

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, June 27, 2024  
1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles Illinois 60714**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Balling called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2024, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

II. ROLL CALL

Superintendent Balling called the roll. Present were Chairman Pietron, Commissioner Fowler. Commissioner La Margo was absent.

Also present Hanna Sullivan, Chuck Meyer, and Ralph Czerwinski of the Village of Morton Grove, Larry Thomas of Stanley Engineering.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pietron led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PROCLAMATION

Chairman Pietron read into the record a Proclamation recognizing Retiring Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski for the work he has contributed to the Water Commission.

*Commissioner La Margo joined the meeting at 3:08 p.m.*

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**a. Regular Meeting May 23, 2024**

Commissioner Fowler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner La Margo, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2024. On roll call, the vote was:

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

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

VI. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

**a. Warrant for Payment 2024-06 in the Amount of \$187,015.92**

Chairman Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, to approve Warrant List 2024-06. On roll call, the vote was:

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

ABSTAIN 0

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

**a. Resolution Authorizing a Bid Award and Contractual Agreement with Sheridan Plumbing & Sewer for Contract 4B – Harlem Avenue/Dempster Street Water Transmission Main Lining Maintenance and Harlem Avenue/Dempster Street Water Facilities Abandonment Project in the Amount Not to Exceed \$2,200,000**

Superintendent introduced the item for consideration and Larry Thomas of Stanley Engineering provided information on the bid process and costs. The cost estimate for this work was below the actual bids received and budget; due to the materials being made in the U.S. and inflation. The intent is to conduct this work in the Fall. Ralph Czerwinski indicated as to whether or not the contractor understood the scope of work. Larry Thomas of Stanley Engineer, stated he will look into this matter with the contractor as well as other clarifying questions.

Commissioner Fowler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner La Margo, to approve Resolution Authorizing a Bid Award and Contractual Agreement with Sheridan Plumbing & Sewer for Contract 4B – Harlem Avenue/Dempster Street Water Transmission Main Lining Maintenance and Harlem Avenue/Dempster Street Water Facilities Abandonment Project in the Amount Not to Exceed \$2,200,000. On roll call, the vote was:

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

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

**b. Resolution Authorizing a Bid Award and Contractual Agreement with LAI, Ltd. for Contract 5C – Procurement of Water Supply Transmission Main Large Valves in the Amount of \$15,300**

Larry Thomas of Stanley Engineering provided information as to the procurement of this valve. The lead time for this value is 35 weeks, estimated for early 2025.

Commissioner Fowler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner La Margo, to approve Resolution Authorizing a Bid Award and Contractual Agreement with LAI, Ltd. for Contract 5C – Procurement of Water Supply Transmission Main Large Valves in the Amount of \$15,300. On roll call, the vote was:

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

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

VII. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

**Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Sullivan stated that the financial reports are on track and under budget.

Chairman Pietron questioned as to when the Evanston Intake Project would impact the Commission. Superintendent Balling stated it's expected that this will be reflected in 2025-2026, however due to the rate cap on the Evanston contract the impact would be a maximum which is figured in the estimated rate calculation conducted by Larry Thomas.

**Engineering Report**

Larry Thomas of Stanley Engineering reported highlights of the report including a update of vandalism, and the potential of a water feature to be built at 2525 Church. Fiber optic lines for communications and IT infrastructure are under review and periodic updates will be provided to the Commission. Grouting project has been completed and payment will be issued shortly. Asset transfers are ongoing and should be moving to closure by end of the year.

Superintendent Balling provided an update on IT services, which will be brought to the Commissioners for consideration under a more comprehensive and proactive model for its members.

VIII. NEXT MEETING – July 25, 2024

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT - No members of the public are present at the meeting location.

X. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Approved by the MGNWC Board of Commissioners  
at its July 25, 2024 Meeting

