

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JANUARY 20, 2014
COUNCIL ROOM 7:00 PM**

Mayor Hermanek called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance and a Roll Call. In attendance were Trustee Bianco, Trustee Czajka, Trustee Demopoulos Trustee Mengoni and Trustee Wilt. Trustee Decosola was absent.

Others in attendance were Administrator Belmonte, Attorney Hayes, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Police Chief Niemann, Fire Chief Bask, Public Works Director Kutt and interim Recreation Director Penny Devin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Demopoulos moved seconded by Trustee Wilt to approve the agenda for this meeting.
Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Decosola

BIDS- None

CASH RECEIPTS REPORT

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to accept the Cash Receipt Report for the month of December, 2013 in the amount of \$1,332,883.70

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Decosola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the December 16, 2013 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Decosola

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Bianco- (Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Refuse)

Trustee Bianco read a report from Village Engineer John Fitzgerald as follows:

Village Engineer John Fitzgerald has submitted paperwork he received from IDOT to close out past MFT projects. IDOT submitted closeout paperwork for the MFT Projects in 1994, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001 and 2009 showing a total of \$56,128.82 spent over what was anticipated. This money has been paid and is not additional funds to be paid at this time.

Trustee Bianco moved, seconded by Trustee Czajka to approve the additional money that was spent totaling \$56,128.82 for MFT Projects in 1994, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001 and 2009. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Decosola

Trustee Bianco also complimented our Public Works Department and mentioned how great our streets look during the heavy snow storms.

Trustee Czajka- (Buildings, Public Grounds, Lights, Public Services & Transportation)- No report

Trustee Decosola- (Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)- Absent

Trustee Demopoulos- (Water, Sewers Drainage & Zoning)

Trustee Demopoulos filed the January 8, 2014 Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission Meeting Minutes with the Clerk's office.

Trustee Demopoulos also read a brief annual report from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation of Greater Chicago. The report describes the water quality and anyone wanting to review these reports can go on the website at **mwrdd.org**. Trustee Czajka asked the question if North Riverside still conducts water testing and Public Works Director Kutt replied the Village tests the water on a weekly basis, the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission tests on a daily basis, and the City of Chicago tests every twenty minutes.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Mengoni- (Police, Fire & License)

Trustee Mengoni mentioned that on December 11, Lt. Perez presented a fire safety presentation at the North Riverside Police Department's Citizens Police Academy.

On December 21st the North Riverside Fire Department conducted the Annual Santa Run where Santa Claus made his way through North Riverside including a visit to the Scottish Home.

Blood Pressure Screenings were provided for the seniors at the North Riverside Village Commons the first Wednesday of the month from 9-11 am. Blood Pressure screenings were also provided Monday- Friday 1-5pm at the fire station.

Trustee Mengoni congratulated the following Police Officers:

- Commander Ehrenberg is attending North Western University Center for Public Safety Police Staff and Command.
- Officer Pinelli started today in investigations.
- Sgt. Boenzi and Detective Sgt. Garcia completed 40 hours in supervisor school.
- Welcome probation officer Joseph Coya who is enrolled in Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy.
- Commander Ehrenberg and Officer Vuolo attended a Train the Trainer course on the new Concealed to Carry Law.
- Probationary Officers Roberson, Biel and Weitzel successfully completed Field Training and are on their own on the streets.

Trustee Wilt (Finance, Health & Appropriations)- No report

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Hermanek read the Community Development Updates as follows:

- Longhorn Steakhouse- Darden Corporation has cancelled plans to open a Longhorn Steakhouse on a "yet approved" outlot on the north side of Sears property at North Riverside Park Mall.
- Outback Steakhouse- Management for North Riverside Park Mall has informed the Village that they have been in contact with representatives from Outback Steakhouse regarding the opening of a restaurant at the vacant building west of the Olive Garden restaurant.
- Red Robin- At his request, Staff provided written approval of the proposed site plan for Red Robin to Tom Brashler, with Monroe Asset Management LLC.
- Furnish 1 2 3 – A new full house discount furniture store opened this month in North Riverside Park Mall.

MAYORAL REPORT(continued)

- North Riverside Classic Cinema (Tivoli Enterprises)- Celebrated five (5) years of business inside the North Riverside Park Mall.
- Old Navy- Permit was issued for the purpose of reducing the square footage of the business by 5,000 square feet.
- Digital Media Sign- This Department has received and approved the structural drawings for installing the new digital media sign at the northeast corner of Cermak Road and 1st Avenue. The face of the sign will be reduced from the current 252 square feet to 209 square feet, with a four foot (4') reduction in height. The use of updated LED illumination will result in a sharper, cleaner image and a reduction in perceived glare.
- Presales- The Community Development Department performed nine (9) single –family and one (1) multi- family presale inspections during the month of December.
- Two building permits were issued for full interior remodels of residential structures, with one remodeling permit issued for a multi- family structure.

Mayor Hermanek also thanked the Public Works Department for their many hours of hard work during the snow storms.

A letter was read by Mayor Hermanek from the Scottish Home requesting that the Board of Trustees grant an extension to the six (6) month permit that was issued to approve the construction of the “Caledonian House” on the Scottish Home’s campus. Although significant progress has been made, the six month time frame has become unrealistic in completing architectural and interior design plans for submission to the Village for appropriate reviews and approvals.

Trustee Bianco moved, seconded by Trustee to grant an extension to the Scottish Home’s permit to another 6 months. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Decosola

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you card from the Golden Agers was received, thanking the Village Board for the monetary gift to their club.

Marlene Wolters sent a letter to the Village Board thanking the Public Works for all that they do and especially the Handy Man services which she has used several times.

Nancy Osbrink sent a letter thanking the Village of North Riverside for the Rider Program. These past few winter months have been especially hard on her and she is thankful for this program.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

A request came from Just Energy, requesting permission for solicitation during the months of January- March 2014. Independent Contractors will visit residents at their homes to inform them of the Just Energy RateFlex program for their natural gas bill.

Trustee Czajka moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to grant permission to the above request. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Trustee Wilt, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve the list of bills submitted for January 6, 2014 meeting totaling \$161,547.52 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Decosola

A motion was made by Trustee Wilt, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting, January 20, 2014 totaling \$548,582.69 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Decosola

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS-None

AUDIENCE

A resident complimented the Village and the Department of Public Works for the wonderful job on the streets during these past snow storms. She also requested that if it was possible that the Recreation Department look into a celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King Day next year.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Czajka for adjournment at 7:14 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK