

AGENDA

VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO BE HELD AT THE RICHARD T. FLICKINGER MUNICIPAL CENTER

NOVEMBER 10, 2008
Meeting 7:30 pm

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Budget Workshop, October 16, 2008
Budget Workshop, October 18, 2008
Regular Meeting, October 27, 2008
5. **Public Hearings**
6. **Special Reports**
 - a. Presentation of Champion and Heritage Tree Designation to the Village by the Natural Resource Commission and the Morton Grove Historical Society.
7. **Resident's Comments (agenda items only)**
8. **President's Report** – *Administration, Northwest Municipal Conference, Council of Mayors, TIF Committee, Capital Projects, Real Estate Committee*
9. **Clerk's Report** – *Condominium Association, Advisory Commission on Aging*
10. **Staff Reports**
 - a. **Village Administrator**
 - b. **Corporation Counsel**
11. **Reports by Trustees**
 - a. **Trustee Brunner** – *Legal, Family and Senior Services Department, Cable and Telecommunications Commission, Environmental Health, Waukegan Road TIF Review, Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, Community Relations Commission (Trustee Kogstad)*

- b. **Trustee Kogstad** – *Comprehensive Plan, Advisory Commission on Aging (Trustee Minx)*
 - c. **Trustee Marcus** – *Police Department, Police and Fire Commission, Real Estate Committee, Chamber of Commerce (Trustee Thill)*
 - d. **Trustee Minx** – *Finance Department, Real Estate Committee, Plan Commission, Ferris/Lehigh TIF Review, Fire Department, RED Center, NIPSTA, Capital Projects, Police and Fire Commission, Economic Development, Northwest Municipal Conference (Trustee Staackmann)*
 - e. **Trustee Staackmann** – *Building Department, Appearance Commission, ESDA, IT/Communications, Dempster Street Corridor Plan (Trustee Brunner)*
 - f. **Trustee Thill** – *Public Works, Capital Projects, Traffic Safety Commission, Natural Resource Commission, Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (Trustee Marcus)*
12. **Other Business**
13. **Presentation of Warrants** – \$148,374.48
14. **Resident’s Comments**
15. **Executive Session** – Personnel, Labor Negotiations, Real Estate, and Review of Executive Session Minutes
16. **Adjournment** - *To ensure full accessibility and equal participation for all interested citizens, individuals with disabilities who plan to attend and who require certain accommodations in order to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of these facilities, are requested to contact Susan or Marlene (847/470-5220) promptly to allow the Village to make reasonable accommodations.*

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2008,
IN THE TRUSTEE'S CONFERENCE ROOM
RICHARD T. FLICKINGER MUNICIPAL CENTER
6101 CAPULINA AVENUE, MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS 60053**

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Budget Workshop was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Richard Krier. Clerk Fritzshall called the roll. In attendance were:

Elected Officials: President Richard Krier, Trustees Georgianne Brunner, Roy Kogstad, Sheldon Marcus, Rita Minx, Dan Staackmann, John Thill, and Clerk Carol A. Fritzshall

Absent: none

Village Staff: Village Administrator Joseph F. Wade, Corporation Counsel Teresa Hoffman Liston, Finance Director Daniela Partipilo, Assistant Finance Director Ryan Horne, Police Chief Paul L. Tasch, Fire Chief Tom Friel, Community and Economic Development Director Bill Neuendorf, Family and Senior Services Director Jackie Walker-O'Keefe, Network Administrator Boyle Wong, Emergency Management Agency Coordinator John Hill, and numerous residents and members of the public.

President Krier thanked everyone for attending and introduced Village Administrator Joseph F. Wade.

Mr. Wade thanked key staff members for preparation of the 2009 Proposed Budget. He stated the proposed budget represented a draft plan for review and comment. Changes in this budget reflect economic uncertainties felt throughout the country. The Village would drawdown on its reserves in order to maintain essential services. The Village also is proposing significant cuts including not filling open positions for a police officer, human resource coordinator, and a part-time social worker. An ambulance which was proposed to be purchased in 2009 would be deferred. The Village would place one-half the cost for this purchase in a "sinking fund" and the remaining costs would be paid in 2010 resulting in the Village taking delivery of this ambulance in 2010.

Finance Director Daniela Partipilo noted the budget has been posted on the Village's website. She explained the budget layout and format. The budget is grouped by fund types, then by fund, and then by department. The budget is a spending plan. Ms. Partipilo then reviewed the calendar detailing upcoming budget hearings and meetings. She then noted staff is proposing a tax levy increase of approximately two percent (2%) from the prior year. She expects revenues to decrease, but key expenses such as health insurance, pension costs, and commodity costs for salt and fuel will increase. Ms. Partipilo then explained the budget changes from 2003 to the present. She noted the budget had somewhat changed to become more a "program budget". Costs and allocations such as fuel, health insurance, and pension costs are now being shown within each department.

Ms. Partipilo noted the *General Fund* revenue increased from \$17,758,238 in 2004 to \$22,359,738 in 2008. She provided a detail of the increase in the Village's tax levy. Virtually all increased

funds for the levy were attributable to increased pension funding. She noted the Village now contributes 100% of the pension contributions recommended by the actuary; however, the pension funding levels have still not significantly increased and remain at approximately 64%.

Ms. Partipilo then reviewed the *Legislative Budget* for 2008. This budget increased from \$107,050 to \$137,580. The increase was due to a reallocation of certain costs.

Village Administrator Joseph F. Wade then reviewed the *Administration Budget*. This budget decreased by over \$100,000, primarily because the Village had chosen not to fill the Human Resource Coordinator's position for 2009. These duties will be divided among existing staff and the Finance Director.

Corporation Counsel Teresa Hoffman Liston reviewed the *Legal Budget*. This budget proposes an increase of \$13,000.

The Community and Economic Development Director Bill Neuendorf presented his budget. He presented the Village's accomplishments in 2008 which included the completion of parking lots on Dempster Street, efforts to expand businesses on Waukegan Road, industrial expansions on Austin Avenue, and the development of the Economic Development Strategic Plan. This budget will remain virtually flat from the prior year.

Boyle Wong, the Network Administrator, presented the *Information Technology Budget*. He noted in 2008 the Village successfully transitioned to a new phone system. His goals for 2009 include the establishment of an e-mail archive system, and to update the Village's software. The Information Technology Budget for 2009 in the amount of \$464,115 was approximately \$500 more than the department's 2008 budget.

Finance Director Daniela Partipilo presented the *Finance Department Budget*. She noted the department experienced significant savings by transiting to a new vendor for utility billing. The Finance Department Budget for 2009 in the amount of \$2,440,289 reflected a \$7,000 increase from 2008.

Police Chief Paul L. Tasch presented the *Police Department Budget*. He noted in 2008, the Village successfully responded to over 23,000 incidents, conducted 87 tobacco compliance checks, and 54 liquor compliance checks. The Police Department budget for 2009 in the amount of \$8,106,578 reflected an increase from 2008 (\$7,788,191). Most of this increase was due to significant employer pension contribution increased costs.

Fire Chief Friel then presented the *Fire Department Budget*. The Fire Department in 2008 responded, to date, to over 3,542 calls. The Fire Department Budget proposed for 2009 in the amount of \$7,027,949 reflected an increase from 2008 (\$6,675,132). A significant part of this increase was due to the creation of a sinking fund for half the purchase of a new ambulance, and for increased pension funding costs.

Coordinator John Hill presented the *Emergency Management Agency Budget*. This budget for 2009 in the amount of \$11,942 recommends a decrease from the 2008 budget (\$13,161).

Family and Senior Services Director Jackie Walker-O'Keefe presented the *Family and Senior Services Budget*. She noted in 2008 the Village expanded its nursing service program and increased

senior center membership by 5%. The 2009 budget in the amount of \$400,779 reflected a decrease of approximately \$25,000 from the prior year.

Ms. Walker-O'Keefe then presented the *Civic Center Budget*. This budget in the amount of \$285,596 reflected an increase of approximately \$30,000 from the prior year.

Mr. Neuendorf then presented the proposed budget for the Lehigh Ferris TIF District and Waukegan Road TIF District. He noted the accomplishments which occurred in 2008 and proposed goals for 2009. The Proposed 2009 TIF budget in the amount of \$10,905,342 reflects an increase of over \$4,000,000. The increase is primarily due to land acquisition costs.

The Waukegan Road TIF budget for 2009 in the amount of \$1,045,401 reflects an increase of approximately \$350,000 which reflects a reallocation/transfer to the general fund. Mr. Neuendorf also presented the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$333,773 which reflects a decrease of approximately of \$17,000 from the previous year.

There being no further business, Trustee Minx moved to adjourn the budget workshop. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brunner and approved unanimously pursuant to a voice vote at 10:50 pm.

Minutes by: Carol A. Fritzshall
Village Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THE OCTOBER 18, 2008, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
TRUSTEE'S CONFERENCE ROOM
RICHARD T. FLICKINGER MUNICIPAL CENTER
6101 CAPULINA AVENUE, MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS 60053**

President Krier called the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to order at 9:00 am. and called the roll. In attendance were:

Elected Officials: President Richard Krier, Trustees Georgianne Brunner, Roy Kogstad, Sheldon Marcus, Rita Minx, Dan Staackmann, and John Thill

Absent: Clerk Carol A. Fritzshall

Village Staff: Village Administrator Joseph F. Wade, Public Works Director Andy DeMonte, Public Works Superintendents Paul Tobin and Joe Dahm, Building Commissioner Ed Hildebrandt, and Finance Director Daniela Partipilo

President Krier announced the sole purpose of this meeting was to discuss budget issues.

Building Commissioner Hildebrandt presented the Building and Inspectional Services Department proposed budget. Discussion followed regarding capital improvements to buildings, including exhaust fans at Public Works and the pavement condition of the Village Hall/Police Department parking lot.

After general discussion of impact fees, Commissioner Hildebrandt advised that with new development, the developer pays for sewer, street, sidewalk and other subdivision code required costs.

Public Works Director DeMonte presented the proposed Public Works department budget. He noted that one of the important issues was salt supply. Salt prices have increased dramatically. The Department is examining alternative methods of snow and ice control but at present, salt is the most effective and economical.

Mr. DeMonte stated that monies for replacement of Public Works vehicles is down to \$58,000 this year and expressed concern that there may be larger spikes in future years as equipment further ages and requires replacement.

There was discussion regarding the replacement of the landscaping trailer. Superintendent Tobin advised that the trailer is ten years old and has major structural problems associated with use. The floor of the trailer has been replaced twice. The cost of maintenance is increasing while deterioration of the trailer accelerates.

Discussion followed regarding the placement of cell phone costs within individual department budgets. Finance Director Partipilo advised that for cost accounting purposes, the Village is attempting to allocate costs directly to individual departments when it is possible.

It was noted that the solid waste contract expires in April 2010. Trustee Brunner, a liaison to the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County suggested that the Village utilize the services of the agency to help get the best contract for the Village.

Mr. DeMonte then presented the motor fuel tax fund budget. The budget is based upon allocation information from the State and is subject to change. It was requested that the Village obtain the most-up-to-date allocation number from the State.

Mr. DeMonte presented the commuter parking fund and enterprise water fund proposed budgets. Trustee Staackmann referred to the water rate analysis meeting held by the Board last spring and recalled the Municipal Financial Services consultant report regarding the replacement of water meters. As the meters age, the accuracy of water usage records diminishes causing a loss of revenue to the Village.

It was requested that staff review the cost of inaccurate meters and examine the feasibility of a bond issue to fund this expense.

Village Administrator Wade advised that related to capital projects, the Village was at a decision point concerning Dempster Street. The Village is scheduled to submit a set of ready-to-build engineering plans to the Illinois Department of Transportation in November. The remaining obstacle to completing the project as it is related to the 1998 plan is obtaining funding for the purchase of properties and construction of three parking lots.

Mr. Wade stated that reconstruction of the street and elimination of on-street parking would cause the loss of 123 parking spaces. A parking study conducted at the time recommended that this loss be replaced with 166 parking spaces. Over time, and through the construction of three parking lots and parking spaces constructed near Dempster Street intersections, the Village has built 181 spaces.

The question for the Village to consider is whether the Village wants to proceed with this project without obtaining state funding for the remaining three lots, or, whether the Village wants to wait until funding is obtained for those lots.

If the Village proceeds without the lots, the project could begin in 2009 or 2010. If the Village waits for funding of the lots, the beginning of the project is indefinite. Mr. Wade said there were advantages and disadvantages of each option. By moving forward, the Village has certainty of the project and avoids construction cost increases which could be beyond what the project is funded at. As a disadvantage, there is no certainty the State would come back and fund more parking when the project is completed.

Should the project move forward, Mr. Wade stated that the Village would need to fund the \$1.5 million related to water system improvements.

Discussion ensued regarding this consideration and it was agreed that further information was necessary.

Trustee Minx then moved to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Thill and approved unanimously pursuant to a voice vote and to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters/collective bargaining as related to the Proposed 2009 budget.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.



Minutes by: Joseph F. Wade
Village Administrator

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE
RICHARD T. FLICKINGER MUNICIPAL CENTER
OCTOBER 27, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Village President Rick Krier called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Village Clerk Carol Fritzshall called the roll. Present were: Trustees Georgianne Brunner, Roy Kogstad, Shel Marcus, Rita Minx, Dan Staackmann, and John Thill.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regarding the Minutes of the October 13, 2008 Regular Meeting, Mayor Krier asked if anyone had any changes or corrections to the Minutes. Seeing none, Trustee Minx moved, seconded by Trustee Marcus, to approve the October 13 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted. **Motion passed unanimously** via voice vote.

IV. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NONE

V. **SPECIAL REPORTS**

Employee Recognition Awards

The Board, along with Mayor Krier and Administrator Wade, recognized and congratulated Alvin Abuja for his 15 years of service in the Police Department and presented him with a plaque to commemorate this milestone.

VI. **RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)**

NONE

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Proclamation

Mayor Krier proclaimed November 7, 2008 as "Arbor Day" in the Village and encouraged all citizens to plant trees and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support the Village's urban forestry program. He said that Morton Grove has been recognized as a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation, noting that trees in the Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify the community.

VIII. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Fritzshall noted that over 2,000 people have voted early in Morton Grove so far. Early voting ends on October 30th.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Village Administrator

Mr. Wade announced that a follow-up budget workshop would be held on October 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Trustees' Conference Room. The workshop is open to the public.

B. Corporation Counsel:

Ms. Liston had no report.

X. TRUSTEES' REPORTS

A. Trustee Brunner:

Trustee Brunner had no formal report, but announced that the Seniortran will be available on Election Day, November 4th, to take Morton Grove seniors to their polling places. Residents must know where they vote and need to call the Senior Hotline, 847-470-5223, to make a reservation.

B. Trustee Kogstad:

Trustee Kogstad had no report.

X. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

C. Trustee Marcus:

Trustee Marcus had no formal report, but commented that he had attended the Chamber's "State of the Village" meeting, which drew a large crowd, including several candidates for local congressional races. He said that Mayor Krier did a great job of explaining the Village's plans for the future as well as the expenses involved in unfunded State mandates.

Mayor Krier added that the presentation was available on the Village's website, and would also be featured on cable.

D. Trustee Minx:

1. Trustee Minx presented **Ordinance 08-40, Granting a Special Use Amendment in the Village of Morton Grove to Allow a Second Story Addition and Reconstruction for the Property Commonly Known as 8425 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, Illinois.**

This is the second reading of this ordinance. Trustee Minx moved, seconded by Trustee Brunner, to adopt Ordinance 08-40.

As background, Trustee Minx explained that this ordinance was pursuant to Plan Commission Case PC08-06, heard at the October 13th Board Meeting. It would grant a special use amendment for the construction of a second story addition and the reconstruction of the southwest wing of the current building. The new construction will be within the existing footprint of the building. The occupancy will be lower since most rooms will now be single-occupancy. As part of the reconstruction, the building will be fully sprinklered and a new state-of-the-art air handling system will be installed.

Seeing as there were no questions, comments, or other discussion, Mayor Krier called for the vote on Ordinance 08-40. **Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.**

Tr. Brunner	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Kogstad	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Marcus	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Staackmann	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>

2. Trustee Minx then presented **Resolution 08-59, Adopting the Village of Morton Grove's Identity Theft Prevention Program.**

She said that, pursuant to the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act of 2003 (FACT), creditors are required to implement policies and procedures to detect, prevent, and mitigate the impact of identity theft. Because the Village provides water and sewer services to customers before the customer pays for these services, it is deemed a creditor and must therefore comply with the FACT law. Morton Grove's identity theft program requires Village personnel to monitor information and documentation provided by customers and third party service providers in connection with opening new accounts in order to determine whether any red flags exist. If any red flags are detected, Village staff will be required to take appropriate responses to prevent or mitigate identity theft.

Trustee Minx moved, seconded by Trustee Brunner, to approve Resolution 08-59. **Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.**

Tr. Brunner	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Kogstad	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Marcus	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Staackmann	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>

- X. **TRUSTEES' REPORTS** (continued)
- D. Trustee Minx: (continued)
3. Trustee Minx then brought forward **Resolution 08-60, Adopting an Economic Development Strategic Plan for the Village of Morton Grove.**

Trustee Minx explained that this resolution will adopt a strategic plan and vision and will establish guidelines, priorities, and directions for economic development. The Village's advisory Economic Development Commission put this plan together and formally presented it to the Village in April of 2008. The plan has been available for final public comment, but to date, no additional public comments have been received. The Strategic Plan is intended to establish a vision for the Village's future planning and development endeavors. It is not intended to preempt or supersede any existing codes or regulations. Trustee Minx moved to approved Resolution 08-60, seconded by Trustee Staackmann.

Trustee Marcus complimented the Economic Development Commission on their efforts but said he was concerned about the fact that there has been no additional public input. He felt it was imperative that business and community leaders review the plan and that they realize that action has to be taken. Trustee Marcus said that the Plan would work only through participation and urged the local business community to work with the Board and/or the Economic Development Commission to generate ideas.

Trustee Staackmann thanked the Commission too, but noted several ideas mentioned in the Plan's strategies and asked if the Village would be obligated to do all these things. He said he was concerned about things that would require funding, for example, the suggested "business expo". Mayor Krier said that this is a non-binding document; it's an outline, a strategic plan. Corporation Counsel Liston agreed that the resolution is not binding the Village to anything except its own resolve to accomplish certain goals and give weight to various strategies. It's a direction for the Village to move in. Any ideas listed in the plan that would require funding would necessitate a budget appropriation. Voting to approve the resolution would mean a vote to concur with the goals outlined in the plan.

Trustee Staackmann wondered if giving out a list of business license holders is legal. Ms. Liston said that it is legal information, not private or protected information. It is information that is obtainable under the Freedom of Information Act.

Trustee Staackmann said he had read through the plan several times and several of the things listed in the plan are already being done, either by the Chamber of Commerce or the Village. He said his concern was more around committing to things that the Village may not be able to do.

Trustee Minx said that this is a "footprint" for the Economic Development Commission to follow to encourage businesses to come to town; it provides a framework within which to work. She noted that a lot of brainstorming had been involved in putting the plan together.

Trustee Marcus said he understood Trustee Staackmann's concerns about getting "locked in" to things the Village couldn't do or deliver, but felt the focus should be on the words "would like"; that the plan was tantamount to saying these are concepts and ideas that the Village "would like" to see happen. He again emphasized that participation from the business community was critical.

X. TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued)

D. Trustee Minx: (continued)

Trustee Thill said that, as he had read through the plan, he had noted several of the strategies and/or ideas that he felt were a "home run". He cited Strategy 1b, Strategy 4 (seek outside funding), Strategy 5 (promote businesses that attract people), Strategy 8 (vigorously enforce property maintenance) and Strategy 9c (create legislation to prohibit restrictive covenants that prevent or hinder the re-use of commercial property). He agreed that there are many things in the plan that the Village and Chamber are already doing. Trustee Thill thanked the Economic Development Commission for putting the plan together.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Krier called for the vote on Resolution 08-60.

Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Tr. Brunner	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Kogstad	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Marcus	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Staackmann	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>

E. Trustee Staackmann:

Trustee Staackmann had no formal report, but announced that it's leaf pick-up time again. He asked that residents put their leaves at the curb where they can be swept up, and complimented the Public Works Department on doing a great job of getting the leaves cleaned up.

F. Trustee Thill

Trustee Thill had no formal report, but thanked EMA Director John Hill for his informational talk about the History of Civil Defense in Morton Grove, presented at the library last week.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Brunner said that, after the repeal of the gun ban ordinance, she had received many phone calls and emails thanking her for her support of the gun ban. At the time of the vote, she had indicated that she would be interested in pursuing other legislation, such as gun registration. Trustee Brunner said that she has researched the matter and discussed it with Corporation Counsel Liston, but that she doesn't feel there's a lot of support for gun registration on the Board or in the Village. She said that, rather than waste Village staff time on developing an ordinance that wouldn't be supported, she had decided to let the matter go for now. She said that maybe someday, the idea could be pursued. Trustee Brunner asked that any residents interested in supporting gun registration contact her and her colleagues on the Board to let them know that there is community support for such an initiative.

XII. WARRANTS

Trustee Minx presented the Warrant Register for October 27, 2008, in the amount of \$513,448.40. She moved to approve the Warrants, seconded by Trustee Thill.

XII. WARRANTS (continued)

- a. Trustee Thill asked about an item on page 7: "site remediation progress review" in the amount of \$2,200 to the Illinois EPA. Bill Neuendorf said that the Village had received a \$54,000 grant from the State several years ago to remediate and do some environmental studies around the train station; a recent change in policy is that now the State charges the Village for State staff time to access Village grant funds. So basically, part of the grant is being used to pay the State. Mr. Neuendorf said there would probably be another couple of invoices like this coming up.
- b. Trustee Thill asked about another item on page 7 payable to the Illinois EPA, a nearly \$39,000 payment labeled "payment #36": Finance Director Partipilo said this is a payment on a long-term loan; she said the 2008 Budget lists when each payment comes due. The payment is for the Capulina sewer project.
- c. Trustee Thill also asked about an item on page 13—\$880 for Halloween safety packs. He asked if that's something the Village gives away. Ms. Partipilo said the Police Department distributes these safety packs. Chief Tasch concurred.
- d. Trustee Thill asked about a "land meeting lunch" charge of \$84. Jackie Walker-O'Keefe, Director of Family and Senior Services, explained that it was supposed to be "LAN (local area network)", and that, annually, a network of agencies who provide funding through the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to at-risk children and families, holds a program for new employees and all the agencies involved give a presentation. It's a two-day affair, and on the second day, Niles, MG, and Skokie share the cost of the lunch.

Seeing no further questions, Mayor Krier called for the vote on the Warrants. **Motion passed: 6 ayes, 0 nays.**

Tr. Brunner	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Kogstad	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Marcus	<u>aye</u>
Tr. Minx	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Staackmann	<u>aye</u>	Tr. Thill	<u>aye</u>

XIII. RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

- a. **Eric Poders.** Mr. Poders asked a question he had asked at the Board Meeting of October 13, namely, regarding Plan Commission Case 08-07, will the installation of a T-Mobile antenna at the tower at Village Hall generate revenue for the Village?

Mr. Poders also asked about the budget; noting he had questions he was unable to ask at the budget workshop on October 18. He wondered when the budget workshops would be shown on cable.

Mr. Poders commented that it seemed that a lot of commission meetings had been cancelled lately, citing the Traffic Safety Commission, Plan Commission, and the Fire and Police Commission. He wondered "what's really going on in the Village?"

Mr. Poders was glad the Economic Development Strategic Plan had been approved, but wondered about the revenue the Lehigh-Ferris TIF is generating; what the status is of the Preserves project; how many streets will be improved this year; and what budget cuts were being discussed. He said he would have liked to ask these questions at the budget workshop but was unable to.

XII. RESIDENTS' COMMENTS (continued)

Mayor Krier responded that the Village will receive \$24,000 annually from T-Mobile. As far as when the budget workshops will be shown, the Village's IT department is working on it. The budget workshops are quite lengthy, so special accommodations are needed in order for them to be shown. In reply to Mr. Poders' comments about all the commission meetings being cancelled, Mayor Krier said they were cancelled due to lack of business and lack of concerned residents. He didn't feel that people were concerned if they didn't come to the meetings. Mayor Krier said the budget draft was online and that people were welcome to review it. Mr. Poders asked if the Mayor could say what the budget gap is and how much of the reserve funds will the Village have to tap in to. He said, "people want to know."

Mayor Krier disagreed with that statement, saying that the Village *is* letting people know what's going on. He said the budget discussions are open to the public and the "state of the Village" presentation is available on the Village's website and soon will be seen on cable.

Trustee Marcus pointed out that there will be another budget workshop on Thursday. He said the Board is still working on the budget, and staff is doing an outstanding job of getting the answers to all the trustees' questions. He told Mr. Poders that his questions just could not be answered intelligently at this time because the Board simply does not have all the information. Trustee Marcus said that questions will be raised and answered on Thursday.

Mr. Poders said he respected that, adding that he's aware that it's still early in the process.

- b. **Harold Cohon, 9237 Nashville.** Mr. Cohon said, regarding the gun issue, that registration is the first step to confiscation, and if the Village were to consider registration, that issue would "tear the Village apart".

XIV. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business, Trustee Minx moved to adjourn the regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Brunner. The **motion passed unanimously** via voice vote. The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

PASSED this 10th day of November, 2008.

Trustee Brunner _____
Trustee Kogstad _____
Trustee Marcus _____
Trustee Minx _____
Trustee Staackmann _____
Trustee Thill _____

APPROVED by me this 10th day of November, 2008.

Richard Krier, Village President
Board of Trustees, Morton Grove, Illinois

APPROVED and FILED in my office this 11th day of November, 2008.

Carol A. Fritzshall, Village Clerk
Village of Morton Grove, Cook County, Illinois

Minutes by: Teresa Couzar