

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020
Village of Niles Village Hall
Remote Participation via Zoom**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Vinezeno called the Regular Meeting to order electronically via Zoom audio/visual conferencing at 3:01 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020, in accordance with Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order 2020-07 “Stay-at-Home” directive due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

II. ROLL CALL

Superintendent Balling called the roll. Present were Commissioner Mark Fowler, Commissioner John Pietron and Chairman Steven Vinezeano.

Also present, Ralph Czerwinski and Hanna Sullivan of Morton Grove and Jared Hamilton of Stanley.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Vinezeano led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Special Meeting October 29, 2020

Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Fowler, to approve Special Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2020. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 3 Fowler, Pietron, Vinezeano

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

ABSTAIN 0

There being 3 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

V. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

a. Warrant for Payment 2020-11 in the amount of \$229,390.20

Commissioner Fowler questioned the Niles allocation as it relates to increased Julie costs. Superintendent Balling stated that the costs received were based on an estimate, and since the Commission has reached the estimate the overage costs are billed by the operator.

Furthermore, Superintendent Balling stated there may be an administrative warrant prior to the next regular meeting. In addition, Nicor has sent a bill to the Commission for charges for energy which were not reflected on past bills. A resolution is imminent, once resolved it will be presented for payment.

Commissioner Fowler made a motion, seconded by Pietron, to approve Warrant List 2020-11. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 3 Fowler, Vinezeano, Pietron
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 3 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of Property Tax for the 2020 Tax Levy Relating to Ordinance No. 18-3

Superintendent Balling stated Counsel Terry Liston is seeking clarification from Chapman and Cutler on the authorization of the annual tax levy. Furthermore, Superintendent Balling stated that the safest course of action is to file this on yearly basis with the County Clerk office. Hanna Sullivan of Morton Grove confirmed this has been her experience in the past and suggested a yearly abatement takes place.

Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Fowler, to approve Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of Property Tax for the 2020 Tax Levy Relating to Ordinance No. 18-3. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 3 Fowler, Pietron, Vinezeano
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 3 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

b. Commission Approval – Adoption of the 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Fowler, to approve Adoption of the 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 3 Fowler, Pietron, Vinezeano
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 3 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

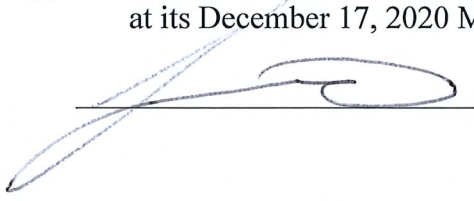
VIII. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

a. Budget 2021 Presentation Status

Superintendent Balling stated that the budget is being finalized and the year to date totals are being tabulated. A true up calculation is also in the works. Overall, the commission is meeting its goals and objectives by first year and every year savings. The final budget will be presented for approval at the December meeting.

- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – No written comments have been submitted. No members of the public present at the meeting location.
- X. ADJOURNMENT - Commissioners approved unanimously 3-0 to adjourn at 3:22 p.m.

Approved by the MGNWC Board of Commissioners
at its December 17, 2020 Meeting

 , Chairman