

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
February 4, 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(**absent**), Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, and Wilt.

Others in attendance were Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Attorney Hanson, Chief of Police Garvey, Fire Chief Rouleau, Code Enforcement & Health Department Director Byrne, Recreation Director Frampton, Civil Service Commissioner Mathias, Village Engineer Fitzgerald, and the **Honorable Mayor Scheck**, Emeritus (Guest).

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Demopoulos**, seconded by **Trustee Corgiat**, to **approve** the agenda of the **February 4, 2013** Village Board Meeting, as was presented.

*Roll Call Vote:*

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

**BIDS:**

No.

**CASH RECEIPT REPORTS:**

No.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Demopoulos**, seconded by **Trustee Corgiat**, to **approve** the **Minutes** of the **January 21, 2013** Village Board Meeting as were presented.

*Roll Call Vote:*

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

**REPORTS OF TRUSTEES:**

**Trustee Corgiat: Finance, Health & Appropriations:**

No report.

**Trustee Czajka: Public Transportation Services & Plan Commission:**

Was absent.

**REPORTS OF TRUSTEES (Continued):**

**Trustee Demopoulos: Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning:**

No report.

**Trustee DeSantis: Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Garbage:**

**Trustee DeSantis summarized** the report of the **Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks and Garbage Committee Meeting**, of January 28, 2013, in the following manner:

**Item #1: Stage 3 – Street Resurfacing:** Trustee DeSantis introduced John Fitzgerald, the Village Engineer, who explained the distributed **handouts** for the meeting.

For example, the first handout was the Bike Path Proposed Distribution of Funds sheet, which showed the cost for Stages 1 & 2 of the Bike Path, and the projected money available for Stage 3 resurfacing. There were three other handouts: one showed the street resurfacing and construction since 1997; one showed the street condition inventory; and the last one was the street resurfacing and patching suggestions, along with the cost for each street developed by staff for the Stage 3 resurfacing project. This handout map highlighted streets in “red”, which would require complete resurfacing, and streets in “orange” could be patched. There was an estimated cost of **\$1,095,000.00** for streets that needed resurfacing, and **\$100,000.00** for streets to patch. Director Kutt then addressed the Committee by stating that, since the creation of the recommended streets to be resurfaced and patched, which was done in early fall, there were a couple of blocks that are now in worse shape, and are not on the list. It was determined that , with grant funds and MFT funds, the budget for the project would be **\$542,000.00**

As an end result, the Staff made recommendations for 25<sup>th</sup> Street, 2500 block of Keystone, 2200 and 2300 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. These were the blocks that were not on the original map, which are the 2500 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and 2300 block of Northgate, and then use the rest of the money to patch throughout the Village. Also, the Staff informed the Committee that, from 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue west was still in the Block Grant area, and the Staff would use Block Grant funds for this area, and also, they were hoping to have the south end added to the block grant map, once the new maps come out, although there was no time frame on when that would happen. There was a lengthy discussion among the Committee, Trustees and Staff, and even though 25<sup>th</sup> Street was in “red”, and needs attention, it was decided that the Staff would patch the worst areas of 25<sup>th</sup> Street, and notwithstanding that the south end may end up in the block grant zone, some resurfacing and patching should be done in that area. **Trustee DeSantis** made a motion, and **Trustee Demopoulos** seconded, that the following be included in the Stage 3 Resurfacing Project: the 2300 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; the 2500 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; the 2300 and 2400 blocks of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue; the 2300 block of Northgate; the 2500 block of Keystone; approximately **\$162,000.00** on streets will be determined by Staff in the south end, and approximately **\$80,000.00** will be for patching throughout the Village. The Committee passed the motion unanimously, with the remaining Trustees concurring with the motion.

As a consequence, **Trustee DeSantis moved, Trustee Demopoulos seconded**, that the

**REPORTS OF TRUSTEES (Continued):**

following streets be included in the Stage 3 Resurfacing Project: the 2300 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; the 2500 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; the 2300 and 2400 blocks of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue; the 2300 block of Northgate; and the 2500 block of Keystone; approximately **\$162, 000.00** on streets to be determined by Staff in the south end; and approximately **\$80,000 .00** for patching throughout the Village, and that Engineer Fitzgerald prepare the proper paperwork to submit to IDOT.

*Roll Call Vote:*

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

Also, **Trustee DeSantis moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos, to authorize** the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the necessary Engineering Agreements, with Frank Novotny & Associates, in accordance with the Federal requirements for the CDBG and Bike Grant Programs.

*Roll Call Vote*

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

**Trustee Hermanek: Police, Fire & Licenses:**

**Trustee Hermanek** extended heart-felt congratulatory expressions to the team of **Mayor Krochmal**, Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Attorneys Dave Silverman and Eric Hanson, the Village of North Riverside cast of John Fitzgerald, Code Enforcement & Health Department Director Byrne, Public Works Director Kutt, Secretary Mitchell Cozzone, et al, collectively, for their **indefatigable** and **indescribable** efforts in making **COSTCO**, the termed “**Crown Jewel**” of all retail establishments, become a reality to the Village of North Riverside, by the actual forthcoming opening of **its** doors, in **October** of this year, **in** the Village North Riverside. That, **comparatively**, this is the most significant event to occur in this Village, since the **advent**, and **subsequent** opening of the Village Mall, nearly a half century ago.

In addition, **Trustee Hermanek** pointed out that, **albeit** there were several complications that were encountered by the Village of North Riverside while in the process of interesting Costo to come to the Village, e. g., self–invested entities, **the good** of the Village and the residents encouraged the Village to be **stick-to-it-ive** and **perseverant**, in order for there to be a **positive** outcome; particularly, one that will benefit not only the immediate generation, but future generations to come

**Trustee Hermanek** thanked **Mayor Krochmal** for his **entrustment** in him to participate and contribute to the **Costco project** from its inception to completion.

### **REPORTS OF TRUSTEES (Continued):**

In another vein, **Trustee Hermanek** presented a considerable lengthy discourse regarding noted **improprieties** from **Trustee Rocco J. DeSantis**, of the Transparency & Accountability in Politics, and Candidate for the Village President of the April 9, 2013 Election, and **Trustee H. Bob Demopoulos**, as detailed in the last two weeks of their TAP Party web sites, **alleging** that the **North Riverside Paramedics Services, Inc. or PSI** (which is an entity of the Fire Department) provides **sub-par services** to the residents, and is on the **bottom end** of the **totem pole** for service, or should be **winnowed** out for being ineffective. These derogatory references are in direct contradiction to what he, **Trustee Hermanek**, Chairman of the Police and Fire Departments, had emphatically declared, **boastfully**, to the Golden Agers, at their December 2012 luncheon, by stating that the **North Riverside PSI** are **par excellence**, and are **unprecedented!**

Therefore, **Trustee Hermanek**, unequivocally stated that the disparaging and defamatory criticisms by **Trustees DeSantis and Demopoulos**, of the **North Riverside PSI**, have necessitated a formal Fire Committee meeting to be called on Monday, February 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., for the assessment and validation of kind; which, he asserts, has precipitated the need of residents to question **truths and untruths** relating to the type of service the North Riverside Paramedics Service, Inc. provides. Also, that he has asked Fire Chief Rouleau to **require** Lt. Fire Chief Gary Jurceka, Campaign Chairman of **Trustee DeSantis**, to attend this meeting. Further, that he has asked Administrator Belmonte to provide a Court Reporter, and to have the Village attorney present as well. Although all the residents of North Riverside have been invited to attend this meeting, **Trustee Hermanek** vowed to make public the end results.

### **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.
- **Registration** for North Riverside Day Camp begins Tuesday, February 5, 2013, for residents. A **\$50.00** deposit will hold your spot. Hurry!
- **Paczkis Day** is scheduled for February 12, 2013 (**Fat Tuesday**). Please join the Recreation Department for some delicious pastries, coffee, and Bingo.
- There are still some seats available for the **Dallas, Texas trip** in April 2013.
- The Recreation Department is looking for a **Jr. High Basketball league** for Thursdays, beginning March 14, 2013. Team fee is **\$100.00**.
- Please join the North Riverside Recreation Department on Thursday, February 14, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, for their New "**Senior Drop In**". Cards, Coffee and Conversation. Special Valentine Sweets will be served.

**MAYORAL REPORT:**

No report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A Thank You Card** from **Majorie Novak and Family**, to the North Riverside Fire Department and Mayor Krochmal for Dr. Bob, who wanted all to know how much he appreciated their paramedics. That, all were great in helping him at the blood pressure clinic.

**A Thank You Card** from **Carmela & Nick Albachura**, to Chief Rouleau and Mayor Krochmal for the excellent care that they received from the paramedics and the firemen, in that they were kind, considerate and gentle during the painful periods.

Further, they stated that it is great to know that we have such prompt and wonderful service when we are in need. Additionally, while people always complain, it is nice to get a positive note.

**A Congratulatory Letter** from **Richard J. Durbin, United States Senator**, to the North Riverside Fire Department and Mayor Krochmal for receiving a **\$30,685.00** award from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency, through the Assistance of the Firefighters Grant Program. Further, that he wishes the Riverside Fire Department the best of luck on this project and in all its future endeavors.

**A Letter of Gratitude** from **Steve and Natasha Wolff**, to Chief Anthony Garvey for the efforts extended in helping to return their daughter to her home last week. That, the speed with which your dispatched unit worked to support the Riverside PD was remarkable, and their support was essential to her return as well.

Further, indeed, all involved, approached our family with the utmost care and consideration that left an indelible impression on the sincerity and confidence in our daughter's swift return. There are truly no words to describe the relief that we felt upon learning that she was safely found.

Additionally, as stated in the media reports, the /Chicago Police Department's helicopter unit was ultimately responsible for our daughter's recovery. Therefore, in recognition of the entire team, and the risks first responders take each day, we have made a donation to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. We also intend to participate in this year's "Run to Remember", and further contribute to fundraisings.

In relationship to this incident, **Chief of Police "Thomas "Weitzel** (of Riverside), forwarded a **Thank You Letter** to Chief of Police Garvey and Mayor Krochmal for the assistance of Officers Chris Devine and Patrick Chojnowski in recovering this missing juvenile on Monday, January 14, 2013.

That, she went missing from her home on Kimbark Road. It was learned through investigation that she was suicidal and had left the home without proper winter clothing as well as leaving a note indicating that she wanted to harm herself.

**CORRESPONDENCE (Continued):**

Without hesitation, Officers Chris Devine and Patrick Chojnowski assisted the RPD personnel with the missing juvenile.

Further, that the female juvenile’s recovery was a direct result of a team effort and coordination of all police resources. Please thank Officers Chris Devine and Patrick Chojnowski for their assistance in this incident.

**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 **\$327,854.80**, and to have these bills paid out of proper funds when such funds become available.

*Roll Call Vote:*

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

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Demopoulos**, **seconded** by **Trustee Corgiat** , to **pass** an Ordinance Amending the Village’s Municipal Code Relating to Fences, and to waive reading of the Ordinance.

*Roll Call Vote:*

*AYES;* **Trustees Corgiat, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt**  
*NAYS:* **None**  
*ABSENT:* **Trustee Czajka**  
**Motion Carried – Ordinance #13-O-01**

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Demopoulos**, **seconded** by **Trustee Corgiat**, to **pass** an Ordinance Approving a Front Porch Variance for the Property Located at 2205 South Hainsworth, and to waive the reading of the Ordinance.

*Roll Call Vote:*

*AYES:* **Trustees Corgiat, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt**  
*NAYS:* **None**  
*ABSENT:* **Trustee Czajka**  
**Motion Carried – Ordinance #13-O-02**

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Demopoulos**, **seconded** by **Trustee Corgiat**, to **pass** an Ordinance Approving Sign Variances for the Property Located at 8405 West Cermak Road, and to waive the reading of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):**

*Roll Call Vote:*

*AYES:* ***Trustees Corgiat, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt***  
*NAYS:* ***None***  
*ABSENT:* ***Trustee Czajka***  
**Motion Carried – Ordinance #13-O-03**

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Hermanek**, seconded by **Trustee DeSantis**, to pass an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code Relating to Alcoholic Beverages, and to waive the reading of the Ordinance.

*Roll Call Vote:*

*AYES:* ***Trustees Corgiat, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt***  
*NAYS:* ***None***  
*ABSENT:* ***Trustee Czajka***  
**Motion Carried – Ordinance #13-O-04**

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Demopoulos**, seconded by **Trustee Wilt**, to pass an Ordinance Approving a Business District Plan and Designating a Business District(Harlem Avenue & 26<sup>th</sup> Street), and to waive the reading of the Ordinance.

*Roll Call Vote:*

*AYES:* ***Trustees Corgiat, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt***  
*NAYS:* ***None***  
*ABSENT:* ***Trustee Czajka***  
**Motion Carried – Ordinance #13-O-05**

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Demopoulos**, seconded by **Trustee Corgiat**, to pass an Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property and Granting a Conditional Use Permit for Plan Development and Approving a Final Plat of Subdivision (Monroe-Costco), and to waive the reading of the Ordinance.

*Roll Call Vote:*

*AYES:* ***Trustees Corgiat, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt***  
*NAYS:* ***None***  
*ABSENT:* ***Trustee Czajka***  
**Motion Carried – Ordinance #13-O-06**

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Hermanek**, seconded by **Trustee Wilt**, to pass an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business District Redevelopment Agreement, and to waive the reading of the Ordinance.

*Roll Call Vote:*

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

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):**

*ABSENT:* **Trustee Czajka**  
**Motion Carried – Ordinance #13-O-07**

A **motion** was made by **Trustee DeSantis**, seconded by **Trustee Demopoulos**, to **pass** a Resolution Appropriating Funds for the 2013 MFT/CDBG Street Resurfacing, and to waive the reading of the Resolution.

*Roll Call Vote:*

*AYES:* **Trustees Corgiat, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt**  
*NAYS:* **None**  
*ABSENT:* **Trustee Czajka**  
**Motion Carried – Resolution #13-R-01**

A **motion** was made by **Trustee DeSantis**, seconded by **Trustee Demopoulos**, to **pass** a Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Village Wide Bike Path Stage 3 Resurfacing of Various Streets, and to waive the reading of the Resolution.

*Roll Call Vote:*

*AYES:* **Trustees Corgiat, Demopoulos, DeSantis, Hermanek, & Wilt**  
*NAYS:* **None**  
*ABSENT:* **Trustee Czajka**  
**Motion Carried – Resolution #13-R-02**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Trustee Corgiat** stated that he had observed that **Trustees Demopoulos and DeSantis** (the Transparency & Accountability in Politics Party, and Candidate for the Village President, 2013 Election), and **several** members of the Police and Fire Departments, have **wittingly** and **belligerently** distributed flyers to his friends and neighborhood (and entered on the internet), **defamed propaganda** and **falsehoods** about him and his family.

**Trustee Corgiat** acknowledged that, albeit it is **election** time, it is **unconscionable** and **needless** for the Transparency & Accountability in Politics Party (**Trustees Demopoulos and DeSantis**, and their constituents) to use unsavory tactics to **demoralize** his family and him. And, he requested that the **Mayor investigate** the basis for the behavior of the **involved** North Riverside Police and Fire Departments employees, and exercise **punitive action** against them for being **non-compliant** to their **sworn oath**.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AUDIENCE:**

The following references were made by the audience:

- **Fire Chief Rouleau** presented requirements of the **EMT's, PSI's, Ambulance service, and firefighters**.

**AUDIENCE (Continued):**

- **Compliments**, by several residents, of how effective and helpful the **North Riverside Paramedics, EMT'S, and Fire Department personnel** are to the Village.
- **Detective Sergeant Frank Schmalz expressed** his displeasure with **Mayor Krochmal's retort** to **Trustee DeSantis**, during the January 21, 2013 Trustee Board Meeting, whereupon **Trustee DeSantis inferred** that some North Riverside Village Officials would be **incarcerated** for deemed illegalities. The crux of the matter was that **Mayor Krochmal** stated that if he is going to be incarcerated, "what time of day would the police come for him, because they do not like to get out of the squad car at night."

This remark, Detective Schmalz **understood** to be an **insult** to the Police Unit, who, too, were equally disturbed by it because they "take great pride in the service and protection that they provide on a daily basis." **Mayor Krochmal**, in essence, explained that his remark **was not** intended to be a **disparagement** to the North Riverside Police Department, because he has the utmost respect and appreciation for it.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Trustee Corgiat moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos, to adjourn this meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Dr. Queenella Miller**  
**Village Clerk**