

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE
RICHARD T. FLICKINGER MUNICIPAL CENTER
APRIL 11, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

- I & Village President Dan DiMaria called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council
- II. Chambers of Village Hall. He then led the Board and assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Village Clerk Connie Travis called the roll. Present were: Trustees Bill Gear, Rita Minx, John Pietron, Ed Ramos, John Thill, and Janine Witko.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regarding the March 28, 2016 Regular Board Meeting, Trustee Thill moved to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Witko. **Motion passed unanimously** via voice vote.

V. **SPECIAL REPORTS**

1. **Presentation by Community Relations Commission**

- a. Community Relations Commission Chairperson Arcelia Pimentel was present to talk about two new initiatives the Commission is undertaking.
- b. Ms. Pimentel explained that the Commission is an all-volunteer group whose mission is to foster, encourage, and promote positive relations between people of all races, creeds, national origins, and economic and educational levels. The Commission helps the Village prepare and distribute information to enhance the quality of life for all Village residents. Commission members act as greeters at the Village's Neighborhood Outreach events and distribute information and answer questions at the monthly Farmers' Market.
- c. Ms. Pimentel said the Commission is sponsoring two projects: first, the Adopt A Planter program, where residents, families, groups, or businesses can adopt one or more of the 85 large planters located along Dempster Street, at the Metra Station, and at the Civic Center. The Village will prepare the soil for each pot and will provide a starter kit of flowers to each participant. Ms. Pimentel extended a special thank you to the Johnny Mitchell and the Public Works Department for their support of this project. The Commission would like to have all the plants planted by the weekend of May 14–15. After that, it will be the responsibility of each participant to maintain the planter, which mainly involves weeding and pruning of the plants. Participants can be as creative as they like in customizing their planters by adding additional flowers.

V. **SPECIAL REPORTS** (continued)

- d. Ms. Pimentel thanked the following residents, businesses, and organizations who have already volunteered to take a planter. She noted that the deadline to participate is April 22, 2016, and people can sign up by completing the participation forms available at Village Hall or online at the Village's website.
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Harvey & Shannon Mangas • Sue N. Joyce • Nancy Lanning • Arcelia Pimentel & Family • Kristina Otte and Louis Eliopoulos • The DiBasilio Family • The Kintner Family • Emily & Jason Macejak • Trustee Rita Minx & the Minx/Yaras families • MG Senior Center Group • The Candarana Family • Trustee Bill Gear & Family • The McKittrick Family • Lidia Riggs • The Torres Family | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Janine Witko & Family • Morton Grove Park District • Clerk Connie Travis & Family • Garden Club of Morton Grove • School District 67 • Kropp Insurance Agency, Inc. • The Morton Grove Voice • Law Office of Teresa Hoffman Liston • Clara Clark • Sharon Mitchell • Trustee John Pietron & Family • Motherway/Kriss Family • Anna M. Pignalon • Mayor DiMaria & Family • Jim Verhunce • Ralph Czerwinski • Robert (Bob) Burkhardt |
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- f. Ms. Pimentel said that the second project sponsored by the Community Relations Commission is a photo contest where participants can submit up to five photos that depict the Village's new tag line, "Incredibly Close. Amazingly Open." Photos may be submitted through June 1, 2016 at Village Hall or by emailing the Community Relations Commission. Winning photos will be displayed on the Village's website and will also be enlarged, framed, and displayed at Village Hall.
- g. The Community Relations Commission currently has eight members and meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the second floor conference room at Village Hall. Ms. Pimentel said they're always looking for new members, and encouraged community-minded individuals to drop into a meeting and get involved.
- h. Mayor DiMaria offered kudos to the Commission for doing a great job "reinventing" themselves. He said the planters will be great.

VI. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NONE

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

NONE

VIII.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT1. **Proclamations**

- a. Mayor DiMaria proclaimed April 22, 2016, as "Earth Day" in the Village, commenting that "it is the responsibility of each of us to safeguard the environment by recognizing that all human life depends upon the Earth and upon each other for our mutual existence, well-being, and development." He encouraged all citizens to be mindful of local, state, and national laws which protect the environment, and to join in efforts to preserve the beauty and wonder of the lands, skies, and waters of the Earth.
- b. Mayor DiMaria proclaimed April 29, 2016 as "Arbor Day" in Morton Grove. He said that Arbor Day was first observed in Nebraska with the planting of more than a million trees. Trees can reduce the erosion of precious topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife. Morton Grove has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Mayor DiMaria urged everyone to protect our trees and woodlands and to support Morton Grove's urban forestry program.
- c. Trustee Thill noted that the Village is planting about 300 trees this year in the parkways. He said some residents have indicated they don't want a tree in their parkway. Trustee Thill pointed out that the parkways are Village property and he did not feel homeowners should have a choice in the matter.

2. **Mayoral Update**

- a. Mayor DiMaria said that the spring edition of The Exchange has gone out. It features an article about Morton Grove being the 8th safest village in Illinois; about the Community Relations Commission projects; and about water safety. The newsletter also includes public safety tips from the Police and Fire departments, Senior Center updates, and information about Morton Grove Days, which will be here before we know it. He encouraged people to volunteer for the Morton Grove Days event, participate in the July 4th Parade, or be a sponsor. Any amount is great!
- b. Mayor DiMaria commented that the March Neighborhood Outreach was very well attended, and encouraged people to attend the next one, which will be on June 15 at 6:00 p.m. at Edison School, located at 8200 Gross Point Road. He said that several ordinances and resolutions have come out of discussions with residents about varying matters.
- c. Mayor DiMaria apologized for missing the last meeting and thanked Trustee Gear for filling in.

IX.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Travis announced that this is "National Volunteer Week." She thanked everyone who volunteers, whether it is through a Village Commission or endeavor, or a local civic organization or project. Trustee Thill said he'd like to ask staff to put their heads together to come up with some sort of "Volunteer of the Year" recognition or award.

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STAFF REPORTSA. Village Administrator:

1. Village Administrator Czerwinski said people should be aware that the Metra tracks at Lincoln Avenue closed today for track repair, and will be closed for the next four days.
2. Mr. Czerwinski said the Morton Grove Days Commission holds monthly "eat-and-earn" fundraisers to help offset the costs of the fireworks. The next one will be held on Wednesday, April 20, from 4:00 p.m. til closing time, at Graziano's on Touhy Avenue. Anyone dining there, or ordering carryout, should mention "Morton Grove Fireworks" to their order-taker, and Graziano's will donate 20% of the receipts.

B. Corporation Counsel:

Corporation Counsel Liston had no report.

XI.

TRUSTEES' REPORTSA. Trustee Gear:

1. Trustee Gear introduced for a first reading **Ordinance 16-07, Amending Title 8 Entitled "Public Health and Safety" of the Municipal Code to Add a New Chapter 11 Establishing a "Special Event" Permitting Process.**
 - a. He explained that special events, such as festivals, concerts, and fun runs, enhance the quality of life and community character by helping to create a vibrant and interesting community. Such events often involve advance planning, logistics, and potential costs and liabilities for the Village. The Village may be required to allocate Village personnel, equipment, and property for special events, which, in addition to subjecting the Village to costs and potential liability, may interfere with the normal operations of the Village and the safe use of the public ways and Village property.
 - b. Trustee Gear said this ordinance will establish a permitting process for special events requiring Village services. Applications must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the event, unless alcohol is expected to be served or more than 500 people are expected to attend the event, in which case the application must be submitted to the Village by September 1 of the year preceding the proposed special event. Event organizers are required to obtain adequate levels of insurance and additional permits for activities such as food sales and pyrotechnics, and provide the Village with sufficient additional information in order to enhance the Village's ability to schedule needed personal and equipment.

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

2. Next, Trustee Gear presented **Resolution 16-23, Authorization For the Purchase of Police Squad Cars Through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative.**

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

A. Trustee Gear: (continued)

- a. Trustee Gear explained that this resolution will authorize the purchase of two police sports utility vehicles from Currie Motors Fleet in Frankfort, Illinois, and two regular police squad cars from Napleton Dodge. These will replace currently utilized Police Department high mileage vehicles due to age and declining reliability. The Village replaces high mileage squad cars every three years to insure key equipment utilized by police officers does not fail during their duties as public safety first responders. The squad vehicles are utilized 24 hours a day and need to be in excellent condition at all times.

Trustee Gear said that both dealers, Currie Motors and Napleton Dodge, were awarded contracts by the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative to sell these 2016 police squad cars. Purchasing squad cars from the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative allows municipalities to bypass formal bid procedures.

The two sports utility squad cars and the two regular squad cars will cost a total of \$103,976.

Trustee Gear moved to approve Resolution 16-23, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Gear aye
Tr. Ramos aye

Tr. Minx aye
Tr. Thill aye

Tr. Pietron aye
Tr. Witko aye

B. Trustee Minx:

1. Trustee Minx presented **Ordinance 16-03, An Ordinance Approving A Mixed Use Planned Unit Development ("PUD") and Related Waivers for a 7-Story Residential Structure and a Residential Structure and a 14,000 Square Foot Single-Story Commercial/Retail Structure on a 2.8 Acre Parcel of Land at 8700 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, Illinois.**

This is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- a. Trustee Minx explained that this Ordinance will approve a mixed use PUD for a 7-story, 184-unit residential building and an approximately 14,000 square foot single-story commercial building at 8700 Waukegan Road, with conditions and waivers, and the establishment of the number of parking spaces, in accordance with Section 12-6 of the Village Code.
- b. Proposed site improvements include 327 on-site parking spaces, new landscaping, reconfiguration of and improvements to on-site vehicular and pedestrian access ways, and improved stormwater facilities. With their PUD application, 8700 MG LLC is seeking variations and approvals for the following dimensional, bulk, and parking requirements: a 2.25 foot waiver to the minimum 5-foot side yard setback for the residential building; a 37-foot waiver to the maximum 40-foot height requirement; a 0.55 waiver to the maximum 2.0 Floor Area Ratio requirement; a waiver to the loading berth requirement for the commercial structure; and establishment of the number of parking spaces for the mixed-use PUD at 333 overall (327 on-site and 6 parking spaces on the adjacent shared access and parking easement area, located south of the subject property).

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

B. **Trustee Minx:** (continued)

- c. Trustee Minx said that the project has been recommended for approval, with conditions, by the Appearance Commission, the Traffic Safety Commission, and the Plan Commission. She moved to adopt Ordinance 16-03, seconded by Trustee Pietron.
- d. Trustee Thill commented that there is a person in town who thinks he knows better and is claiming the Board has not done their due diligence on this project, and further, that the Village is "giving away" Village property to this developer. Trustee Thill disagreed, stating the Board has been attending meetings, reviewing data, and touring facilities for the last 18 months. The Board has discussed and carefully reviewed the 122-page contract being entered into. Trustee Thill said there's no way anyone should be claiming that the Board hasn't done its job in this matter.
- e. Trustee Grear said he realizes that change and progress can be scary, but he felt that change is good and progress is wonderful. He said he was very impressed with this developer when he first met him and is even more impressed now. Trustee Grear felt that this progress will enhance Morton Grove—three acres of property in the center of town will be enhanced. It's definitely going to be a good thing.
- f. Trustee Minx noted that she has attended all the meetings and knows how many hours Mr. Grogan, the developer, has spent meeting with Village staff and with the neighbors of the proposed development, working with them to allay their concerns and come up with plans that will work well for everyone. Trustee Minx thanked Mr. Grogan for his countless hours.
- g. Trustee Pietron stated that "this is an example of moving forward for the betterment of Morton Grove" on an economic level, adding that economic development doesn't happen overnight. Total real estate taxes from this site currently are \$34,000—that buys one police squad car. The projections are that future real estate taxes from this development will far exceed that amount. He said that the Dempster-Waukegan intersection sees approximately 70,000–80,000 cars per day, and it's an ugly area. The proposed development is aesthetically appealing. Trustee Pietron said he's visited other properties built by Mr. Grogan and they're impeccable. Projects like this are a good thing for the Village and may help to curb future property tax hikes.

Mayor DiMaria called for the vote on Ordinance 16-03.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

- h. Mayor DiMaria said that Mr. Grogan came to Morton Grove to invest because he and his group feel that Morton Grove is heading in the right direction. He thanked Mr. Grogan for believing in this Village.
- 2. Next, Trustee Minx presented **Resolution 16-22, Approving An Economic Incentive and Tax Increment Allocation Financing Redevelopment Agreement By, Between, and Among the Village of Morton Grove, 8700 MG, LLC, and Heartland Real Estate Partners-MG, LLC.**

She explained that, two years ago, when the property owner, 8700 MG, LLC began discussions with the Village regarding the potential redevelopment of the property at 8700 Waukegan Road,

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

B. Trustee Minx: (continued)

the owner advised the Village that the proposed development would not be financially feasible without financial assistance. On March 9, 2015, pursuant to Resolution 15-16, The Board approved the financial incentive term sheet and authorized staff to negotiate an economic incentive redevelopment agreement.

- b. The terms for the financial assistance agreement include the following:
- \$600,000 cash payment upon issuance of a Final Certificate of Occupancy for the residential building, a minimum of 25% occupancy of the residential units, and completion of the commercial building to industry "Vanilla Box" standards (building shell, exterior finishes, and utilities stubbed to the building)
 - Up to \$4,700,000 in TIF financing assistance paid out through the incremental property taxes generated by the new development
 - Up to \$600,000 in TIF financial assistance paid out through a 50/50 split between the Village and the developer on any supplemental incremental property taxes generated by this project
 - Up to \$1,000,000 in sales tax revenues paid out through (a) 50% of the Village's share of State Sales Tax revenues and the Village's home rule tax; and (b) Business District tax revenue for qualifying project expenses.
- c. Trustee Minx noted that all of the proposed financial incentives are performance based. The cash payment will only be made after the project is substantially completed, and the TIF assistance and sales tax sharing will only be paid if the project generates incremental property taxes and the new businesses generate sales tax revenue.
- d. The owner and developer anticipate the overall project cost will be in excess of \$55 million. In addition to the owner's private investment, it is projected that the development will generate over \$900,000 per year in new real estate taxes as well as new sales tax revenues, where currently no sales tax revenues are generated. The project will improve a property that is currently under-utilized and obsolete, improve the streetscape, and act as a catalyst for additional redevelopment within the Dempster-Waukegan commercial area. The development is also projected to create 150 jobs during construction and 20 new permanent jobs.
- Trustee Minx moved to approve Resolution 16-22, seconded by Trustee Pietron.
- e. Trustee Thill congratulated the staff on negotiating an excellent agreement, and said, "This is a slam dunk."
- f. Trustee Grear reiterated that the project is estimated to generate over \$900,000 per year in new property taxes PLUS new sales tax revenues.
- g. Trustee Pietron said if the Village doesn't work with developers in the business world, the Village will lose out. He said we don't have long lines of people waiting to develop property here. He felt this is a good partnership for the Village.
- h. Mayor DiMaria said he supposed that there are people who might look at this as the Board "giving something away," but he and the Board prefer to look at it as "investing in Morton Grove's future."

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TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)B. Trustee Minx: (continued)

- i. Mayor DiMaria said he remembered how upset people were about the Board's decision to approve a redevelopment agreement with the Elliotts, who turned the Baxter Laboratories property into the Woodlands on Lincoln Avenue. This has turned out to be a very successful development, especially in terms of Return On Investment. He said that Mr. Grogan and his firm are investing almost \$55 million in the Village; the Village is investing about \$6 million in itself.

Mayor DiMaria called for the vote on Resolution 16-22.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

- j. Mayor DiMaria thanked Village staff, the Board, and the residents, and most of all, Mr. Grogan. He said this is a great WIN for the Village.
- k. Mr. Grogan thanked Mayor DiMaria, the Board, and Village staff for the excellent working relationship they've enjoyed over the last 2.5 years. He thanked the trustees for taking the time to look at his other projects and thanked the staff for collaborating with him. He thanked the neighboring residents for their time and for working with him, and said he felt they were close to finalizing an agreement. Mr. Grogan said, "We're committed to this and we're glad to be a part of this community. It's exciting to see this come to fruition."

C. Trustee Pietron:

1. Trustee Pietron presented **Resolution 16-24, Authorizing the Acceptance of a Material Proposal From Arrow Road Construction Company for the 2016 Material Purchasing Program—Asphalt.**
- a. He explained that the Village has an annual program, dependent on funding appropriations, to purchase construction materials like asphalt and concrete to be used to maintain Village rights-of-way and property. The purchase of construction materials is paid for using General Funds, Motor Fuel Tax Funds, and Enterprise Funds. The use of Motor Fuel Tax funds is administratively controlled by the State, which requires bidding procedures and contract documents. This contract was bid through a public process in accordance with the municipal code and Illinois Department of Transportation requirements. .
- b. Trustee Pietron said the estimated contract value is \$81,000, but since this is a unit price contract, the final contract amount will be based on the actual quantity of work performed.

Trustee Pietron moved to approve Resolution 16-24, seconded by Trustee Witko.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

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

C. Trustee Pietron: (continued)

2. Next, Trustee Pietron presented **Resolution 16-25, Authorizing the Execution of a Contract With Insituform Technologies USA, LLC For the 2016 Sewer Lining Program.**
 - a. He explained that sewer lining is important in order to maintain the flow capacity of the Village's sewer pipe infrastructure. This contract was bid through a public process and conforms to the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act.
 - b. Trustee Pietron said the proposal price is \$132,703.20, but \$137,000 was budgeted. Insituform Technologies USA, LLC was the low bidder and also performed this work for the Village last year and in other years. Since this is a unit price contract, the final contract amount will be based on the actual quantity of work performed.

Trustee Pietron moved, seconded by Trustee Minx, to approve Resolution 16-25.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

3. Trustee Pietron then presented **Resolution 16-26, Authorizing the Execution of a Contract With Precision Pavement Markings, Inc. For the 2016 Pavement Marking Program.**
 - a. He explained that annual pavement parking is necessary to maintain the visibility of the centerlines, stop bars, lane lines, and crosswalks on Village streets. The Public Works Department participated in a Municipal Partnering Initiative in 2012 through 2015 to procure pavement marking services. Four communities participated, and the program was administered by the City of Highland Park. This cooperative procurement program is allowed by the Village's municipal code and by the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act. The renewable periods of the pavement marking contract have expired, and the contract for pavement marking services needs to be bid again. Public Works considers it advantageous to participate in the cooperative procurement program again, and agreed to lead the administration of the bidding process for a group comprised of Evanston, Glenview, Morton Grove, and Niles. The contract conforms to the Prevailing Wage Act and is for a one-year term, which can be renewed for two additional years.
 - b. Trustee Pietron said the proposal price of the lowest bidder is \$172,696.50. Morton Grove's portion of the cost is \$21,605 (\$30,000 was budgeted).
 - c. Trustee Pietron said the estimated contract value is \$21,605, but since this is a unit price contract, the final contract amount will be based on the actual quantity of work performed.

Trustee Pietron moved to approve Resolution 16-26, seconded by Trustee Thill.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

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

C. Trustee Pietron: (continued)

4. Next, Trustee Pietron presented **Resolution 16-27, Authorizing the Execution of a Contract With A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. For the 2016 Alley Improvement Program.**
- a. He explained that the Village's Alley Improvement Program is an annual program to improve the alley pavement infrastructure beyond the extent of superficial repairs. Public Works has determined that reconstructing heavily-traveled alleys will greatly reduce the annual cost of intensive maintenance by the Public Works Department, as well as provide a higher level of service to users of the alleys.
- b. Trustee Pietron noted that the Village allocated funds in the 2016 Budget to reconstruct these alley segments with a concrete pavement. The concrete construction required for this project is beyond the expertise and capacity of Village staff. The contract was bid through a public process and conforms to the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act. The lowest bidder, A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc., bid \$312,044.65. The Village had budgeted \$550,000.
- c. Trustee Pietron said the estimated contract value is \$312,044.65, but since this is a unit price contract, the final contract amount will be based on the actual quantity of work performed.

Trustee Pietron moved, seconded by Trustee Thill, to approve Resolution 16-27.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Lastly, Trustee Pietron brought forward **Resolution 16-29, Authorizing the Purchase of Two New 2017 Freightliner Dump Trucks With Two (2) Snow Plows and One (1) Salt Spreader From Truck City, Inc.**

Trustee Pietron said the purchase of these two trucks is necessary to replace an existing 1996 Ford L8000 and a 1996 International 4900 Dump Truck.

He explained that the Public Works Department routinely reviews vehicles and equipment for fuel economy, safety, dependability, age, and excessive repair costs. The two trucks being replaced have exceeded their expected service life. This purchase was bid out, and seven (7) bids were received. Three truck dealers submitted multiple bids utilizing various equipment manufacturers for the dump bodies, snow plows, and salt spreaders, with favorable results.

The purchase of these two trucks will cost the Village \$304,906, which includes a \$13,500 trade-in credit.

Trustee Pietron moved to approve Resolution 16-29, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

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

D. Trustee Ramos:

Trustee Ramos had no formal report, but reminded residents that income tax filing day is officially April 18, 2016, due to Emancipation Day on April 15th. He said that this is good news for procrastinators!

E. Trustee Thill:

- a. Trustee Thill presented for a first reading **Ordinance 16-08, Amending Title 9, Chapter 7, To Restructure Ambulance Service Fees.**

Trustee Thill asked Fire Chief Tom Friel to explain this ordinance.

- b. Chief Friel said that, in the mid-1990's, ambulance user fees were established as a two-tier structure: one set of costs for residents and one for non-residents. Since then, everything has gotten more expensive. The Fire Department adjusted the fees in 2008 and entered into a Mutual Aid relationship with neighboring communities, enabling the Village's two-tier rate system to be passed through to other communities.

Chief Friel said the Mutual Aid relationship has increased, and now includes Niles, Skokie, Park Ridge, Des Plaines, and the North Maine Fire Protection District. Ordinance 16-08 would change Morton Grove's fees again, to match the current or proposed fees of the other Mutual Aid communities. For residents, ambulance fees should be covered by insurance and should never cause an out-of-pocket situation. This policy has been vetted by the Federal Inspector General. The rates will now be more like true user fees.

Trustee Grear commented that the Board does not want to get into residents' pockets with this Ordinance, and the Chief assured him that the fees charged to residents meet most insurance companies' definition of "usual and customary."

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

F. Trustee Witko:

1. Trustee Witko presented **Resolution 16-28, Authorizing An Agreement Between the Village of Morton Grove and Mather LifeWays For the Use of the Civic Center for Senior Programming.**
- a. She explained that the Village has provided programs for older residents at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center since 2001. Since 2005, Mather LifeWays, a non-denominational, not-for-profit organization based in Evanston, has contracted with the Village to operate programming for the Village. This resolution will approve an additional one-year non-exclusive license for Mather LifeWays to operate programs at the Civic Center for all adults, with a concentration on activities and services desired by adults over the age of 50. Mather LifeWays will coordinate all programming at the Civic Center, work with community partners as directed by the Village to bring their programs on-site, nurture/encourage/continue self-led programs and

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F. Trustee Witko: (continued)

- b. will directly provide lunch programs, iPad and computer classes, "Boost Your Brain" and memory courses, become a Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) site, be an AARP tax site, provide "Telephone Topics," create lifelong learning opportunities, work with other organizations to create inter-generational programming, conduct community outreach to fill programs, and conduct other programs as agreed.
- c. Trustee Witko said that Mather LifeWays will not charge the Village to provide these programs, but may charge participants a nominal fee. The Village will provide space, equipment, telephone and internet services, as well as janitorial and basic set-up services to Mather LifeWays.

Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Pietron, to approve Resolution 16-28.

- d. Trustee Gear commented that this is another situation where the Board came under fire for "changing" senior programming. He said the feedback on Mather LifeWays has been excellent. They provide many programs, plus bingo, plus entertainment. Trustee Gear said "If you're a senior in Morton Grove and you *don't* take advantage of the programming and entertainment options offered by Mather LifeWays at the Civic Center, you're making a big mistake!" He also mentioned that he'll be calling bingo at the Civic Center sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Mayor DiMaria called for the vote on Resolution 16-28.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Gear	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Pietron	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Ramos	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Witko	<u>aye</u>

- 2. Trustee Witko announced that the Historical Society is spearheading efforts to raise funds so that the Doughboy Statue at the Morton Grove Public Library can undergo some much-needed concrete repairs. The Historical Society is encouraging everyone to make a donation on their "go fund me" page (gofundme.com/mgdoughboy). The Historical Society is also inviting everyone to stop by the Museum to see the "Flappers and Flyboys" exhibit. The Museum is open Monday through Friday from 11am to 3pm and on Sundays from 2pm to 4pm.

XII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

On behalf of the Board and Village staff, Trustee Gear offered condolences to Community and Economic Development Director Nancy Radzevich on the loss of her mother. He asked the assemblage to say a prayer for Nancy's family.

XIII.

WARRANTS

Trustee Ramos presented the Warrant Register for April 11, 2016, in the amount of \$424,695.20. He moved that the Warrants be approved as presented. Trustee Minx seconded the motion.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

XIV.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

- a. **Nancy Lanning** commented that the biggest bingo prizes at the Civic Center, the ones that people vie for, are toilet paper and paper towels. She thanked Officers Lietz and Tabor for calling bingo at the Civic Center last week; she had a great time. Mrs. Lanning said that it's important for the seniors to see these police officers because then, if they have a problem, they'll be more comfortable calling the police department.

Bonito LoGuidice appeared before the Board to let them know that, as of April 6, the State is once again notifying people when they need their emissions tested before they can renew their drivers' license. Mayor DiMaria thanked her for her public service announcement.

XV.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Thill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Pietron.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

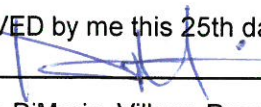
Tr. Grear	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Pietron	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Ramos	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Witko	<u>aye</u>

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

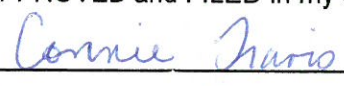
PASSED this 25th day of April, 2016.

Trustee Gear	<u>AYE</u>
Trustee Minx	<u>AYE</u>
Trustee Pietron	<u>AYE</u>
Trustee Ramos	<u>AYE</u>
Trustee Thill	<u>AYE</u>
Trustee Witko	<u>AYE</u>

APPROVED by me this 25th day of April, 2016.


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

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 26th day of April, 2016.


Connie J. Travis, Village Clerk
Village of Morton Grove, Cook County, Illinois

Minutes by: Teresa Cousar