

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, December 17, 2020  
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, December 17, 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 Vinezeno.

Also present, Ralph Czerwinski and Hanna Sullivan of Morton Grove and Accountant Kelly Zabinski.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Vinezeno led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**a. Regular Meeting November 19, 2020**

Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Fowler, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 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 2020-12 in the amount of \$1,149,665.88**

Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Fowler, to approve Warrant List 2020-12. 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 progress has been made in terms of the data compilation for the 2021 Budget. An overview of the budget was presented and the final budget will be adopted in January 2021. As a policy the goal is to have first year and every year savings as initially planned. This year, the consumption has been reduced due to the loss of Aqua in June, therefore the volume was much lower than anticipated. The projected total rate is \$3.89 compared to the City of Chicago rate of \$4.08. The member agreement outlines the funding of the budget with a true-up once actuals are computed as per the audit. The goal is to reimburse the first \$1,000,000 to each member this budget year. Commissioner Pietron presented the question whether or not Park Ridge will become a customer for 2021. Superintendent Balling stated this is highly unlikely as no discussions have taken place. Commissioner Pietron posed a question on usage volume during the pandemic. Superintendent Balling stated that more discussion is needed with the operator to determine the actual usage. Further discussion took place as it relates to the Chicago rates and the future of rate increases by its members.

b. **Ordinance Approving the 2021 Annual Budget for the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission (January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021)**

Commissioner Pietron made a motion, seconded by Fowler, to **table** Ordinance Approving the 2021 Annual Budget for the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission (January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021) to the January Regular Meeting. 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**.

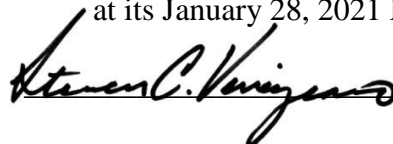
VII. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

VIII. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT - Nothing to report for this meeting.

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 3:26 p.m.

Approved by the MGNWC Board of Commissioners  
at its January 28, 2021 Meeting

, Chairman