



VILLAGE OF RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS

2621 Thatcher Avenue, River Grove, Illinois

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MINUTES

of the Village Board Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
held on Thursday, October 05, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Publication and Notice. Notice of tonight's meeting was published in the Tribune Media Group (formerly known as Pioneer Press), Elm Leaves edition, on December 08, 2022, and, notice and the Agenda were posted on the bulletin board of the Village Hall at 2621 Thatcher Avenue, and at the Senior Community Center where the courtroom and board room are housed, at 2601 Thatcher, River Grove, Illinois on October 03, 2023, and posted at the Village website, as well as e-mailed to the Board members and department heads.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The meeting was called to Order by President Guerin at 6:00 p.m. Guerin led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

2. **ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE:**

Clerk Manchen took the roll of **board members** as follows:

Present in Person: President David B. Guerin, Clerk Marjorie A. Manchen and Trustees Lynn M. Bjorvik, Robert C. Thomas, Lora M. Lantgen and Benjamin E. Ramirez.

Absent Trustee Christopher J. Lilly.

Vacancy: One (1) Trustee position.

A Quorum was declared by Clerk Manchen.

Dept. Heads / Staff Present in Person: Village Comptroller Greg Peters; Village Attorney Bart Smith; Village Engineer Mark Lucas; Fire Chief Sean M. Flynn; Police Chief Michael Konwinski; Public Works Dir. Brock Leder; Building Administrator Jim Duffy; HR/Com. Dir. Shawn Campbell and Water Supt. Bill Pazdzioch.

3. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION OR PROCEEDING:**

a. Oath of Office by Frank J. Obaya to Trustee. President Guerin introduced Frank Obaya and stated that he is a retired Franklin Park firefighter and husband of Michele Obaya. Guerin administered the Oath of Office which was signed by Obaya, and copied hereinafter. Guerin also stated that Obaya is appointed Chair of the Public Safety Committee. There was applause from the audience and Guerin and Obaya posed for pictures.

b. Finance Presentation by Comptroller Greg Peters. Peters explained his detailed report entitled "Village of River Grove, Cook County IL, Final Tax Levy for Tax Year 2022," a copy of which is attached hereto. President Guerin added that Leyden Township provides a free tax

assessment service to residents. Guerin also stated that he just returned from a trip to Washington DC where he met with Congresswoman Delia Ramirez and others. Guerin also announced that after many years, the “quiet zone” in River Grove for trains is now official. Guerin thanked Village Engineer Mark Lucas and Village Attorney Bart Smith for the years of work put into obtaining the “quiet zone” designation.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: President Guerin confirmed that the Board members previously received and reviewed the Minutes listed on tonight’s Agenda. A **Motion** was then made by Trustee Thomas, seconded by Trustee Bjorvik to **approve** the following Minutes and that they be archived accordingly: **Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2023**. No questions were posed, and no discussion ensued. **Motion carried** unanimously on a Voice Vote.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**: None.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**:

- a. **PUBLIC SAFETY**: Trustee Lilly was absent; Trustee Obaya read aloud the “public safety report” dated October 05, 2023, which is copied herein.
 - b. **PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES**: Trustee Thomas stated that he did not have a Public Works report, and stated that sidewalk repairs are underway, and holiday decorations have started.
 - c. **FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**: Trustee Bjorvik read aloud the “Economic & Development Committee Report” dated October 05, 2023 which is copied hereinafter.
 - d. **LICENSE AND ORDINANCE**: Trustee Bjorvik summarized the “Building Department Report for the month of September 2023” submitted by Building Dept Director Jim Duffy, a copy of which is copied herein.
 - e. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS**: No written report was submitted. Trustee Ramirez stated that River Grove’s 135th anniversary is tomorrow, and that he will have a presentation on its history at the next board meeting.
 - f. **YOUTH & RECREATION**: Trustee Lantgen read aloud the Recreation report dated October 5, 2023, which is copied hereinafter.
 - g. **CLERK’S REPORT**: Clerk Manchen read aloud her report which is copied hereinafter.
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7. **UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS**: None.

8. **RESOLUTIONS**:

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-41**. President Guerin called Resolution 2023-R-41. Clerk Manchen read aloud the title or description of Resolution 2023-R-41 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-41. A Resolution Confirming the Approval of a Class 7a Incentive Abatement for the Property located at 8311-25 West Grand Avenue in the Village of River Grove, Cook County, Illinois, pursuant to Resolution No. 2012-R12, dated June 14, 2012.

- President Guerin asked for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Bjorvik, seconded by Trustee Lantgen to **adopt Resolution 2023-R-41** as presented.
- Guerin and Comptroller Peters summarized this Resolution for all present.
- There were no questions or comments. No further discussion ensued.
- Guerin asked Clerk Manchen to take the Board’s vote; the roll call vote was taken by Manchen as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Bjorvik, Thomas, Lantgen, Ramirez and Obaya.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Trustee Lilly.

Motion Carried by a count of 5 “aye” votes to 0 “nay,” 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

b. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-42.** President Guerin called Resolution 2023-R-42. Clerk Manchen read aloud the title or description of Resolution 2023-R-42 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-42. A Resolution Approving an Agreement with HERA Property Registry, LLC for Registration and Code Enforcement Support Services with respect to Vacant, Rental and Foreclosed Upon Real Properties.

- President Guerin asked for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Thomas, seconded by Trustee Bjorvik to **adopt Resolution 2023-R-42** as presented.
- Guerin and Building Dir Duffy summarized this Resolution for all present.
- There were no questions or comments. No further discussion ensued.
- Guerin asked Clerk Manchen to take the Board’s vote; the roll call vote was taken by Manchen as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Bjorvik, Thomas, Lantgen, Ramirez and Obaya.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Trustee Lilly.

Motion Carried by a count of 5 “aye” votes to 0 “nay,” 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

c. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-43.** President Guerin called Resolution 2023-R-43. Clerk Manchen read aloud the title or description of Resolution 2023-R-43 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-43. A Resolution Approving the Execution of an Agreement with Current Technologies of Lombard, Illinois for the Purchase of an Additional 200 Hours of Necessary Network Services (Contract Not To Exceed \$25,000.00).

- President Guerin asked for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Lantgen, seconded by Trustee Obaya to **adopt Resolution 2023-R-43** as presented.
- Guerin summarized this Resolution for all present.
- There were no questions or comments. No further discussion ensued.
- Guerin asked Clerk Manchen to take the Board’s vote; the roll call vote was taken by Manchen as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Bjorvik, Thomas, Lantgen, Ramirez and Obaya.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Trustee Lilly.

Motion Carried by a count of 5 “aye” votes to 0 “nay,” 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

d. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-44.** President Guerin called Resolution 2023-R-44. Clerk Manchen read aloud the title or description of Resolution 2023-R-44 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-44. A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Acknowledgement Agreement (Assignment of TIF Grant Proceeds) for the River Grove Station Development Phases 1 and 2.

- President Guerin asked for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Thomas to **adopt Resolution 2023-R-44** as presented.
- Guerin and Village Attorney Smith summarized this Resolution for all present.
- There were no questions or comments. No further discussion ensued.
- Guerin asked Clerk Manchen to take the Board’s vote; the roll call vote was taken by Manchen as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Bjorvik, Thomas, Lantgen, Ramirez and Obaya.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Trustee Lilly.

Motion Carried by a count of 5 “aye” votes to 0 “nay,” 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

9. **ORDINANCES:**

a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20.** President Guerin called Ordinance 2023-20. Clerk Manchen read aloud the title or description of Ordinance 2023-20 as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20. An Ordinance Creating a Veterans’ Memorial Commission.

- President Guerin asked for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Lantgen to **adopt Ordinance 2023-20**.
- Guerin summarized the Ordinance, including the memorial which will be located at Grand Avenue and Indian Boundary, and the 5-person commission that will be created. Guerin stated that the Village secured funding from the State courtesy of Senator Don Harmon, and

the property was granted from the Cook County Forest Preserves courtesy of retired Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri. Guerin stated the public announcement will occur on Veterans’ Day, 2023 and the goal is to complete the project by Veterans’ Day, 2024. Guerin thanked Village Attorney Smith, Village Engineer Lucas and former Commander of the American Legion Mike Warchol for all of their hard work over the last few years on this memorial project.

- There were no questions or comments. No further discussion ensued.
- Guerin asked Clerk Manchen to take the Board’s vote; the roll call vote was taken by Manchen as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Bjorvik, Thomas, Lantgen, Ramirez and Obaya.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Trustee Lilly.

Motion Carried by a count of 5 “aye” votes to 0 “nay,” 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

*Note: **Ordinance No. 2023-21** was acted upon at the prior board meeting on September 21, 2023.

b. **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-22.** President Guerin called Ordinance 2023-22.

Clerk Manchen read aloud the title or description of Ordinance 2023-22 as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-22. An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposition of Personal Property of the Village of River Grove that is No Longer Necessary or Useful for the Operation of its Police and Public Works Departments.

Year	Color	Make/Model	VIN Equipment	Miles/Hrs	Min. Price
2008	Blue	Mercedes/GL450 AWD 4-Dr	4JGBF71E58A334214	unknown	No Reserve
2009	Black	Ford Crown Vic Interceptor	2FAHP71V69X103154	84633.5	No Reserve
2005	White	Chevy Impala 4-door	2G1WF55K559334370	65272	No Reserve
2005	White	Chevy Impala 4-door	2G1WF55K359333007	45132	No Reserve
2005	White	Ford Crown Vic Interceptor	2FAHP71W45X178664	12106	No Reserve
2005	White	Chevy Impala 4-door	2G1WF55K559331789	104287	No Reserve
2005	White	Chevy Impala 4-door	2G1WF55K459331640	unknown	No Reserve
2009	White	Ford Crown Vic Interceptor	2FAHP71V09X103151	142421	No Reserve
2002	Maroon	Chevy Monte Carlo SS 2-Door	2G1WX15K929129877	132385	No Reserve
1997	Red	Ford F350 2 door	3FEKF38F0VMA58817	77647.5	No Reserve
1999	Blue	Ford Econo Wagon	1FMRE11W6XHB	111,221	No Reserve
2012	White	Elgin Street Sweeper	NP2376D	43634.5	No Reserve
1982	Blue	Ford LGT 165 Garden Tractor	N/A	700 hrs	No Reserve
N/A	Orange	Case Articulating Front End Loader Model W20C		6870 hrs	No Reserve
1990	White	Bobcat Skid Steer	501962815	2568 hrs	No Reserve
N/A	Yellow	7’ Flink V Box Salter	N/A	N/A	No Reserve
N/A	N/A	Nortron Tire Balancer	3 phase, 20 amp	N/A	No Reserve
N/A	N/A	FMC Corp Tire Changer Series	7600fair condition	N/A	No Reserve
N/A	Red	ExMark Deck Mower	Model R23KC	2074 hrs	No Reserve

- President Guerin asked for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Thomas, seconded by Trustee Ramirez to **adopt Ordinance 2023-22** as presented.
- Guerin and Attorney Bart Smith summarized this Ordinance for all present.
- There were no questions or comments. No further discussion ensued.
- Guerin asked Clerk Manchen to take the Board’s vote; the roll call vote was taken by Manchen as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees **Bjorvik, Thomas, Lantgen, Ramirez and Obaya.**

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Trustee Lilly.

Motion Carried by a count of 5 “aye” votes to 0 “nay,” 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

PAYING VILLAGE’S BILLS. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Bjorvik, seconded by Trustee Ramirez, **to authorize payment of all bills** in accordance with the list of warrants, dated **October 05, 2023** when funds are available, and vouchers are properly endorsed. No further discussion ensued. **Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

11. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Guerin reminded all of the 135th anniversary of River Grove and stated that it is the oldest municipality in Leyden Township.

12. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** There were no public comments from the audience, and Communications Dir. Campbell stated that there were no public comments via e-mail or telephone.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, a Motion was made by Trustee Bjorvik, Seconded by Trustee Lantgen, to adjourn this meeting at 6:38 p.m. **Motion carried** unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marjorie A. Manchen, JD, MMC
Village Clerk, Village of River Grove, Illinois



STATE OF ILLINOIS)
SS)
COUNTY OF COOK)



OATH OF OFFICE – RIVER GROVE, IL

I, **FRANK J. OBAYA**, HAVING BEEN APPOINTED TO THE OFFICE OF **VILLAGE TRUSTEE**,
IN THE VILLAGE OF RIVER GROVE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT I WILL SUPPORT:
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES,
THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
AND THE ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVER GROVE, AND,
THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF VILLAGE TRUSTEE,
ACCORDING TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.



Frank J. Obaya



David B. Guerin, Mayor

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, THIS 5th DAY OF October, 2023

 by  DVC

Marjorie A. Manchen, Village Clerk



Public Safety Report¶

October 5, 2023¶

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The River Grove Fire Department numbers for September were 217 total calls, 75 Fire, 142 EMS¶

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During the month of October, River Grove police officers have the option of wearing pink badges and/or pink uniform patches to support and recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month.¶

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Respectfully submitted,¶

Christopher J. Lilly¶

Public Safety Trustee¶

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Economic & Development¶
Committee Report¶
October 5, 2023¶

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The committee met on Thursday, September 28th to discuss the following topics:¶

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Bond Rating:¶

We received word from Standard & Poors that our general obligation bond rating is being reviewed due to favorable activities within the Village. Comptroller Peters will provide the necessary documentation for S&P to review and we remain hopeful that this review will result in a positive bond rating adjustment.¶

The Village has been awarded a 2023 Community Block Grant by Cook County in the amount of \$200,000. The grant will be applied to roadway improvements on O'Connor Drive from Thatcher to Paris Avenue. Village Engineer Mark Lucas has submitted the subrecipient agreement to the county which provides the details and timeline of the project which will get underway in May, 2024.¶

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Belmont Thatcher TIF requested improvements¶

Further discussion was had with East Coast Acquisitions, the owners of the Thatcher Woods Shopping Center about their proposed improvements utilizing funds generated by the Thatcher Woods TIF. The details of the project and costs were discussed by the committee. Once the details are final, a Redevelopment Agreement will be prepared. The committee will work with Attorney Carmen Forte on the details of that agreement along an ordinance to officially terminate the TIF which ended December 31, 2022.¶

Work was set to being on Monday for the construction of the parking lots on Thatcher and on Marwood¶

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Submitted By:¶

Lynn Bjorvik¶

Chairperson¶



Building Department
Village of River Grove Illinois 60171-1698
Telephone: (708) 453-8007... Fax: (708) 453-1337
2621 North Thatcher Avenue
River Grove, IL 60171

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023
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- ¶ >→ 3 Vacant properties were registered in September ¶
- ¶ >→ 17 Citations were issued by the Building Department ¶
 - ¶ >→ 8 Vacant properties are being maintained by the Village ¶
- ¶ >→ New Registered inspections for September ¶
 - → 9 -- Property inspections ¶
 - → 4 -- Exempt inspections ¶
 - → 17 -- Rental Dwelling inspection ¶
- ¶ >→ 9 Properties were sold in September ¶
 - → 5 Single family ¶
 - → 3 Condos ¶
 - → 1 Apartment Building ¶
- ¶ >→ 83 Permits were issued in September for a total of \$964,652 ¶
 - → 67 Permits for building and roofing ¶
 - → 10 Permits for electrical, plumbing and mechanical ¶
 - → 6 Permits for miscellaneous ¶
- ¶ >→ Total permits fees collected for September \$12,870 ¶

¶ Submitted by, ¶
Jim Duffy ¶
Building Department ¶

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From: Lantgen, Lora <llantgen@rivergroveil.gov>

Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 9:57 AM

To: Manchen, Marjorie <mmanchen@rivergroveil.gov>

Subject: Board report 10.5.2023 ¶

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Recreation Dept 10/5/2023

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We have a couple great free events coming up this month.

We are having a Halloween craft on Saturday morning 10/14 at the Recreation Center from 10-11:30.

We already have a full line up for our trunk or treat on 10/28 starting at 10AM.

We are going into week 5 of our flag football program, each week we send out the current standings and leader board and the kids love to see their progress.

The 12U rockets won 2 games this past weekend.

We have been working with the new head coach at Triton to set up Team Hitting and defensive clinics at Triton for all Rockets starting in January.

River Grove Baseball Fall Ball is coming to end and the playoff games begins next week. Good luck to both our teams!

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Thank you,

Lora M. Lantgen

Village of River Grove Trustee

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October 05, 2023

1) Since my last report, I attended the following events:

a) The **Municipal Clerks' Association of North and Northwest Suburbs, Cook County, Illinois** held a dinner meeting on Wednesday, Sept 13, 2023 in Barrington Hills. The guest speaker was Senator Don Harmon, Illinois Senate President (who represents the Village of River Grove). See meeting invitation copied herein.

b) On Thursday, Sept 21, 2023, I attended the 110th annual Illinois Municipal League's conference. I attended the following sessions:

- 2023 Tort Immunity Update
- Signs and Billboards Post - City of Austin
- Workers' Rights Amendment to the Illinois Constitution/Paid Leave for All Workers Act.
- Recent FOIA and OMA Developments: Special Insights From the PAC. I sent the open meetings information, including the "website posting requirements" to the communications department. In addition to the annual schedule of regular meetings, meeting notices, agendas and Minutes, there is an extensive list of items that must be posted at the website.
- Nuisance Abatement Strategies for Municipalities. I learned that lewdness has been declared a public nuisance under the "Lewdness Public Nuisance Act."
- Illinois Liquor Control Commission - Licensing, Enforcement and Appeals. I learned that, each month, Illinois issues more than 200 new licenses and renews more than 2,000 state liquor licenses per month.

c) On Friday, Sept 29, I attended the West Central Municipal Conference's annual dinner meeting in Rosemont. River Grove Mayor David Guerin was installed as WCMC's president.

2) **Due Dates for Board Meeting Agenda Items**. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2023, with all agenda items due by tomorrow, October 06, 2023, and certainly not later than October 13, 2023 for emergency or unexpected items.

As always ...

*****Department heads and Trustees,
please remember to send in your board reports to the Clerk.**

And ...
the sooner that legal and the Clerk's office receive Agenda items,
the sooner the agenda may be prepared and a draft one circulated.

**2023 MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION 2024
NORTH AND NORTHWEST SUBURBS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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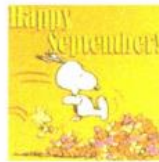
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Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2023

HOSTED BY

Village of Barrington Hills
Village Clerk Nikki Panos

LOCATION

Barrington Hills Country Club
300 W County Line Rd
Barrington Hills, IL 60010
847-381-4200

6:00 p.m. SOCIAL HOUR/CASH BAR

6:30 p.m. DINNER

MENU

TBD

Price: \$30.00 per person

PROGRAM

Guest Speaker Senator Don Harmon

RSVP FOR DINNER BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

to Gina Pesko gpesko@elmwoodpark.org
Telephone: 708-452-3911

**Please remember - all reservations must be paid,
even if you are unable to attend**

West Central Municipal Conference

Annual Dinner Meeting

Friday, September 29, 2023
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
1st Floor Ball Room
5555 N. River Road
Village of Rosemont

Reception 6:00 p.m.
Dinner and Program at 7:00 p.m.

FEATURING GUEST PRESENTER
Meteorologist Tracy Butler
ABC 7 CHICAGO



Tracy Butler joined ABC 7 in 1994 and has been the meteorologist for ABC 7 News This Morning since 1995. She also serves as meteorologist for the station's 11 AM newscast, and provides weather updates for ESPN 1000 Radio. Tracy Butler is currently the longest running female meteorologist in Chicago.

The Annual Membership Meeting provides an opportunity for all the members to reflect on past accomplishments and look ahead to the future. The new leadership team of the West Central Municipal Conference will be installed, demonstrating once again unity among local governments in the region.