

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, November 21, 2024  
1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles Illinois 60714**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Balling called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2024, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

II. ROLL CALL

Superintendent Bill Balling called the roll. Present were Chairman Pietron, Commissioner Fowler, and Commissioner La Margo. Also present were Hanna Sullivan and Charles Meyer of the Village of Morton Grove.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pietron led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**a. Regular Meeting October 28, 2024**

Chairman Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2024. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS	2 Pietron, Fowler
NAYS	0
ABSENT	0
ABSTAIN	1 La Margo

There being 2 affirmative votes and one abstention, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

**a. Warrant for Payment 2024-11 in the Amount of \$1,387,981.38.**

Chairman Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, to approve Warrant List 2024-10. 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 Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2024 to Pay the Interest on \$25,000,000 General Obligation Water Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018A, of the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission, Cook County, Illinois**

Superintendent Balling explained that this item fulfills the annual commitment to abate the tax levy. The levy is assessed annually and abated for the purposes of improving the commission’s credit rating, which is done successfully. The levy is based on the debt structure of the commissions’ current bond structure.

Commissioner Fowler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner La Margo, to accept the Resolution Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2024 and file it with the Cook County Clerk’s office. 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. She mentioned the purchase of unbudgeted equipment, specifically due to a mid-year discovery of a gas leak in the generator room. Based on that, a detection system was installed to protect the single worker typically in the building, ensuring the alarm also notifies the Control Board in the water department for immediate action.

Superintendent Balling spoke about the budget process, which will include several meetings leading up to the approval of the budget by the commission in December. The Commission aims to have the budget approved for the next fiscal year by the end of the December meeting. The focus next year will shift to the IT area, with expenses covered by savings from the BKS budget. Additionally, preventative maintenance costs are being evaluated, with the overarching goal of staying below Chicago rates and maximizing the value for member municipalities.

**Engineering Report**

Superintendent Balling delivered the Engineering Report. It included information on retroactive pavement work that involved a temporary patch; the commission contacted DeMayo for that work. There was brief discussion about the near completion of the pipe-lining project. The project is almost complete, and billing is up to date.

After the conclusion of the Engineering Report, Bill told the commission that early next year, he would engage the IT consultants to create specific emails for each member and commissioner.

- VIII. NEXT MEETING – December 19, 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 3:18 p.m.