

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES, VILLAGE OF NILES**  
**January 23, 2018**  
**5:30 p.m. Executive Session**  
**6:30 p.m. Informal Consideration**  
**7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

*A video recording of this meeting can be viewed on the Village of Niles website [www.vniles.com](http://www.vniles.com).*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Village of Niles Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

**ROLL CALL**

Village Clerk Marlene Victorine called the roll. Board members present were President Andrew Przybylo, Trustees George D. Alpogianis, John C. Jekot, Danette O'Donovan Matyas, Denise McCreery and Dean Strzelecki. Trustee Joe LoVerde was absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to convene into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1); Collective Bargaining per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2); and Real Estate per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5). On roll call, all concurred.

**INFORMAL  
CONSIDERATION**

At 6:36 p.m. President Przybylo called the Informal Consideration to order. On roll call, Board members present were Trustees Alpogianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery and Strzelecki. Trustee LoVerde was absent.

**Morton Grove-Niles Lake  
Michigan Water Project  
Update**

Village Manager Steven Vinezeano introduced Water Project Coordinator William Balling and Project Lead Engineer Larry Thomas from Stanley Consultants, Inc. Mr. Balling stated that they are getting very close to the project launch and wanted to update the Board on key elements of the project.

- Project Construction – Construction bids came in substantially under the engineer's estimate (in excess of 20%). The construction engineering team will be headed by Stanley Consulting Engineers. Currently waiting for EPA to tender intent to issue loans before contracts can be approved. The budget is tracking well with the all-in-budget amount of \$93 million.
- Intermediate Booster Pump – The location of the booster pump has been changed from Skokie to Evanston and a Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared for Evanston as well as an easement agreement with the MWRD.

- Project Financing – The financing is based on a mix of Illinois EPA reduced rate loans and conventional financing (alternate revenue bonds) issued in the name of the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission (MGNWC). The initial bond issue will be for \$15 million and the second series bond is anticipated to be issued late in 2018. Multiple agency permits have also been issued and a written notification from Skokie was received regarding securing the right of way permit.
- Action Items for Village Board Approval – The Water Supply Agreement between the MGNWC, Morton Grove and Niles; Supplemental Agreement #2 with Stanley; and Niles utility easement approvals are on tonight's Board agenda.
- Next Steps - Secure IEPA loan agreement; execution of construction contracts; execution of engineer services agreement; alternate revenue bond sale; and final application for MWRD property easements. In addition, the MGNWC is working with a media and communication consultant.

Mr. Balling thanked the Board for their support and responded to questions.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** President Przybylo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REGULAR MEETING** The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Village Clerk Marlene Victorine called the roll. Board members present were President Przybylo and Trustees Alpogianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery and Strzelecki. Trustee LoVerde was absent.

**PROCLAMATIONS** None

**PRESENTATIONS** Retirement of Catherine M. Spadoni, Administrative Assistant and Deputy Village Clerk, General Government Department – 15 Years of Service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Home for the Holidays Raffle Drawing Winners  
Winners will receive a \$100 gift certificate to a Niles business of their choice. Congratulations to the following winners: Nelda Livorsi; Kelly Herrbra; Dima Qumri; Jean Croke and Marian Namovic
- VFW Niles Memorial Post 3579 \$500 Donation Presented by Tom Davidson to Niles Family Services Food Pantry
- December 2017 PEER (Promoting Employee Excellence through Recognition) Award to Officer Gene Krause, Police Department

- Niles Chamber of Commerce Night of Roses Award Call for Nominations and Call for Dollars for Scholars Applications by Katie Schneider - Chamber Website DiscoverNiles.com
- Welcome New Businesses:  
Brunch Café located at 8780 W. Dempster  
Pho Tam Vietnamese Restaurant located at 6959 W. Dempster
- Apply Now for Farm on Franks Community Garden Plots
- Village Facilities Closed on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 19, 2018 - Niles Family Fitness Center will be open from 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Przybylo introduced Niles Public Arts and Culture Advisory Council Member Debi Gajewski who provided an update on the "Purse"ue Your Dreams charity auction of purses painted by local artists held on December 2 at the Niles Senior Center to benefit WINGS Charity. The auction raised \$752.52 and, in addition, Glenview Napleton donated \$500 to the Niles WINGS, as part of the "Purse"ue Your Dreams event thanks to Sarah Wynne who recommended this worthwhile cause.

### **VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Village Attorney Danielle Grcic presented the Board of Ethics Annual Report. Two complaints were filed and both were dismissed by the Board of Ethics. Inspector General Christopher Cohen spoke on his role on the Board of Ethics and the importance of good government and transparency.

### **VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT**

Village Clerk Marlene Victorine announced that Mail Ballot Applications are available for the March 20, 2018 Gubernatorial Primary Election.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **General Government/IT Committee**

Trustee Alpigianis reported on the January 17, 2018, General Government/IT Committee meeting. He stated that over \$200 in online store items, specifically ornaments, were sold at the Holly Jolly Market, and IT presented an update on new FOIA software, Tyler Community Development software and Munis Finance/Payroll software.

#### **Economic Development and Neighborhood Renewal (EDNR) Committee**

Trustee McCreery reported on the January 11, 2018, EDNR meeting. She stated that they discussed Niles' current economic and financial conditions. They are working with a consultant to finalize the new home investment program and continue to look at opportunities for a marketing person and the needs of the individual neighborhoods.

**Northwest Municipal  
Conference (NWMC)**

Trustee Jekot reported on the January 17 meeting of the Northwest Municipal Conference where they reviewed and approved the 2018 legislative program which will be outlined at the January 27 NWMC legislative brunch.

**Public Services Committee**

Trustee Matyas reported on the January 16, 2018, meeting of the Public Services Committee. The Committee discussed increased issues with cars parking on snow routes hampering proper snow removal. Public Services Director Mary Anderson updated the Committee members on the FY2019 Public Services budget requests, including a potential shift to Groot for leaf collection, the demolition of the 9101 Greenwood building, continuation of the 2018 squad car replacements, improvements at the Police and Public Services campuses, the timely review and response to traffic calming requests and an ordinance on tonight's agenda placing stop signs at the intersection of Washington and Keeney Streets.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Art Clexton, Niles*

*Mr. Clexton, representing the residents on Washington Street, thanked President Przybylo, the Board of Trustees, Public Services and the Police Department for the actions they have taken regarding Washington Street.*

**CONSENT AGENDA -  
NEW BUSINESS**

President Przybylo stated that all items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no individual discussion of these items unless a Trustee so requests. The requested item will then be removed from the consent agenda and considered at the end of New Business.

*Trustee Alpogianis stepped out of the room.*

Trustee Jekot made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to allow items 1-3 to be included on the consent agenda. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 4 Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Alpogianis, LoVerde

ABSTAIN 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Village Clerk Marlene Victorine read consent agenda items 1-3 into the record:

**#1 Approval of Minutes** – December 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

**#2 Ordinance** Amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, Sec. 6-38 Number to the Niles Code of Ordinances

**#3 Ordinance** Amending Appendix D Fee Schedule, Chapter 18, Article IV. Property Maintenance to the Niles Code of Ordinances

*Trustee Alpogianis returned to the meeting.*

Trustee Alpogianis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Matyas, to approve consent agenda items 1-3. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpogianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1 LoVerde  
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

## NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution Authorizing the Approval and Execution of a Water Supply Agreement Between the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission and the Village of Morton Grove and the Village of Niles**

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to approve the resolution authorizing the approval and execution of a Water Supply Agreement between the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission (MGNWC) and the Village of Morton Grove and the Village of Niles. The Water Supply Agreement has an initial term of 40 years and provides definitive contractual obligations of the MGNWC, Village of Niles and the Village of Morton Grove. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpogianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1 LoVerde  
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 2 Between the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission and Stanley Consultants, Inc. for Engineering Services for the Design of Water Supply Transmission Mains and Facility Improvements**

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to approve the resolution authorizing the approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission (MGNWC) and Stanley Consultants, Inc. for engineering services for the design of water supply transmission mains and facility improvements in the amount of \$210,402 and the Village of Niles portion is \$105,201. The MGNWC will consider the contractual supplement at its meeting on January 25, 2018. This supplement brings the total contractual amount to \$4,754,085 and the Village of Niles portion is \$2,377,042.50. The Village approved \$3,000,000 in the FY2018 Budget. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpogianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1 LoVerde  
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**Resolution Authorizing the Approval and Execution of a Utility Easement Agreement Between the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission and the Village of Niles**

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to approve the resolution authorizing the approval and execution of a Utility Easement Agreement between the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission (MGNWC) and the Village of Niles for properties located along Milwaukee Avenue and Touhy Avenue adjacent to the Village of Niles water plant facility at 7106 Touhy Avenue and the Police Station at 7000 W. Touhy Avenue. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpogianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1 LoVerde  
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**Ordinance Amending Chapter 78 Signs, Sec. 78-92 Signage and Sec. 78-122 Conditions to the Niles Code of Ordinances**

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jekot, to adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 78 Signs, Article V. Signs Requiring Permits, Division 3. Signs in Business Districts, Sec. 78-92 Signage and Division 6. Temporary Signs, Sec. 78-122 Conditions to the Niles Code of Ordinances. The Planning and Zoning Board unanimously approved the following text amendments to the Sign Code: 1) to permit without a special use a full color electronic message center instead of monochrome, and 2) to amend the length of time permitted for temporary banners from four months to six months. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 4 Alpogianis, Jekot, Matyas, Strzelecki  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1 LoVerde  
ABSTAIN 1 McCreery

There being 4 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**Ordinance for the Placement of Stop Signs at the Intersection of Washington Street and Keeney Street**

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to adopt the ordinance for the placement of stop signs at the intersection of Washington Street and Keeney Street. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpogianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1 LoVerde

ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution Authorizing a Contractual Agreement with the State of Illinois Department of Revenue for Alcoholic Liquor Enforcement Program**

Trustee Strzelecki made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alpigianis, to approve the resolution authorizing a contractual agreement with the State of Illinois Department of Revenue for the Alcoholic Liquor Enforcement Program. This is a liquor inspection pilot program with the State of Illinois that will allow the Village of Niles Assistant Liquor Commissioner to carry out standard liquor inspections for all Niles liquor license holders on behalf of the State of Illinois with expected revenue of \$6,750. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpigianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 LoVerde

ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution Authorizing the Third Contract Extension and Amendment for the 2015 Municipal Landscape Maintenance and Lawn Restoration with Milieu Design LLC**

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jekot, to approve the resolution authorizing the third contract extension and amendment for the 2015 Municipal Landscape Maintenance and Lawn Restoration with Milieu Design LLC in the amount of \$166,835. This will be the third and final extension permitted in the original agreement. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpigianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 LoVerde

ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Board Approval Authorizing Ratification of the Emergency Purchase and Bid Waiver for the Replacement of Two Boilers at the Niles Police Station**

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, to ratify an emergency purchase in the amount of \$25,597 and a bid waiver for the replacement of two boilers at the Niles Police Station. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpigianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 LoVerde

ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution Authorizing a Contract Extension with DiMeo Partners to Market**

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jekot, to approve the resolution authorizing a contract extension with DiMeo Partners to market and promote the Leaning Tower in the

**and Promote the Leaning Tower**

amount of \$2,500. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpagianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1 LoVerde  
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**Resolution Authorizing a Contractual Agreement with Fisher, Cohen, Waldman, Shapiro LLP to Represent the Village in the Redevelopment of the Touhy Triangle Located Within the Boundaries of the Gross Point-Touhy TIF District**

Trustee McCreery made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alpagianis, to approve the resolution authorizing a contractual agreement with Fisher, Cohen, Waldman, Shapiro LLP to represent the Village in the redevelopment of the Touhy Triangle. The Village's contractual financial obligations thereunder are expended from the Gross Point-Touhy Increment and are billed at a set hourly rate defined in the agreement. As there was no dollar amount for approval, the Board requested a six-month report on the expenditures. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpagianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1 LoVerde  
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**Preliminary Board Approval to Order a Ram 1500 Quad Cab for the Police Department and a Ram 2500 Crew Cab for Public Services from Stew Hansen Dodge City Jeep**

Trustee Matyas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jekot, for preliminary Board approval to place an order for a Ram 1500 Quad Cab (Police) and a Ram 2500 Crew Cab (Public Services) from Stew Hansen Dodge City Jeep of Urbandale, Iowa, utilizing the State of Iowa Central Procurement and Fleet Services Contract and waive the bid requirement for installation of additional equipment. The Ram 1500 is the 13<sup>th</sup> vehicle scheduled in the Police squad car replacement this fiscal year and will be used to transport portable scales. The Ram 2500 is replacing Unit 458, a 1997 model with 86,000 miles. Vehicle financing was reviewed at the December 20, 2017 Finance Committee meeting. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpagianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1 LoVerde  
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**November 2017**

Trustee Alpagianis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, that the Accounts Payable including Payroll in the amount of \$7,024,502 for the month ending November 30, 2017 be approved for payment. On roll call, the vote was:



YEAS 5 Alpogianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1 LoVerde  
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Trustee Alpogianis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Strzelecki, that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2017 be approved and filed for audit as follows: beginning cash balance of \$48,586,652, receipts of \$6,090,107, disbursements of \$8,608,537 with an ending cash balance of \$46,068,221. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpogianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1 LoVerde  
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### December 2017

Trustee Alpogianis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Matyas, that the Accounts Payable including Payroll in the amount of \$6,431,816 for the month ending December 31, 2017 be approved for payment. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpogianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1 LoVerde  
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Trustee Alpogianis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jekot, that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2017 be approved and filed for audit as follows: beginning cash balance of \$46,068,221, receipts of \$6,386,701, disbursements of \$6,440,342 with an ending cash balance of \$46,014,580. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpogianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1 LoVerde  
ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### NEXT MEETINGS

February 13, 2018 Informal Consideration at 7:00 p.m.  
February 27, 2018 Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee Jekot made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alpogianis, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1); Collective Bargaining per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2); and Real Estate per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5). On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Alpogianis, Jekot, Matyas, McCreery, Strzelecki

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 LoVerde

ABSTAIN 0

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

  
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Village Clerk

  
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Village President