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

Others in attendance were Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Attorney Hayes, Police Chief Garcia, Fire Chief Kiser, Recreation Director Mrozik, and Public Works Director Kutt.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Trustee Sarro moved seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the revised agenda for this meeting. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro
NAYS: None. Motion carried
ABSENT: Trustee Czajka

**BIDS** None

**CASH RECEIPT REPORT**

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to approve the Cash Receipt Report for the month of December, 2020 in the amount of $2,127,814.90 Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro
NAYS: None. Motion carried
ABSENT: Trustee Czajka

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Sarro moved, seconded by Trustee Flores to approve the January 6, 2020 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Sarro
ABSTAIN: Trustee Mengoni
NAYS: None. Motion carried
REPORT OF TRUSTEES

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

Trustee Demopoulos - (Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Garbage) - No report

Trustee Flores - (Police, Fire & License)

Trustee Flores read a brief statement about a recent occurrence as follows:

I sit up here this evening in front of our Nations Flag on Martin Luther King Day feeling saddened by a recent encounter. I want the residents to know that as long as I am on this board racism, inappropriate words and the use of profanity is not only unacceptable but will not be tolerated whether it is before, during or after any public meeting by any members of the public, elected officials or spouses. Let me remind everyone that this is a public building where children and families are present at all times. If anyone cannot conduct yourself in a proper manner I ask the Mayor and board to please have them excused from further meetings.

Let’s all represent this village appropriately and conduct ourselves in a respectful manner not only today but every day.

Trustee Mandel - (Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)

Trustee Mandel submitted the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission Meeting Minutes from the December 11, 2020 meeting with Clerk Ranieri.

Trustee Mandel made mention about a possible State of Illinois small grant program for fire department which needs to be submitted by February 29th which she gave to Director Scarpiniti.

Trustee Mengoni - (Finance Health & Appropriations) - No report

Trustee Sarro - (Public Buildings, Grounds, Lights, Transportation, Plan Commission)

In lieu of Trustee Czajka’s absence, Trustee Sarro read the following report from the Recreation Department:

The Youth Basketball Season is underway catering to 451 children that make up 46 total teams. We are happy to see more and more kids come out each year. We are now operating out of
three facilities, and invite neighbors to the action-packed games on Saturdays and Sundays through March 8th at the Village Commons.

Later this week, three full-time employees will attend the annual IPRA Conference- the largest parks and recreation conference in the nation. The summit provides educational programming, professional development, networking opportunities and direct access to vendor organizations.

Summer Day Camp Packets are available for pick-up at the Parks and Recreation Office. On February 5th, camp registration will be open to returning participants. New participant registration begins on February 12th. We encourage anyone interested in day camp to secure their spot early. The department will be sending out additional reminders to the community in the coming weeks.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Hermanek read stated Bob Kallien, who is in charge of the Strategic Plan for the village has made some recommendations and one is to combine the Plan Commission and Zoning Board into one entity. This will be discussed under Ordinance and Resolutions later tonight.

CORRESPONDENCE

Harvey Ahitow, general manager of the North Riverside Park Mall sent a letter addressed to Chief Garcia thanking the entire police department for their continued support during the holiday season.

In reference to Trustee Flores statement, Clerk Ranieri agreed inappropriate behavior should not and will not be tolerated at meetings supported Trustee Flores’s remarks.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Sarro to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling $762,367.69 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro
NAYS: None. Motion carried
ABSENT: Trustee Czajka
ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Mengoni seconded to approve an Ordinance Creating a Joint Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission in the Village of North Riverside (20-O-04) and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Demopoulos, Mandel, Flores, Mengoni, Sarro
NAYS: None. Motion carried
ABSENT: Trustee Czajka

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Mengoni seconded to concur with the Mayor’s appointment of Patrick Ferriter, Chairman and John Mathias to the Joint ZBA/Plan Commission Board with an expiration date of April 30, 2023. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro
NAYS: None. Motion carried
ABSENT: Trustee Czajka

Trustee Mandel moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to concur with the Mayor’s appointment of John Bork and Matt Brophy to the position of ZBA/Plan Commission Board with an expiration date of April 30, 2022. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro
NAYS: None. Motion carried
ABSENT: Trustee Czajka

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Flores seconded to concur with the Mayor’s appointment of George Georgopoulos and Dave Witken to the ZBA/Plan Commission Board with an expiration date of April 30, 2021. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro
NAYS: None. Motion carried
ABSENT: Trustee Czajka

AUDIENCE - None
ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Sarro seconded for adjournment of this meeting at 7:15pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK