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 Kristy Chalabi to the Community Relations Commission. Trustee Travis so moved, seconded by Trustee Witko.
Motion passed unanimously via voice vote. Mayor DiMaria thanked Kristy for stepping up.

VIII.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

2. Mayor DiMaria noted that, on Friday, June 25th, the Governor extended the Disaster Declaration for the State of Illinois to July 24th. He said the Village will continue to require unvaccinated employees to wear masks and observe social distancing. Visitors to Village facilities that we cannot confirm as having been vaccinated will be required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. He urged everyone to please get vaccinated, "so we can put this behind us."
3. Mayor DiMaria said the French Market will be open every Saturday from July 10, 2021 to October 30, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (The Market will be closed on September 4.) The French Market takes place at the Morton Grove Civic Center at 6140 Dempster Street. This 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. Mayor DiMaria invited everyone to come out and enjoy this community experience.
4. Mayor DiMaria announced that the Morton Grove Police Department will once again host a free event, "National Night Out," on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Civic Center. This is an event to enhance the relationship between residents and law enforcement while fostering a greater sense of community. The event will feature family-friendly activities, entertainment, and refreshments. Mayor DiMaria thanked Police Chief Mike Simo and encouraged everyone to come out and show their support of the MGPD.

IX.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Harford had no report this evening.

X.

STAFF REPORTSA. Village Administrator:

In Mr. Czerwinski's absence this evening, the Assistant to the Village Administrator, Tom Friel, had no report.

B. Corporation Counsel:

Corporation Counsel Liston had no report this evening.

XI.

TRUSTEES' REPORTSA. Trustee Gear:

Trustee Gear announced that the Village will hold a two-day event called "Morton Grove Labor Days." It will be held 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 is sponsored by the Morton Grove Days Commission, the Village of Morton Grove, and the Morton Grove Park District, and will feature live musical entertainment, a beer garden, food, children's entertainment, and on Sunday, beginning approximately 9:00 p.m., fireworks!

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 presented **Resolution 21-46, Authorizing the Adoption of an Amendment to the Existing Professional Services Agreement by and between the Village of Morton Grove and SAFEbuilt Illinois, LLC For the Addition of Health Inspection Services.**

He moved to approve Resolution 21-46, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Gear aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Travis aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Witko aye

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.

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

F. **Trustee Witko:**

1. Trustee Witko presented **Resolution 21-43, Authorizing a Construction Contract with Boulder Contractors, Inc. for Main Street Improvements Project.**
 - a. She explained that Resolution 21-26 authorized a task order for Ciorba Group, Inc. to complete preliminary and design engineering for Main Street Improvements. This is an important project in the Lehigh-Ferris TIF District to support private property development through renewed public infrastructure. The project will replace an important segment of water main supplying water to the east side of the Village, as well as separating sewer utilities and reconstructing the pavement on Main Street from Lehigh Avenue to Nagle Avenue. This is the first of two phases of water main replacement. The fiscal impact of this Resolution is \$1,108,832.76.

Trustee Witko moved to approve Resolution 21-43, seconded by Trustee Minx.

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 21-44, Authorizing a Task Order with Ciorba Group, Inc. For Construction Engineering for Main Street Improvements Project.**
 - a. She explained that Resolution 21-43, which the Board just approved, authorizes a construction contract with Bolder Contractors, Inc. to construct Main Street improvements. The construction engineering needs exceed the expertise and capacity of the Engineering Division staff. Village staff has negotiated the scope of work with Ciorba Group, Inc. to provide preliminary and design engineering services for this project. The fiscal impact of this contract is \$100,874, and this project is eligible for use of tax increment financing funds in the Lehigh-Ferris TIF District Fund.

Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Travis, to approve Resolution 21-44.

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>

3. Trustee Witko then presented **Resolution 21-45, Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) New 2022 Ford F450 One-Ton Dump Trucks Through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Procurement Program.**
 - a. She explained that Public Works routinely reviews its vehicles and equipment for fuel economy, safety, dependability, age, and excessive repair cost, and has recommended the Village replace its 2001 and 2003 one-ton dump trucks as they no longer meet the necessary requirements.

XI.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)F. Trustee Witko: (continued)

- b. Trustee Witko noted the Village is a member of the Northwest Municipal Conference and has previously utilized the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Procurement Program for purchases of vehicles and equipment. The Cooperative, representing 142 municipalities, conducted a bidding process for the purchase of 2022 Ford F450 One-Ton Dump Trucks, and Currie Motors Fleet of Frankfort, IL was selected as the low bidder for this contract.
- c. Trustee Witko said this Resolution will authorize and approve the purchase and delivery of two Ford F450 one-ton dump trucks with plows from Currie Motors Fleet and one V-box salt spreader body in the amount of \$123,987. The current 2001 and 2003 one-ton dump trucks will be slated for public auction through the Northwest Municipal Conference in the third quarter of 2021.

Trustee Witko moved to approve Resolution 21-45, seconded by Trustee Gear.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Gear aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Travis aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Witko aye

- 4. Trustee Witko announced the Environment and Natural Resources Commission will be holding Morton Grove's first annual Sustainability Expo on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 10:00am to 2:30pm at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center. This will be a great opportunity for local organizations and businesses to showcase their products, programs, and efforts to help our community "go green."
- a. Trustee Witko said there is no cost to be an exhibitor, but space is limited. Among the things to see and do at this Expo, there will be several nurseries there to teach about landscaping, and native and pollinator plants. The Village's arborist will be there to talk about the 50/50 Tree Program. Energy companies will be showing things that can help us reduce our energy costs, including solar energy, and there will be a very exciting electric car show, featuring many makes and models. Individual owners will also be present to answer questions. Children's activities will also be available. For more information, please call 847-663-3007 or email the Commission at enrc@mortongroveil.org.
- 5. Trustee Witko also announced that the Village's arborist in the Forestry Division of Public Works will be hosting an educational "tree walk" on Saturday, July 24 at 10am. It will start at the Civic Center and follow a one-mile accessible route through Harrer Park, teaching about the many beautiful trees located in the Village.

XII.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

XIII.

WARRANTS

Trustee Minx presented the Warrant Register for July 12, 2021 in the amount of \$203,781.90.
Trustee Minx moved to approve the Warrant Register as presented, seconded by Trustee Travis.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Gear 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 Minx moved to adjourn the meeting,
seconded by Trustee Gear.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Gear aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Khan aye
Tr. Travis aye

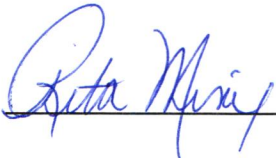
Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Witko aye

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

PASSED this 26th day of July, 2021.

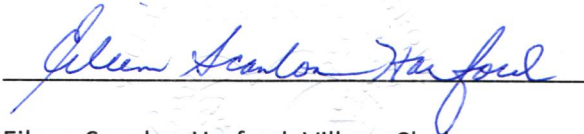
Trustee Gear	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Khan	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Minx	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Thill	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Travis	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Witko	<u>Aye</u>

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



Rita Minx, President Pro Tem
Board of Trustees, Morton Grove, Illinois

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



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

Minutes by Teresa Cousar

