

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 26, 2024
1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles Illinois 60714**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Balling called the Regular Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2024, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

II. ROLL CALL

Superintendent Balling called the roll. Present were Chairman Pietron, Commissioner La Margo, and Commissioner Fowler. Also present Hanna Sullivan and Chuck Meyer of the Village of Morton Grove, Larry Thomas and Jared Hamilton of Stanley Engineering, Keith Hancock, citizen at large from the Village of Morton Grove, and Kent Oliven of the Village of Niles.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pietron led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting August 29, 2024

Commissioner La Margo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pietron, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of August 29, 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**.

V. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

a. Warrant for Payment 2024-09 in the Amount of \$2,815,198.16

Commissioner La Margo made a motion, seconded by Chairman Pietron, to approve Warrant List 2024-09. 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. Accepting the Recommendations contained in the of the MGNWC Decennial report Dated September 26, 2024 and authorizing its filing with the Cook County Board President.**

Superintendent Balling lauded the hard work of those responsible for preparing the report and noted its quality.

Chairman Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner La Margo, to accept the recommendations contained in the Morton Grove Niles Commission Decennial Report dated September 26, 2024, and authorize filing with the Cook County Board President.

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 the Opening of a Bank Account with Wintrust Commercial Banking, Northbrook Bank and Trust Branch**

Superintendent Balling explained that the new account is for investments and its opening is in accordance with a strategic goal. The account will run through the Northbrook bank and trust charter due to their proximity, but all Wintrust banks are functional branches. Further, Wintrust bank accumulates protections, making the account a safe one.

Superintendent Balling further clarified details about the account, explaining that here will be signature cards for the account. The goal is to finish ongoing capital work before we switch accounts; Bill anticipates making a similar banking change for operating accounts soon.

Commissioner La Margo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, to approve Resolution Authorizing the Opening of a Bank Account with Wintrust Commercial Banking, Northbrook Bank and Trust Branch. 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**.

- c. Authorize vendor change for MGNWC IT services from BKS, Plainfield, IL to Technology Management Professional Services under the terms summarized in the August 2, 2024 attachment and authorize the Superintendent to place the agreement into final form under the terms stated.**

Superintendent Balling explained that MGN has been working with Boyle Wong informally for several years. The agreement will direct the commission to work with his company. Boyle was described as the quarterback of the IT system, linking staff as necessary to meet the needs of the agency. Superintendent Balling said that Boyle’s price is reasonable and that he has a great relationship with the Niles team.

Chairman Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, to authorize changing IT services From BKS Plainfield Illinois to Technology Management Professional Services Under the Terms Summarized in the August 2nd, 2024 Attachment and authorizes Superintendent to place the agreement to file under the terms stated. 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 presented the financial statements which are trending in-line with the budget. One item, the contracted costs for emergency underground repair, is at 534% of budget. Treasurer Sullivan explained that the emergency nature of the item is such that those costs are projected in the budget but are only incurred as necessary.

Treasurer Sullivan also reported the potential for paying some future bills by automatic clearing house (ACH), including utilities and water costs.

Engineering Report

Larry Thomas of Stanley Engineering reported highlights of the report including the pipe-lining project that should be complete by the end of October, contingency planning for emergency water services to Morton Grove in the event of a disruption, and air-release valve winter maintenance. The inspection report for the standpipe has been acquired. It includes OSHA-based recommendations mostly related to signage. The commission is still seeking permit closure from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

VIII. NEXT MEETING – October 24, 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 La Margo, to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.