

**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
OCTOBER 24, 2016**

I. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Village President Daniel P. DiMaria called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center Council Chambers. After leading the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance, he directed the Clerk to call the roll.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Village Clerk Travis called the roll. Present were: Trustees Bill Grear, Rita Minx, John Pietron, Ed Ramos, John Thill, and Janine Witko.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regarding the Minutes of the October 10, 2016, Regular Board Meeting, Trustee Minx moved, seconded by Trustee Witko, to accept the minutes as presented. There was one correction; that being "Shore does not take TV monitors, etc. . .". There being no additional concerns, a motion to approve the **minutes passed unanimously** via voice vote.

IV. **SPECIAL REPORTS**

There were no special reports held this evening.

V. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There was no public hearing held this evening.

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

There were no residents' comments on Agenda Items this evening.

VII. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Mayor DiMaria requested confirmation from the Board for the appointment of Frank Rodgers to the position of Fire Chief. Trustee Thill made a motion, seconded by Trustee Minx to appoint Frank Rodgers as Acting Fire Chief until his swearing-in on November 14, 2016. There were no questions or discussion.

Tr. Grear	aye	Tr. Minx	aye	Tr. Pietron	aye
Tr. Ramos	aye	Tr. Thill	aye	Tr. Witko	aye

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent

Mr. Rodgers briefly thanked the Village Board for the opportunity to serve the Village in

this capacity and he believes he is up for the challenge.

- b. Mayor DiMaria then requested confirmation from the Board for the Chairmanship appointment of Steve Blonz to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals. He stated Ron Farkas was stepping down after approximately 12 years of service as Chairperson. Mr. Farkas will however remain on the Board. A motion was then made by Trustee Pietron and seconded by Trustee Gear to confirm the appointment. A general unanimous voice vote was taken to confirm the appointment.

Mr. Farkas then stated it had been a privilege to serve as Chairperson of this very important commission; however, he felt it was time to step down and let someone else chair the meetings.

- c. Mayor DiMaria then presented **Resolution 16-64 Authorizing the Appointment of a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency**. Mayor DiMaria explained the Village has been a member of this agency for some time and delegates are needed to represent the Village in IRMA matters. This resolution will designate Ralph E. Czerwinski as the Risk Manager and Thomas J. Friel as the Alternate. Trustee Pietron moved, seconded by Trustee Minx to approve Resolution 16-64.

Tr. Gear	aye	Tr. Minx	aye	Tr. Pietron	aye
Tr. Ramos	aye	Tr. Thill	aye	Tr. Witko	aye

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent

- d. Mayor DiMaria then presented **Resolution 16-65 Authorizing the Appointment of Delegates to the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative**. Mayor DiMaria stated the Village has been a member of this agency for some time and delegates are needed to represent the Village. This resolution will designate Ralph E. Czerwinski and Thomas J. Friel as the Village's representatives. Trustee Minx moved, seconded by Trustee Thill to approve Resolution 16-65.

Tr. Gear	aye	Tr. Minx	aye	Tr. Pietron	aye
Tr. Ramos	aye	Tr. Thill	aye	Tr. Witko	aye

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent

- e. Mayor DiMaria then presented **Resolution 16-66 Authorizing the Appointment of a Delegate and Alternate Delegates to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund**. Being a member of the Illinois Retirement Fund the Village is required to send a representative from the Village regarding IMRF matters. This resolution will designate Ralph Czerwinski as the Village's representative with Hanna Sullivan and Thomas J. Friel as alternates. Trustee Pietron moved, seconded by Trustee Minx to approve Resolution 16-66.

Tr. Gear	aye	Tr. Minx	aye	Tr. Pietron	aye
Tr. Ramos	aye	Tr. Thill	aye	Tr. Witko	aye

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent

- f. Mayor DiMaria then did a quick summary of upcoming events and relevant dates that the Village Board and residents should be aware of:
- The replacement of the Meade/Moody sewer is now completed. The Village saved a great deal because this work was done in-house by Public Works crews. He

thanked those involved for all their hard work.

- Mayor DiMaria noted the Street Resurfacing Project is currently on budget and on time.
- The free leaf pick-up service around town started on October 10. Mayor DiMaria noted residents should only put leaves in the street for pick-up and not branches or grass or other debris. If residents have questions they should contact the Public Works Department at 847.470.5235.
- Mayor DiMaria congratulated Jerusalem Lutheran School located at 6218 Capulina for their pursuit and receipt of an accreditation through the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation Program and the National Counsel for Private School Accreditation. They received the highest level of accredited status – “exemplary”. He went on to state this rating is rare for a school to achieve on its first attempt at accreditation.
- Mayor DiMaria noted the Artists Performance will be held this weekend at 4:00pm on October 29 at the Civic Center.
- Halloween will be celebrated throughout the Village on October 31 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.
- November 6 will be the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Civic Center grounds. As has been customary in past years, there will be no parade this year.
- November 22 pictures are due for the Fall Photo Contest.
- The Winter Farmers’ Indoor Market will be held from 9:00am to 2:00pm on December 3 at the Civic Center.
- The Village Board will be meeting at 6:00pm on October 27, November 3, and November 15 to conduct budget workshops. These meetings will be held in the Scanlon Conference Room of Village Hall.
- Mayor DiMaria concluded with a heartfelt good luck to the Cubs as they embrace the upcoming World Series. Go Cubs!

VIII.

CLERK’S REPORT

Clerk Travis had no formal report; however, she did state the Community Relations Commission was working diligently on next year’s projects. The fall photo contest photographs are due on November 22.

IX.

STAFF REPORTS

a. Village Administrator

- 1) Miscellaneous Reports and Updates. Mr. Czerwinski thanked the Village Board for their concurrence of Frank Rodgers as Fire Chief. He believes Frank will be a great addition to the management staff of the Village and looks forward to working with him. Mr. Czerwinski then thanked staff for their work on the Exchange newsletter. He stated there is a lot of information contained within that publication and looks forward to residents giving feedback and/or comments on what is going on around town.

b. Corporation Counsel

Corporation Counsel had no formal report.

X.

REPORTS BY TRUSTEESa. Trustee Gear

- 1) Trustee Gear presented **Ordinance 16-24 Amending Title 6, Chapter 7 of the Municipal Code Entitled "Cannabis and Drug Paraphernalia" and Title 1, Chapter 4 Entitled "Monetary Penalties and Fines for Specific Violations and Offenses"** for a First Reading. He noted this amendment will add monetary penalties for violations associated with the possession of paraphernalia with associated minimum amounts of illegal cannabis and/or other drugs. These changes will allow for local ordinance prosecution consistent with state statutes resulting in fines of between \$100 and \$750. The Second Reading for this ordinance will be on November 14 when a formal vote will be taken.
- 2) Trustee Gear stated **Ordinance 16-25 Approving a Special Use Permit for a Parking Waiver in Excess of 30% and to Establish the Required Number of Parking Spaces for the Expansion of the Existing Building at 5628 Dempster** would be presented by Trustee Minx.

b. Trustee Minx

- 1) Trustee Minx then presented **Ordinance 16-25 Approving a Special Use Permit for a Parking Waiver in Excess of 30% and to Establish the Required Number of Parking Spaces for the Expansion of the Existing Building at 5628 Dempster** for a First Reading. This parking waiver in excess of 30% will set the number of parking spaces for this project (expanding an existing building to three stories) at 14.

Before moving on, Trustee Thill made a **motion to waive the second reading for this ordinance (Ord 16-25)** in order to give the developer additional time to get this project started since the weather will be deteriorating as the season closes out for the year. Trustee Witko seconded the motion.

Trustee Gear felt it important to give the neighbors an opportunity to speak on this matter and a second reading was required. He also stated there had been no formal request by the developer to waive the second reading. Mr. Farkas stated Mr. Israel as well as another property owner (who sent a letter) had been at the Plan Commission meeting when this item was on their agenda. Trustee Gear again reiterated there appears to be no urgency regarding this project and it should go through the proper channels. The developer of the property stated he did not know there was an option. Mr. Czerwinski stated there will be really no time lost since the drawings have yet to be received by the Building and Inspectional Services department. Those will take time to review once submitted and he believes by the time the second reading will take place (November 14) the documents will have been reviewed and permits ready to issue. There being no additional comments, a roll call vote was taken:

Tr. Gear	nay	Tr. Minx	nay	Tr. Pietron	nay
Tr. Ramos	nay	Tr. Thill	aye	Tr. Witko	nay

Motion passed: 1 ayes, 5 nays, 0 absent

The motion was denied and as a result, this ordinance will be up for a second reading on November 14.

c. Trustee Pietron

Trustee Pietron had no report.

d. Trustee Ramos

Trustee Ramos had no report.

e. Trustee Thill

Trustee Thill had no formal report; however he stated developers should be advised they have the option of requesting the waiving of a second reading of a particular ordinance which pertains to their project.

f. Trustee Witko

Trustee Witko had no formal report.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

XI.

WARRANTS

Trustee Witko presented the Warrants for October 24, 2016, in the amount of \$714,073.80. She moved to approve the Warrants which was seconded by Trustee Thill.

Tr. Grear	aye	Tr. Minx	aye	Tr. Pietron	aye
Tr. Ramos	aye	Tr. Thill	aye	Tr. Witko	aye

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent

XII.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (non-agenda items)

There were no resident comments.

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XIV.

ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Minx moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. Trustee Thill seconded the motion which was unanimously approved via voice vote.

PASSED this 24th day of October 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 24th day of October 2016.



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

APPROVED and FILED in my office
this 25th day of October 2016



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

Minutes by: Susan Lattanzi