

MINUTES FOR THE MORTON GROVE-NILES WATER COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROJECT PLAN AND PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS
DETERMINATION OF THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGARDING
IEPA LOAN PROJECT NUMBER L175513

(FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2017 AT 10:00 AM)

1. Public Hearing Call to Order. Chairman Vinezeano called the hearing to order.

2. Introduction. Chairman Vinezeano stated that the public hearing was in regard to the project plan and preliminary environmental impacts determination of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), regarding the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission's (MGNWC) application for loan project number L175513 to the IEPA for a loan from the Public Water Supply Loan Program in the amount of ninety six million two hundred thousand dollars.

In accordance with Part 662 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code, the Commission has taken the following actions on the following dates in regard to its application for the IEPA Loan:

	ACTION	DATE TAKEN
1.	Submitted an application to the I-E-P-A for a loan from the Public Water Supply Program in the amount of \$96,200,000	January 30, 2017
2.	Received the Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination regarding the Commission's application from the I-E-P-A	July 24, 2017
3.	Approved Ordinance 17-01, Authorizing a Loan Agreement Between the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission and the I-E-P-A	August 3, 2017
4.	Published the Public Notice of THIS Public Hearing in the Chicago Tribune	August 7, 2017
5.	Posted the Public Notice of THIS Public Hearing at the Village of Morton Grove Village Hall and the Village of Morton Grove Public Works facility, and at the Village of Niles Village Hall and the Village of Niles Public Works facility	August 7, 2017
6.	Made the Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination document available for inspection at the Village of Morton Grove Village Clerk's office and at the Village of Niles Village Clerk's office	August 7, 2017

3. Explanation of the Project Plan and the Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination of the IEPA.

Chair Vinezeano stated that the Commission's staff will now present the project plan and preliminary environmental impacts determination of the IEPA. The Chair introduced William Balling, Superintendent of MGNWC and Larry Thomas, Water System Design Engineer with Stanley Consulting and author of the 1/30/17 Project Plan.

Superintendent Balling outlined the project descriptions. "The villages of Morton Grove and Niles are planning to change water suppliers. Both Villages currently purchase water from the City of Chicago, which has substantially raised the rates they charge their customers. The Villages have formed the Morton Grove Niles Water Commission in order to jointly purchase water from the City of Evanston."

"The MGNWC is constructing approximately 48,000 feet of new water main (16 TO 30-inch diameter), two pump stations, a 7-million gallon standpipe, and rehabilitating approximately 14,000 feet of 20-inch water main to connect the Villages of Morton Grove and Niles with their future water supplier, the City of Evanston."

"The project is on an accelerated time schedule to the expiration of the contracts between the City of Chicago and the Villages. The Morton Grove contract expires at the end of 2018, followed by the Niles contract at the end of 2019."

Superintendent Balling outlined the project locations. "The Villages of Skokie, Morton Grove, and Niles continued refinement to the MGNWC plans since January 2017, has identified the north route through Skokie as the preferred alignment. This was selected as a result of Skokie and MGNWC input."

Superintendent Balling outlined the project justifications. "Affordability of water-the current cost to purchase Chicago water is \$3.88 per 1,000 gal. The 2019 cost to purchase Evanston water will be \$0.81 per 1000 gal. The total project cost is HE TOTAL PROJECT \$96,200,000."

4. Questions and Comments from the Public. The Chair invited the public to ask questions and offer comments about the Project Plan and the Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination. No public provided comment.

5. Closing Remarks. The Chair stated that public comments regarding the Project Plan and Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination may also be submitted within 10-days of the Public Hearing to the Commission by mail to the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois 60714, and to the IEPA by mail to George Lambert at the IEPA Bureau of Water, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. BOX 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794, or by telephone to Mr. Lambert at (217) 782-2027.

6. Final Adjournment of the Public Hearing. The Chair adjourned the Public Hearing.