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. He then led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Thill moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 10, 2020 as presented, seconded by Trustee Witko. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Presentation by the Morton Grove Foundation on the Taste of Morton Grove

a. Mayor DiMaria introduced Nick Marino from the Morton Grove Foundation to talk about the upcoming Taste of Morton Grove.

b. Mr. Marino cordially invited all present at the meeting and those watching on television to come to the White Eagle, 6839 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Niles, on Thursday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m. for the biggest and best party in town, the Taste of Morton Grove. The Taste is sponsored by the Morton Grove Foundation, a 501(c)3 organized comprised of residents and business people in Morton Grove.

c. This is the 32nd annual Taste, and typically, between 700 and 800 people attend. The event is run by an all-volunteer committee. The Taste is the Foundation's most important fund-raising event; all the monies generated go to local civic and charitable organizations in the form of grants. Tickets for the Taste are available at Village Hall or online and are $35 in advance or $45 at the door.

d. Mr. Marino said he could not say enough about the volunteers and the countless hours that go into making this a special event. He encouraged everyone to come and sample foods from the 25+ restaurants that will be there, and enjoy an evening of food, fun, and friends.
IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS
NONE

X. RESIDENTS’ COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)
NONE

XI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

1. Mayor DiMaria sought the Board’s concurrence of his appointments of Lea C. Beaubien to the Advisory Commission on Aging, and of Ashur Shiba to the Economic Development Commission. Trustee Travis so moved, seconded by Trustee Thill. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote. Mayor DiMaria thanked Lea and Ashur for stepping up and volunteering to participate on these two very important Village commissions.

2. Mayor DiMaria said that the Neighborhood Outreach, held on Thursday, February 20, was very productive and interactive. It was held at Edison School. Many residents showed up to meet and engage in dialogue with the elected officials and department heads. He thanked everyone who came out Thursday night.

3. Mayor DiMaria said that February, National Restaurant Month, is quickly coming to an end. He encouraged everyone to become eligible for a $25 gift card to a local restaurant by submitting a receipt from a local restaurant or pictures of you (and your friends and family) dining at a local restaurant, along with an entry form to www.mortongroveil.org/dinemgr. He said that ten $25 gift cards will be drawn at a March Board Meeting.

4. Mayor DiMaria thanked Nick Marino for his informative presentation and added his own encouragement for people to attend the Taste on Thursday, March 12, noting that some incredible restaurants will be featured and it would be a good way to break out of “cabin fever.”

5. The mayor discussed the 2020 Census, noting that census results have an impact on planning and funding for the Village and regional concerns ranging from health clinics to highways, from emergency response to education programs, such as Head Start and college tuition assistance, and so much more. The 2020 Census is the first time you can respond online, as well as by phone or mail. The answers you provide are only used to produce statistics—the Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or anyone else in your home.

a. Mayor DiMaria said that, in mid-March, homes will begin receiving invitations to complete the Census. April 1, Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. He urged people to “be counted" and said that if any household has not received a census form by April 1st, they should contact Village Hall.
XI.  

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

6. Mayor DiMaria announced that PACE is contemplating changes in its bus routes, one of which will affect Morton Grove. Route 210 is a PACE route running through the Village; it connects Glenbrook Hospital to Lincolnwood Town Center with stops down Waukegan, across Dempster, down Ferris, and along Lincoln Avenue. PACE is proposing to discontinue this route. Anyone who'd like to weigh in on this can do so by calling PACE at 847-364-7223 or by going to PaceBus.com and submitting comments using the Public Hearing Comment Form. You can also send your comments to Pace at 550 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, attention: External Relations.

7. Mayor DiMaria said that the Niles Township District for Special Education is in search of para-professionals to work with students with diverse learning needs ages 3–21. If you'd like more information, please reach out to Tarin Kendrick at tkendrick@ntlse.org.

8. Mayor DiMaria said there is still space available for the Citizens Police Academy program run by the Morton Grove Police Department. This is a 10-week program for anyone interested in getting an up-close look at what the Police Department does. It is designed to give participants an understanding of the operation of the MG Police Department and a working knowledge of what law enforcement is all about. Classes are held once a week, on Tuesday evenings, and are approximately two hours long (6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.). Classes are limited to 20 students, so anyone who is interested should register early. Register by calling Officers Jurasz or Lietz at 847-470-5200. The sessions are free, and the next session of the Citizens Police Academy begins on March 24 and ends on May 26.

XII.  

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Harford had no report.

XIII.  

STAFF REPORTS

Village Administrator:

Mr. Czerwinski had no report.

B. Corporation Counsel:

Corporation Counsel Liston had no report this evening.

XIV.  

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

A. Trustee Grear:

1. Trustee Grear presented Resolution 20-12, Authorizing the Village of Morton Grove to Enter Into an Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Police Assistance Agreement for the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force and to Approve Its Amended Bylaws.
XIV. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

A. Trustee Grear: (continued)

a. Trustee Grear said that, in 1997, the Village joined the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (NORTAF), an organization which provides its members with enhanced access to facilities, programs, and assistance when a law enforcement incident or investigation necessitates additional resources, equipment, and personnel. Current members of NORTAF include Morton Grove, Evanston, Northbrook, Northfield, Skokie, Wilmette, and Winnetka. The resolution will approve updated bylaws and an amended intergovernmental agreement among NORTAF's members to provide legal defenses and indemnification for NORTAF members.

Trustee Grear moved to adopt Resolution 20-12, seconded by Trustee Witko.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

B. Trustee Minx:

Trustee Minx had no report this evening.

C. Trustee Ramos:

Trustee Ramos had no report this evening.

D. Trustee Thill:

Trustee Thill had no report this evening.

E. Trustee Travis:

1. Trustee Travis said that the Village’s Winter Photo Contest, sponsored by the Community Relations Commission, began January 1 and ends on March 31. There is no specific theme for the contest. She encouraged all Morton Grove residents to submit up to five entries. Photos can be emailed between now and March 31 to CRC@mortongroveil.org, or dropped off or mailed to Village Hall. The winning photos will be announced at an April Village Board meeting and will be enlarged, framed, and displayed at Village Hall.
XIV. TRUSTEES’ REPORTS (continued)

F. Trustee Witko:

1. Trustee Witko presented Resolution 20-13, Authorizing the Purchase of Police Pursuit Vehicles Through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Bid Program.

   a. She explained that, every three years, high mileage squad vehicles are replaced to insure key equipment utilized by the Village’s police officers does not fail during their duties as public safety first responders. The squads are utilized 24 hours a day and they need to be in excellent condition at all times. This resolution will authorize the Village Administrator to purchase two police sports utility squad cars from Currie Motors Fleet in Frankfort, Illinois. Currie Motors was awarded the contract by the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative to sell 2020 Ford Utility Interceptors until August 31, 2020. Purchasing squad cars from the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative allows municipalities to bypass formal bid procedures. The purchase of these two vehicles will cost $67,170.00.

   Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Travis, to approve Resolution 20-13.

   Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

2. Next, Trustee Witko presented Resolution 20-14, Authorizing the Purchase of One New 2020 S76 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader Through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Procurement Program.

   a. She explained that the Public Works Department routinely review vehicles and equipment for fuel economy, safety, dependability, age, and excessive repair costs. Public Works has determined that the 2009 Bobcat currently being used no longer meets the requirements of the Department. The Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Procurement Program represents approximately 350 Illinois municipalities, and along with those municipalities, the Village has used them for the acquisition of vehicles and equipment since 2011. The Cooperative had conducted a bidding process for a S76 T4 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader. Atlas Bobcat in Elk Grove Village was selected as the low bidder. The purchase price for this equipment is $51,924, minus $24,000 for trading in the 2009 Bobcat, bringing the actual purchase price to $27,924.

   Trustee Witko moved to approve Resolution 20-14, seconded by Trustee Minx.

   Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

3. Trustee Witko then presented Resolution 20-15, Authorizing the Purchase of One New 2020 Model 420F2 Caterpillar Backhoe Loader Through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Procurement Program.

   a. She explained that, in the normal course of its reviews of vehicles and equipment, Public Works has determined that the 2001 Backhoe Loader currently being used by the Water/Sewer
XIV. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

F. Trustee Witko: (continued)

Division no longer meets the requirements of the Department. The Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative has conducted a bidding process for a 420F2 IT Caterpillar Backhoe Loader. Altorfer CAT in Elmhurst was selected as the low bidder. The purchase price for this equipment is $160,805.00, plus a Power Tilt-Fusion Coupler, and MB bucket at a cost of $20,136.60, an extended warranty of $6,600, and freight/delivery/dealer prep charges of $1,500.00. After applying the trade-in value ($21,000) of the current 2001 Backhoe, and a USA Government discount of $53,832.00, the actual purchase price is $114,269.60.

Trustee Witko moved, seconded by Trustee Grear, to approve Resolution 20-15.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

b. Trustee Thill asked Public Works Director Joe Dahm if the Village would get more money by auctioning the current Backhoe, instead of trading it in. Mr. Dahm responded, “Not in this case.”

4. Next, Trustee Witko presented Resolution 20-16, Authorizing the Annual Memorial Day Parade and Closure of Dempster Street.

a. She explained that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requires the Village to adopt a resolution approving the closure of Dempster Street for the annual Memorial Day Parade. This resolution authorizes the Village Engineer to file an application through IDOT for the closing of Dempster Street from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, 2020 for the Parade, which is scheduled to be held at 1:30 p.m. on that date. The Village assumes 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 this state route.

Trustee Witko moved to approve Resolution 20-16, seconded by Trustee Grear

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Thill asked if the Village can legally set a limit on the number of times a person can come to a Village Board meeting and talk about the same topic.

Corporation Counsel Liston said the Village has the right, under the Open Meetings Act, to establish reasonable rules and regulations as to how long a speaker can speak, and at what point during the meeting they can speak. The Act has been amended so that now anyone can speak, not only residents. The Village prefers communications to open and respectful of everyone’s time and everyone’s opinion. The limitations the Village imposes must be reasonable.
XVI. Warrants

Trustee Minx presented the Warrant Register for February 24, 2020 in the amount of $706,741.22. She moved that the Warrants be approved as presented, seconded by Trustee Ramos.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

XVII. Residents’ Comments

Rudolf Vilk addressed the Board. Mayor DiMaria reminded him he has a three-minute limit. Mr. Vilk said he is confused because he never gets any answers to his questions or letters. He said Corporation Counsel Liston is confused and unresponsive, and indicated that he had asked Jan Schakowsky to weigh in on his issues. He said he’s received one letter from the Village Administrator, adding that Ms. Liston refuses to speak with him. He admonished the Board members to “act like adults” and asked that he received an official letter responding to his issues, signed by the Mayor.

Mayor DiMaria said he did not want to get into a question and answer session, but when someone comes after one of his department heads and says that person is non-responsive, the Mayor said he wanted to address it. He told Mr. Vilk that he had personally met with Mr. Vilk in his office and talked with him several times. He said he would give Mr. Vilk a copy of the letters sent to him by Mr. Czerwinski, responding to Mr. Vilk’s concerns, one from this year and one from September of 2018. Mayor DiMaria said to Mr. Vilk, “The Village has resolved one of your issues. We responded to the other issue, but you refuse to accept our response.” Mayor DiMaria said he was satisfied that the Village has done everything possible to communicate with Mr. Vilk, to answer his questions, and to solve some of his issues. He thanked Mr. Vilk for his comments.

Nancy Lanning said she had noticed the other night a vehicle in her neighborhood that didn’t belong. She called the Police Department; they investigated and then contacted her to assure her that it was okay. She said she was grateful to the Police Department for investigating and then reaching back out to her.

Mrs. Lanning also wanted to thank the staff who attend the Neighborhood Outreach Meetings; they’re patient with peoples’ questions and can generally offer answers. She also encouraged people to sign up for the Citizens’ Police Academy program, saying it’s very interesting and beneficial.

XVIII. Adjournment

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

Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.
The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.
PASSED this 9th day of March, 2020.

Trustee Grear
Trustee Minx
Trustee Ramos
Trustee Thill
Trustee Travis
Trustee Wilko

APPROVED by me this 9th day of March, 2020.

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

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 10th day of March, 2020.

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