

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 28, 2021
Remote Participation via Zoom**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Vinezeno called the Regular Meeting to order electronically via Zoom audio/visual conferencing at 3:09 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2021, 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 Vinezeno.

Also present Hanna Sullivan of Morton Grove, Hadley Skeffington-Vos and Kent Oliven of Niles

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Vinezeno led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting December 17, 2020

Commissioner Fowler made a motion, seconded by Pietron, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2020. On roll call, the vote was:

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

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

V. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

a. Warrant for Payment 2021-01 in the amount of \$676,260.11

Commissioner Fowler made a motion, seconded by Pietron, to approve Warrant List 2021-01. On roll call, the vote was:

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

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation of the 2021 Annual Budget for the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission

Superintendent Balling stated this is the continued presentation of the 2021 Budget and to give the Commissioners the opportunity to review the budget as the numbers have become more precise. This budget includes the first capital return to the Members followed by subsequent repayments based on the yearly operations. This will be the third budget for the Commission based on audited figures, however this budget incorporates the first true up based on the 2019 Fiscal Year operations. The Water Supply Agreement allows for a credit to be issued to the Members, which will be spread through the quarterly invoices. Superintendent Balling provided information on Evanston's progress on the true up as well as the rates as outlined in the budget summary. In the next 5 years, City of Evanston has several large capitals projects planned that have been incorporated in the planning process early on. A few more details need to be finalized as it relates to the budget which will be formally presented for adoption at the February 25, 2021 meeting.

Ralph Czerwinski of Morton Grove joined the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Commissioner Pietron stated that based on the construction and the new system the ability to track the reduction in water loss may be helpful. Superintendent Balling stated that some of this information is available on an annual basis through a mandate issues yearly. Commissioner Fowler sought clarification the miscellaneous revenue from Members. Superintendent Balling stated this was reimbursement for projects completed throughout the year.

The general consensus of the Commissioners was to accept the budgeted as presented based on substantial completion and by formal adoption at the next regular meeting.

b. Resolution 2021-02R Approving Water Supply Facilities Professional Services Supplemental Agreement No. 3 Construction Engineering Services with Stanley Consultants, Inc. for Oversight for Contract 4

Superintendent Balling provided overview of the additional services to be provided as it relates to the closure of Contract 4.

Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Fowler, to approve Resolution 2021-02R Approving Water Supply Facilities Professional Services Supplemental Agreement No. 3 Construction Engineering Services with Stanley Consultants, Inc. for Oversight for Contract 4. On roll call, the vote was:

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

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

c. Commission Approval – Acceptance of the Appointment of Hadley Skeffington-Vos as MGNWC Commissioner Effective February 1, 2021 Representing the Village of Niles

Commissioner Fowler made a motion, seconded by Pietron, to Acceptance of the Appointment of Hadley Skeffington-Vos as MGNWC Commissioner Effective February 1, 2021 representing the Village of Niles. 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.**

d. Commission Approval – Appointment of Officers Effective February 1, 2021 Commission Chairman John Pietron Representing the Village of Morton Grove Commission Clerk Mark Fowler Representing Cook County

Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Fowler, to Appointment of Officers Effective February 1, 2021 Commission Chairman John Pietron Representing the Village of Morton Grove Commission Clerk Mark Fowler Representing Cook County. 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.**

e. Resolution 2021-01 Recognizing the Accomplishments of MGNWC Chairman Steven Vinezeano for his Leadership and Service to the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission

Commissioner Fowler made a motion, seconded by Pietron, to approve Resolution 2021-01R Recognizing the Accomplishments of MGNWC Chairman Steven Vinezeano for his Leadership and Service to the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission. 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

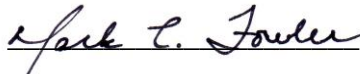
VIII. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT - Nothing to report for this meeting. Congratulations to outgoing Chairman Steven Vinezeano for his Leadership and Service to the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – No written comments have been submitted. No members of the public present at the meeting location.

Ralph Czerwinski commended the work that has been done on this water project and the work Steven C. Vinezeano contributed to this effort.

X. ADJOURNMENT - Commissioners approved unanimously 3-0 to adjourn at 3:52 p.m.

Approved by the MGNWC Board of Commissioners
at its February 25, 2021 Meeting

 Mark C. Fowler, Commission Clerk