

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, December 16, 2021  
1000 Civic Center Driver, Niles Illinois 60714**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pietron called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in accordance with Open Meeting Act.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Also present Hanna Sullivan of Morton Grove and Jared Hamilton of Stanley Consulting.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Pietron led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**a. Regular Meeting November 18, 2021**

Commissioner Fowler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner La Margo, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2021. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS           3 Pietron, La Margo, Fowler  
NAYS           0  
ABSENT       0  
ABSTAIN       0

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

V. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

**a. Warrant for Payment 2021-12 in the amount of \$254,608.26**

Chairman Pietron sought clarification on two payments, which were explained by Superintendent Balling and are routine in nature.

Commissioner La Margo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, to approve Warrant List 2021-12. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS           3 Pietron, La Margo, Fowler  
NAYS           0  
ABSENT       0  
ABSTAIN       0

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

**a. Commission Approval – Review and Acceptance of Audit 2020 Report by Lauterbach Amen**

Superintendent Balling presented the 2020 Audit report compiled by Lauterbach Amen, since the auditors had a scheduling conflict. The Commission was asked to approve the audit at the present meeting in order to calculate the true-up amount for its members. Superintendent Balling stated that both Finance Directors reviewed the audit as well as the Managers, and felt comfortable moving forward.

Chairman Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner La Margo, Accepting the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission 2020 Audit as Prepared by Lauterbach Amen and based on representations made by Superintendent Balling.

On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS            3 Fowler, Pietron, La Margo

NAYS            0

ABSENT        0

ABSTAIN       0

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

**b. Ordinance 2021-02 Approving the 2022 Annual Budget for the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission (January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022)**

Superintendent Balling stated that a draft version of the budget was presented at the November Commission meeting. Finance Director Hanna Sullivan stated she felt comfortable with the budget being presented. It is anticipated that the true-up calculation, publication of the water rate and a budget amendment will be presented to the Commission at their February 2022 meeting.

Commissioner La Margo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fowler Adopting Ordinance 2021-02 Approving the 2022 Annual Budget for the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission (January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022).

On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS            3 Fowler, Pietron, La Margo

NAYS            0

ABSENT        0

ABSTAIN       0

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

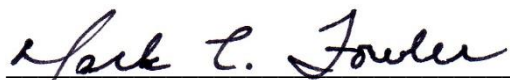
**VII. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

**a. Commission Engineer's Report Dated November 4, 2021**

Superintendent Balling introduced Jared Hamilton of Stanley Consultants, who presented the Commissioners with the Engineers Report highlights. He stated that the Nagle Avenue Pump Station Groundwater Mitigation Project is moving forward as scheduled. Calibration of meters has been completed and the meters are being adjusted which will result in true-up for actual water consumption. The Intermediate Pump Station ("IPS") ventilation work has been completed and awaiting final inspection. The fencing issue at IPS will no longer be pursued due to the MWRD easement. Superintendent Balling stated that the property tax abatement has been official filed with Cook County.

- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – No members of the public are present at the meeting location.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner La Margo made a motion, seconded by Chairman Pietron, to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Approved by the MGNWC Board of Commissioners  
at its January 27, 2022 Meeting

  
Mark Fowler, Clerk