

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 21, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 7:30 P.M.**

President Krochmal called the meeting to order at **7:30 p.m.** with the Pledge of Allegiance, and *Roll Call*. In attendance were Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, and Wilt.

Others in attendance were Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Attorney Hanson, Chief of Police Garvey, Fire Chief Rouleau, Recreation Director Frampton, Civil Service Commissioner Mathias, and the **Honorable Mayor Scheck**, Emeritus (Guest)..

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Demopoulos**, **seconded** by **Trustee Czajka**, to **approve** the agenda of the **January 7, 2013** Village Board Meeting, with two additional pieces of correspondence, as was presented.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt**

NAYS: **None**

Motion Carried

BIDS:

No.

CASH RECEIPT REPORTS:

A motion was made by **Trustee Corgiat** and **seconded** by **Trustee Hermanek** to **approve** the Cash Receipt Reports for the months of **November and December 2012**, **totaling \$1,182,549.44 and \$1,285,100.37**, respectively, and to place these reports on file subject to final audit.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt**

NAYS: **None**

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Demopoulos**, **seconded** by **Trustee Wilt**, to **approve** the **Minutes** of the **January 7, 2013** Village Board Meeting as were presented.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Trustees Corgiat, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt**

NAYS: **None**

ABSTAIN: **Trustees Czajka**

Motion Carried

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee Corgiat: Finance, Health & Appropriations:

Trustee Corgiat stated that there will be a Finance, Health & Appropriation Committee meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

Also, **Trustee Corgiat presented** the following information relating to the Finance, Health & Appropriations Committee Meeting of January 14, 2013:

Item #1: Radios for Fire Department: Administrator Belmonte distributed a letter from Chief Rouleau to the 9-1-1 Committee, of the Minutes from the January 10, 2013, 9-1-1 Advisory and Voting Committee meeting. Chief Rouleau explained that he had requested approval from the 9-1-1 Committee to purchase radios for the Fire Department, from the 91-1- funds. Further, that he has the opportunity to purchase 21 portable radios, chargers, and remote speakers/microphones through a purchase agreement with North Central 9-1-1, for **\$23,730.00**. In addition, that the regular price for these radios is **\$46,528.00**, which was in this year's budget. The Minutes from the 9-1-1 Advisory and Voting Committee meeting reflect the approval by the Advisory Committee and the 9-1-1 Voting Committee to purchase these radios with the 9-1-1 fund.

As a consequence, **Trustee Corgiat moved, seconded** by **Trustee Hermanek**, to purchase the 21 radios, and all related equipment needed, through the Northwest Central 9-1-1 purchasing contract, in the amount of **\$23,730.00**, and for this amount to paid out of North Riverside's 9-1-1 funds.

On the Question:

Administrator Belmonte made the correction that the **\$46,528.00** was not in this year's budget.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek & Wilt**
NAYS: **None**
Motion Carried

Trustee Czajka: Public Transportation Services & Plan Commission:

No report.

Trustee Demopoulos: Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning:

Trustee Demopoulos acknowledged receipt of the **Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission Meeting Minutes** of Wednesday, January 9, 2013, and requested that they be filed in the office of the Clerk.

Also, **Trustee Demopoulos referred** to the Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes, of December 13, 2012, by stating the following:

1st order of business:

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES (Continued):

A **request** for a variance to Chapter 6, Section 6.026 to permit construction of front porch in the front yard setback. Matt & Janet Decosola, 2205 S. Hainsworth Ave, presented a request to grant a variance to allow construction of a front porch that would reduce the front yard setback to 17 feet. Code calls for a 20 foot setback. Examples of similar front porches with similar setback issues were presented.

Lou Surprenant made a motion to grant a variance to allow the construction of a porch with a front yard setback of 17 feet. Matt Brophy seconded the motion. The motion passed with three “yes” votes, and one “no” vote.

2nd order of business:

A **request** for a sign variance to Chapter 12.24.030, Section A.14, to permit the use of ornamental neon tubing on exterior of building, and Chapter 12.24.050, Section G.1.A for additional signage.

Frank Amanti made a presentation to request variances on several issues related to signage at the property located at 8405 W. Cermak Rd., Big Corner Tavern.

The Board decided to deal with the issues separately:

East Wall Signage

Mr. Amanti requested a variance to allow two wall signs, totaling 50 sq. ft. on the East wall of the property located at 8405 W. Cermak Road. Code allows only one sign with a maximum of 30 sq. ft.

Lou Surprenant made a motion to grant a variance to allow two wall signs totaling 50 sq. ft. on the east wall of the property located at 8405 W. Cermak Rd. Matt Brophy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Neon Signage

Mr. Amanti requested a variance to allow a directional Arrow/Open sign, constructed of neon tubing. Code does not allow neon tubing to be attached to exterior walls.

After some discussion regarding the location and construction of the neon sign, the Board determined that the sign would not negatively affect the adjacent property. Lou Surprenant, then, made a motion to grant a variance to allow a neon-constructed Arrow/Open sign on the south east corner of the property.

West Wall

Mr. Amanti also requested a variance to allow signage on the West wall of the property located at 8405 W. Cermak Rd. Code does not allow signage on a road that has no street exposure. Lou

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES (Continued):

Surprenant made a motion to grant a variance to allow signage (Daily Deal Board) on the west wall, not to exceed 30 sq. ft. Matt Brophy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2nd Floor Walls-East & West

Mr. Amanti requested a variance to allow off-premise advertising on the 2nd floor walls of the building. Lou Surprenant made a motion to grant a variance to allow off-premise advertising on the 2nd floor walls of the property located at 8405 W. Cermak Rd. Matt Brophy seconded the motion. The motion was **rejected** unanimously.

Additionally, **Trustee Demopoulos presented** the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2013, by stating the following:

Item #: 1 Review of Water Meter Project: Administrator Belmonte informed the Committee that all water meters have been changed out. Director Scarpiniti explained to the Committee that there **have** been three billing periods thus far; **one** to each of the two zones which included readings from the old and new meters, and **one bill** to the west side zone which reflected readings from the new meters only. Further, that it is too early to get a true picture of the increase in revenue from the new meters, and that the Village should have a good estimate by the time of the budget hearings.

Item #2: Review Fence Ordinance: Administrator Belmonte asked the Committee members if they would consider changing the fence requirements because, currently, residents are required to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals Committee for the consideration of a 6' fence, or for a solid fence. At which time, the residents state their hardship relating to the need for a 6' fence, but the ZBA, on the other hand, may not be at liberty to grant the request. **Trustee Demopoulos** sought the feelings of those, who were present, on the subject. Subsequent to further discussion of the matter, the Committee agreed to allow 6' fences; but that, if a resident requests a solid fence, he/she would still have to go before the ZBA. **Trustee Demopoulos motioned, and seconded by Trustee DeSantis,** to change the Village's current fence ordinance to allow 6' fences. The motion was passed by the Committee, with a vote of "3 – 0" in favor, and the remaining Trustees, who were present, concurred.

As an end result, **Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee DeSantis,** to change North Riverside's height on residential fences to allow 6' fences, and for Attorney Hanson to prepare the proper ordinance for passage at a future meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermnek & Wilt

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Item #3: Discuss the City of Chicago Water Rate Increase: A letter from the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission was distributed that indicated the increases, by the City of Chicago, to water customers, for the next three years. On January 1, 2013, the increase was

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES (Continued):

15%, and in January 2014 and 2015, the increase will be **15%** per year. Director Scarpiniti informed the Committee that the increase by the City of Chicago, and the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission, would mean an estimated increase to the Village of **\$150,000.00**, for the purchase of water. The Committee was concerned about whether or not the water rates should be increased, but the consensus of the Committee members was that this matter would be tabled to the Budget meeting. The Trustees, who were present, were in agreement.

Items: #4 thru #7: Discussed Adopting a Storm Water Management Ordinance, Mitigation Plan, Flood Control Project, and Grants for Flood Control Measures: **Trustee Demopoulos** stated that all these items intertwined; therefore, the Committee discussed all of them, **simultaneously**. Administrator Belmonte interjected that the Village had no Storm Water Management Ordinance, and because of the Village's combined sewer system, it was not required to have such an ordinance. Further, that **MWRD has a "draft"** Storm Water Management Ordinance, and once it is passed, it will pertain to all municipalities within the MWRD area.

Trustee Demopoulos also informed the Committee that the Village of Westchester had adopted a Mitigation Plan that he and Trustee DeSantis were familiar with, because they sit on a Committee with trustees, from several surrounding municipalities, to look at local flooding problems. Also discussed was the possibility of adopting flood control projects, whereby the Village would set aside monies to help residents with the installation of flood control systems. In addition, **Trustee Demopoulos** pointed out to the Committee that, by having a Storm Water Management Ordinance, and a Mitigation Plan, it would allow the Village to apply for certain water related grants to improve infrastructures and other water related projects.

After having a discussion on these matters, the Committee determined that the Village would look further into them, commencing with the Village Administrator contacting Westchester to obtain an idea on the cost of developing a Mitigation Plan. All trustees agreed that, if, by establishing a Storm Water Management and Mitigation Plan would allow the Village to apply for certain grants, the Village should investigate it. Also, that once more information is gathered, these items will be discussed at a future meeting.

On the Matter of 2205 South Hainsworth Avenue:

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Corgiat, to concur with the Findings and Recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals to **permit** the construction of a front porch with a front yard setback of 17' at 2205 South Hainsworth Avenue, and for Attorney to prepare the proper ordinance for passage at a future meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, &**
NAYS: **None**
Motion Carried

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES (Continued):
On the Matter of 8405 West Cermak Road:

East Wall Signage:

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Corgiat, to concur with the Findings and Recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals to **grant** a variance to allow two (2) wall signs totaling 50 sq. ft. on the east wall of the property located at 8405 West Cermak Road, and for Attorney Hanson to prepare the proper ordinance for passage at a future meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: ***Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt***
NAYS: ***None***
Motion Carried

Neon Signage:

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Corgiat, to concur with the Findings and Recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals to **grant** a variance to allow a neon-constructed Arrow/Open sign on the south-east corner of the property located at 8405 West Cermak Road, and for Attorney Hanson to prepare the proper ordinance for passage at a future meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES; ***Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt***
NAYS; ***None***
Motion Carried

West Wall Signage:

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Corgiat, to concur with the Findings and Recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals to **grant** a variance to allow signage on the west wall, not to exceed 30 sq. ft., at the property located sty 8405 West Cermak Road, and for Attorney Hanson to prepare the proper ordinance for passage at a future meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES; ***Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt***
NAYS: ***None***
Motion Carried

2nd Floor Walls/East and West:

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Corgiat, to concur with the Findings and Recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals to **deny** the variance to allow off-premise advertising on the 2nd Floor walls at the property located at 8405 West Cermak Road.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: ***Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt***
NAYS: ***None***
Motion Carried

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES (Conti ued):

Finally, **Trustee Demopoulos announced** that there would be a Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning meeting on Monday, January 28, at :6:40 p.m.

Trustee DeSantis: Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Garbage:

Trustee DeSantis shared that a meeting would be held Monday, January 28, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., relating to a pipe grant.

Trustee Hermanek: Police, Fire & Licenses:

Trustee Hermanek presented the following **Fire Department Monthly Activity Report** for the month of **December 2012:**

FIRE AND EMS CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2012

FIRE		EMS	
December	60	December	125
YTD	946	YTD	1359
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Total combined calls for 2012:		YTD	2305

FIRE INSPECTIONS AND COMPLIANCES FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 2012

INSPECTIONS		COMPLIANCES	
December	55	December	39
YTD	709	YTD	380

Trustee Hermanek also provided the following **Police Department Activity Report** for the month of **December 2012:**

Calls for Service	1,318	Year to Date:	18,327
Parking Violations:	134	Year to Date:	3,085
Moving Violations:	123	Year to Date:	1,901
Compliance Tickets:	113	Year to Date:	1,585
Local Ordinance Violations:	29	Year to Date:	459
Size, Weight, & Load Violations:	3	Year to Date:	51
Total Violations:	402	Year to Date	7,081

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES (Continued):

Trustee Wilt: Judiciary – Ordinances & Recreation:

Trustee Wilt, made note of the following announcements, per the North Riverside Recreation Department, Sue Frampton, Director:

- **Winter-Spring Registration** has begun. Interested individuals are invited to come to the Recreation Department and sign up for their favorite trips, classes and events.
- An **invitation** is extended **to all** to come to the **North Riverside Recreation Department Indoor Vendor Fair** is held every Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. during the month of February. Each week, different vendors will be present to display their goods.
- If you are looking for a great **gaming experience**, please join the Recreation Department, on February 26, 2013, and take a trip to the Majestic Star. Fun is what you'd have. Tickets are on sale now.
- **Registration** for North Riverside Day Camp. For residents, it begins on February 5, 2013. Only a **\$50.00 deposit** is required, in order to hold you a spot.
- **The Children's Theater workshop** will begin February 5, 2013. Register now!
- **Tickets** are currently available for the **Jewelry Show Trip**, which is scheduled for February 21, 2013.

MAYORAL REPORT:

No report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A Thank You Letter from **Ned Century** to Police Chief Garvey and Mayor Krochmal, for the assistance of Officer Kathy Novotny who helped him, on November 9, 2012, to remove his stalled car out of harm's way, that was on 1st Avenue and Cermak Road, to a safe location until the tow truck arrived to pick it up.

Mr. Century also stated that Officer Novotny gave him a ride to Loyola Medical Center for his scheduled appointment. He commends the North Riverside Police Department for the superb work that it does for the public.

A Request Letter from **Sister Rosemary Connelly, R.S.M., Executive Director of the Misericordia Heart of Mercy Center**, to Dr. Miller, Clerk, and Mayor Krochmal for permission to conduct their annual Misericordia Belly/Jelly Candy Days fundraising event on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, 2013, on 1st Avenue and Cermak Road, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the Village of North Riverside.

Sister Connelly stated that this year they must raise **\$14 million dollars** to cover the cost of programs that are not reimbursed for the **600** children and adults with disabilities ranging from

CORRESPONDENCE (Continued):

mild and moderate to severe and profound. They expect to stand in street intersections, and in front of heavy pedestrian walkways distributing tags and bags of Jelly Belly Candy while collecting donations. Their excellent physical and occupational therapy programs and music would not be realities without private contributions. Their vocational, spiritual and recreational programs are also gifts from their friends.

Further, that at this time, Misericordia has more than **500 people** on their waiting list.

Sister Connelly expressed appreciation to the Village of North Riverside for its past assistance and consideration that have been given Misericordia.

Trustee DeSantis moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos, to grant permission to the Misericordia Heart of Mercy to conduct a Jelly Belly Candy Days fundraising activity in the Village of North Riverside, on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, 2013,

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, and Wilt

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A **motion** was **made by Trustee Corgiat, seconded by Trustee Hermanek, to approve** the list of bills that was submitted for this Village Board Meeting, totaling **\$1,705,597.73**, and to have these bills paid out of proper funds when such funds become available.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinances for the subjects of **Approving a Business District Plan and Designating a Business District (Harlem Avenue & 26th Street Business District), Rezoning Certain Property and Granting a Conditional Use Permit for Planned Development and Approving a Final Plat of Subdivision (Monroe-Costco), and Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business District Redevelopment Agreement (Monroe-Costco)** were **tabled** until Monday, January 28, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., and the meeting will be held in the North Riverside Board Council Chambers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Krochmal alluded to the past Electoral Board Meetings of January 2013, about which he rebutted the undue charges, character vilification and bullying by Trustee DeSantis

NEW BUSINESS (Continued):

(Village President Candidate of the Transparency & Accountability in Politics Party), of the North Riverside Electoral Board, in the current Landmark Newspaper. On the other hand, in his own defense, Trustee DeSantis emphatically **disputed** the stated accusations, and **vowed** that the premise of the contentions between him and the Electoral Board members (and the Village of North Riverside) would be **imminently adjudicated** by a **Circuit Court**.

AUDIENCE:

No.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Corgiat moved, seconded by Trustee Hermanek to adjourn this meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Queenella Miller
Village Clerk