

**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
JUNE 22, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

- I & II. Village President Dan DiMaria called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Trustees' Conference Room and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Corporation Counsel Liston called the roll. Present were: Trustees Bill Grear, Rita Minx, John Pietron, Ed Ramos, and Janine Witko. Trustee Thill was absent with notice.

IV. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Minx moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, personnel, and real estate matters. Trustee Ramos seconded the motion.

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

The Executive Session began at 6:01 p.m. There being no further business, Trustee Minx moved to adjourn the Executive Session and recommence the regular Board meeting in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Witko.

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING

Village President Dan DiMaria reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Corporation Counsel Liston called the roll.

V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regarding the Minutes of the June 8, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, Trustee Pietron moved, seconded by Trustee Minx, to accept the Minutes as presented.

Trustee Minx noted several corrections in the Minutes. The first, on page 5, in the last line of paragraph b at the top of the page, the word “exclude” was misspelled (exdude). Next on page 9, #3a, the word “state” had been misspelled (“sate). In the same paragraph there is a reference to “June 30, 2105” which should be “June 30, 2015.”

With these corrections noted, Mayor DiMaria called for the vote. **Motion passed unanimously** (with one absence) via voice vote.

VI. **SPECIAL REPORTS**

NONE

VII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NONE

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

NONE

IX. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. Appointment of New Village Clerk

- a. Mayor DiMaria asked for a motion from the Board to approve the appointment of Connie Travis as Village Clerk. Trustee Pietron moved to concur with the appointment, seconded by Trustee Minx. **Motion passed unanimously** (with one absence) via voice vote. Mayor DiMaria then went to the podium and swore in Clerk Travis.
- b. Ms. Travis thanked the Mayor and Board for their confidence in her and said she would take the duties of Village Clerk with the highest regard. She added that she looked forward to working with the Board and staff. Ms. Travis thanked her family for their support, and said she was very much anticipating getting down to the business of being Village Clerk.

2. Mayoral Update

- a. Mayor DiMaria said there were some local celebrities in the assemblage this evening. He introduced former Morton Grove residents Carrie, Michael, and Tom Nahabedian. Mayor DiMaria said that Tom Nahabedian's design of Carrie and Michael's restaurant, Brindille, won a 2015 James Beard Award. Carrie herself is a celebrated chef in the art of French cooking, and won a James Beard Award in 2008.

IX. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT** (continued)

- b. Mayor DiMaria read a brief proclamation about the family’s accomplishments and named June 22, 2015 as “Nahabedian Family Day” in Morton Grove.
- c. Carrie Nahabedian expressed her thanks and said her aunt and uncle still live in Morton Grove, and the family’s heart is in Morton Grove. Michael said they missed eating at Esposito’s, and commented on growing up and playing baseball in Morton Grove. Tom said they were all very appreciative of the Village’s recognition, and told the Board, “Keep up the great work!”

3. Resolutions

- a. Mayor DiMaria presented the first of several Resolutions: **Resolution 15-41, Appointing a Director and Alternate Director to the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC).**

Mayor DiMaria said that, as a member of SWANCC, the Village is entitled to appoint a director and an Alternate Director(s) to the Agency’s Board. The Board of Directors approves the yearly budget for the Agency and sets policy for the region’s long-term plan to manage the area’s garbage.

This resolution names Trustee John Thill as the Village’s Director on the SWACC Board, and Trustee John Pietron and Village Administrator pro tem Tom Friel as the Alternate Directors.

Trustee Minx moved to approve Resolution 15-41, seconded by Trustee Witko.

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

- b. Next, Mayor DiMaria presented **Resolution 15-42, Authorizing the Appointment of Delegates to the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC).**

He said that he is the Village’s delegate to the NWMC, and if he is unable to attend a meeting, alternate delegates are needed to represent the Village in NWMC Board matters. This resolution designates Trustee Bill Grear and Village Administrator pro tem Tom Friel as alternate delegates to the NWMC.

Trustee Pietron moved to approve Resolution 15-42, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

- c. Mayor DiMaria then brought forward **Resolution 15-43, Authorizing the Appointment of Delegates to the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC).**

He explained that the Village has been a member of the IPBC for several years. Delegates are needed to represent the Village in IPBC matters.

IX. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT** (continued)

This resolution names Village Administrator pro tem Tom Friel and Finance Director/Treasurer Remy Navarrete as the Village’s representatives to the IPBC.

Trustee Minx moved to approve Resolution 15-43, seconded by Trustee Witko.

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

- d. The mayor next presented **Resolution 15-44, Authorizing the Appointment of a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF).**

Mayor DiMaria said the Village is a member of IMRF, and IMRF requires the Village to designate its representatives to this agency. This resolution designates Finance Director/ Treasurer Remy Navarrete and Village Administrator pro tem Tom Friel as the Village’s representatives to IMRF.

Trustee Pietron moved to approve Resolution 15-44, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

- 4. Mayor DiMaria encouraged the assemblage to come out to the Morton Grove Days festivities on July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. He said he hoped to see everyone there.

X. **CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Travis had no report at this time.

XI. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. Village Administrator:

- 1. Village Administrator pro tem Tom Friel gave a presentation on staff’s recommendations to the Village Board to adjust the Natural Gas Tax, the Motor Fuel Tax, and the Home Rule Sales Tax to provide additional revenue to the Village for Capital Projects, further diversify the Village’s tax base, and reduce dependency of local property taxes.
 - a. He explained that the Village has incorporated a Capital Improvement Plan in the budget process (and he explained that what makes something a “capital” improvement is if the improvement will cost more than \$10,000 or if it will have a service life of 10 years or longer, like buildings or large equipment).

XI. **STAFF REPORTS** (continued)

A. Village Administrator: (continued)

- b. The Village's capital needs for fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2020 include an estimated \$20 million for a police/municipal facility; an estimated \$1–2 million for local water delivery improvements; \$250,000 for routine equipment and vehicle updates; and \$1 million annually for street improvements.
- c. Mr. Friel said these are all cost-intensive projects for which the Village must find funding. The Board has indicated that other resources outside of huge hits to local property taxes must be found. Mr. Friel said that Village staff will look for and attempt to obtain various grants to fund some of the capital improvements. He said that staff is recommending an adjustment to certain user taxes and fees. These are covered in three ordinances that Trustee Ramos will be presenting later this evening.
- d. The first, Ordinance 15-11, will amend the Business Occupational Tax, also known as the home rule sales tax. The home rule sales tax was introduced in 1991 as a 0.50% tax on items purchased within the Village. In 1994, the home rule sales tax increased to 0.75%, and in 2003, increased again to 1%. The proposal before the Board is to raise it to 1.25%. Mr. Friel said the Finance Department, through the Northwest Municipal Conference, conducted a survey of this type of tax and found that Morton Grove's neighbors, Skokie and Niles, each have a home rule sales tax of 1.25%. Mr. Friel said it is estimated that increasing the tax to 1.25% will bring in an extra \$500,000 of revenue to the Village annually.
- e. Ordinance 15-12 is staff's proposal to increase the Village's Local Motor Fuel Tax. When first introduced in 2003, the local motor fuel tax was \$.01/gallon. In 2005, it went up to \$.02/gallon. The proposal before the Board is to increase it now to \$.04/gallon. Mr. Friel noted that Des Plaines and Evanston have a similar tax, which is currently at \$.04/gallon, while Skokie's tax is \$.05/ gallon. If implemented, this increase will bring in an estimated \$500,000 to the Village annually.
- e. Mr. Friel said that Ordinance 05-13 deals with the Natural Gas Use Tax. When this tax was first instituted in 2002, the tax was \$.02/therm. It has not increased since 2002. The proposal is to increase this to \$.05/therm. Mr. Friel said the typical home uses 150 therms a month, which would mean this tax would be the equivalent of a monthly \$4.50 increase to the average homeowner. If implemented, it would bring in an estimated \$350,000 in revenue to the Village annually.
- f. Mr. Friel said that, all told, and at a conservative estimate, these tax increases could bring to the Village an extra \$1 million a year, and staff felt these adjustments were both appropriate and necessary.
- g. Mr. Friel said it's important to note that Governor Rauner's proposed budget severely reduces state dollars to local governments and seeks to limit home rule taxing ability. He said that the first reading of all three ordinances would be this evening, and they would be voted on at the Board's July 13th meeting.

B. Corporation Counsel:

Corporation Counsel Liston had no report.

XII.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

A. Trustee Gear:

1. Trustee Gear presented **Ordinance 15-10, Amending Title 6, Chapter 7 of the Municipal Code Entitled "Items Designed or Marketed for Use With Illegal Cannabis or Drugs" and Title 1, Chapter 4 Entitled "Monetary Penalties and Fines for Specific Violations and Offenses."**

This is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- a. Trustee Gear explained that Village staff periodically reviews Village codes and ordinances to ensure they are in compliance with State statutes and current practices. A significant number of court prosecutions for the offense of possessing a small amount of illegal cannabis are often dismissed, resulting in limited to no deterrent effect, and consuming police and prosecutor resources. This ordinance will allow for the prosecution of possession of small amounts of illegal cannabis as a local ordinance violation resulting in fines between \$100 to \$750, and will authorize the local adjudication hearing officer to require offenders to perform community service and/or attend drug education training as part of said penalty.

Trustee Gear moved to adopt Ordinance 15-10, seconded by Trustee Witko.

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

2. Trustee Gear said that he, too, hoped to see everyone at the Morton Grove Days festivities.

B. Trustee Minx:

1. Trustee Minx presented **Ordinance 15-06, Approving a Special Use Permit for a Library Use at 6200 Lincoln Avenue.**

This is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- a. Trustee Minx explained that the Morton Grove Public Library owns and operates the 30,600 square foot public library at 6140 Lincoln Avenue. The building recently underwent major renovations, including installation of ADA-compliant ramps, widened aisles for increased accessibility, and the creating of dedicated study rooms and a quiet reading area. With these changes, interior space for existing book and material collections, computer stations, etc. was diminished. The Library purchased the property at 6200 Lincoln as an extension of their existing library. The 6,336 square foot building at the northwest corner of Lincoln and Georgiana will house some existing library services, equipment, and storage materials, which can no longer be accommodated in the existing building.
- b. Overall, the expanded library campus will have 31 on-site parking spaces (25 at 6140 Lincoln and 6 at 6200 Lincoln). Additionally, the library leases 30 parking spaces from St. Martha's.

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

B. Trustee Minx: (continued)

- c. This case was originally recommended to be denied by the Plan Commission, due to the absence of a professional traffic/parking study at the time. When it came before the Village Board, the Board's decision was to remand it back to the Plan Commission for further consideration, because a professional traffic and parking study had subsequently been conducted. The Plan Commission reviewed the new information and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the application for a Special Use Permit.

Trustee Minx moved to adopt Ordinance 15-06, seconded by Trustee Witko.

- d. Trustee Gear asked how long the Library's lease agreement with St. Martha's was. Community and Economic Development Director Nancy Radzevich responded that it has just recently been extended for another three years. She added that one of the conditions of the Special Use Permit stipulates that, if something happens where the Library ends up losing some of their parking spaces, they must come back before the Plan Commission for further review.

Mayor DiMaria called for the vote on Ordinance 15-06.

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

- 2. Next, Trustee Minx presented **Ordinance 15-07, Amending the Village's Unified Development Code (Ord. 07-07) to Establish a Time Limit for the Validity of Variations Granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

This is the second reading of Ordinance 15-07.

- a. Trustee Minx explained that this Ordinance will establish a timeframe for the validity of variations granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The text amendment to the Unified Development Code will establish that variations granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be valid for up to one year from the date of approval, unless a building permit is issued and construction has begun within that period and is thereafter actively pursued to completion, or unless the applicant files for and is granted an extension of time by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Trustee Minx moved to adopt Ordinance 15-07, seconded by Trustee Gear.

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

- 3. Trustee Minx said that she would see everyone at Morton Grove Days.

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

C. Trustee Pietron:

1. Trustee Pietron presented **Ordinance 15-08, Amending Title 7, Chapter 4, Article 7 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Morton Grove Sprinkling Regulated for Water Users.**

This is the second reading of this Ordinance.

- a. Trustee Pietron said that this ordinance will revise the existing ordinance as mandated by the amended Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Water Allocation Rules and Regulations, November 18, 2014.
- b. The following language will be added to Title 7, Chapter 4, Article 7 of the Municipal Code: *“Lawn sprinkling shall not occur on consecutive days nor shall any lawn sprinkling occur in the middle of the day between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. on each and every calendar day. Sprinkling shall be permitted on odd/even days. Properties with even-numbered street numbers (i.e., numbers ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8) may sprinkle on even-numbered calendar days between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Properties with odd-numbered street numbers (i.e., those ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9) may sprinkle on odd-numbered calendar days between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.”* Also added will be: *“New/replacement sprinkler systems shall be equipped with a Water Sense labeled irrigation controller and shall be in compliance with Section 2.5(g) for the Illinois Plumbing License Law {225ILCS320}.”*

Trustee Pietron moved, seconded by Trustee Witko, to adopt Ordinance 15-08.

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

2. Next, Trustee Pietron presented **Resolution 15-52, Authorizing the Annual Veterans Day Parade.**

- a. He explained that the Veterans Day Parade requires the partial closing of Dempster Street, and the Illinois Department of Transportation requires the Village to adopt a resolution approving of the closing of Dempster Street. Resolution 15-52 authorizes the annual Veterans Day Parade to take place on Sunday, November 8, 2015 beginning at 1:30 p.m. The parade begins at the Civic Center, crosses Dempster Street, marches from Dempster to Georgiana, from Georgiana to Crain, from Crain to School, from School to Lincoln, stopping at the Morton Grove Public Library, and then marches back to the Civic Center.

Trustee Pietron moved to approve Resolution 15-52, seconded by Trustee Grear.

Trustee Grear commented that we haven't even had the Fourth of July Parade yet!

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

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

C. Trustee Pietron: (continued)

3. Trustee Pietron then presented **Resolution 15-53, Guarantee of Municipal Work Performed on State of Illinois Rights-of-Way Within the Village of Morton Grove.**

a. Trustee Pietron said this is a routine guarantee provided by many municipalities. The Illinois Department of Transportation requires a permit and financial security (highway bond) for work performed within their rights-of-way. Municipalities have an option of providing the financial security for each repair or may provide a guarantee that all work performed by the Village within the State's rights-of-way will conform to the requirements of the performance for the work. Providing this guarantee will eliminate the time and cost of procuring a bond for each permit.

Trustee Pietron moved to approve Resolution 15-53, seconded by Trustee Minx.

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

4. Trustee Pietron then presented **Resolution 15-47, Authorizing a Contractual Agreement With Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. For Services Relating to a Long-Term Water Supply Agreement With the City of Evanston.**

a. Trustee Pietron said that Morton Grove has purchased water from the City of Chicago for many years; however, due to recent substantial rate hikes, the Village believes it is in its best interest to find an alternative water source at more favorable rates. Due to the complexity of the negotiation, the engineering, and the issues related to a long-term water supply agreement, it is recommended that a special engineering consultant be hired.

b. The Village has done extensive research and has received proposals from the City of Evanston and from the Villages of Wilmette/Glenview for an alternative Water Supply Agreement. These proposals have been reviewed by Village staff, Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc., William Balling of WRB, LLC, and Barbara Adams of Holland & Knight, LP, all of whom have been consulted due to the technical and specialized nature of the Water Supply Agreement.

c. The Village is currently negotiating a long-term water supply agreement with the City of Evanston. As the project progresses, it is in the Village's best interests to enter into a formal agreement with Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. as an engineering consultant to advise the Village on the engineering concerns related to a contract with the City of Evanston for an alternative water supply source.

d. Trustee Pietron said Gewalt Hamilton Associate Inc.'s fees will be based on the actual amount of work performed, and shall not exceed \$33,000. The Village of Morton Grove and the Village of Niles will equally pay all approved charges. Trustee Pietron added that he had checked with people he knows in the industry, and they have a very high regard for Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.

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

C. Trustee Pietron: (continued)

Trustee Pietron moved to approve Resolution 15-47, seconded by Trustee Grear.

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

5. Trustee Pietron congratulated Clerk Travis and said it would be a pleasure to serve with her.

D. Trustee Ramos:

1. Trustee Ramos presented for a first reading **Ordinance 15-11, Amending Title 1, Chapter 10, Article G of the Municipal Code Entitled "Business Occupation Taxes."**

Trustee Ramos said that, as Village Administrator pro tem Friel had given a detailed report earlier covering this and the next two ordinances, he would let that suffice.

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

2. Next, Trustee Ramos introduced for a first reading **Ordinance 15-12, Amending Title 1, Chapter 10, Article J, of the Municipal Code Entitled "Local Motor Fuel Tax."**

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

3. Trustee Ramos then presented for a first reading **Ordinance 15-13. Amending Title 1, Chapter 10, Article E of the Municipal Code Entitled "Municipal Natural Gas Use Tax" and Approving a Tax Collection Agreement Between the Village of Morton Grove and Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company.**

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

4. Trustee Ramos also welcomed Clerk Travis and said he knew she would do a great job.

E. Trustee Thill:

Trustee Thill was absent—no report.

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

F. Trustee Witko:

Trustee Witko had no formal report, but congratulated Clerk Travis and said she looked forward to working with her.

XIV. **OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

XV. **WARRANTS**

Trustee Ramos presented the Warrant Register for June 22, 2015, in the amount of \$635,679.66 and moved that it be approved as presented. Trustee Grear seconded the motion.

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

XVI. **RESIDENTS' COMMENTS**

1. **Barbara Novick** appeared before the Board representing the Morton Grove Public Library Foundation. The Foundation will be holding a raffle, with the first prize being a 60" Samsung Smart TV; the second prize being a Samsung tablet, and the third prize a Nook e-Reader. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and are available at the Library. The winners will be notified by July 6, 015.
 - a. The Foundation welcomes donations, and, among other things, is offering "naming rights" for some of the rooms at the library for larger donations, or for \$20, a donor can name a book in honor of a loved one.
 - b. Ms. Novick encouraged everyone to come out and see the new library. It is ADA compliant and is beautiful. She said the Library is now working on making the auditorium ADA-compliant as well, and replacing the seating and the carpeting. They have a \$50,000 grant from the State but it is dependent upon the Library raising matching funds.
 - c. Mayor DiMaria agreed that the Library is vastly improved, and he, too, encouraged everyone to visit the Library.

2. **Georgianne Brunner** invited the Board and the assemblage, and residents at home or work, to attend the Morton Grove Days festivities, from July 2 through July 4, 2015.

The carnival will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. all three days. Mega-passes are good for unlimited rides for all three days. They are available online, at Village Hall, or at Prairie View Center for \$60 until July 1. After that, they will cost \$70.

XVI. **RESIDENTS' COMMENTS** (continued)

- a. The entertainment pavilion will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and will feature an assortment of tribute bands this year.
- b. The parade will kick off at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 4th, and the best fireworks show on the North Shore, this year featuring the Mad Bomber, will commence at 9:45 p.m. on July 4.
- c. Mrs. Brunner said that the Commission is still in need of fireworks donations. She said that anyone who donates \$25 can receive an "I Helped Save the MG Fireworks" tee-shirt. Moreover, anyone wearing that tee-shirt on July 4th will have the grounds fee waived when they enter the beer garden.
- d/ Lastly, Mrs. Brunner said that Morton Grove Days is really in need of volunteers, especially for July 4th. Information on how to donate, get a tee-shirt, and/or volunteer is available on the Morton Grove Days Commission's website, www.mortongrovedays.org.

XVII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion passed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

PASSED this 13th day of July, 2015

Trustee Grear _____
Trustee Minx _____
Trustee Pietron _____
Trustee Ramos _____
Trustee Thill _____
Trustee Witko _____

APPROVED by me this 13th day of July, 2015

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

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 14th day of July, 2015.

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

Minutes by: Teresa Cousar