

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2013  
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 Decosola, Trustee Demopoulos and Trustee Wilt. Trustee Mengoni was absent.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

Absent: Trustee Mengoni

**BIDS**- None

**CASH RECEIPTS REPORT**- None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Decosola to approve the October 21, 2013 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Bianco- (Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Refuse)- No report

Trustee Czajka- ( Buildings, Public Grounds, Lights, Public Services & Transportation)

Trustee Czajka reported that she has been informed by Administrator Belmonte that the Village has received two grants totaling \$52,172.85 to replace all Village parking lot lights with new LED lighting heads along with the 36 Ballard lighting fixtures around Village buildings. One grant is

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)**

from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for \$36,482.85 and the other is from the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation for \$15,690.00. The Village's cost for this project will be about \$1,700. The material had been ordered and installation should start by the last week in November.

### **Trustee Decosola- ( Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)**

Trustee Decosola announced that the process of reorganization in the Recreation Department has begun and Director Devin wants to express her appreciation to the staff for "stepping up to the plate" during the transition as well as the Mayor and Trustees and all department heads for their support.

Trustee Decosola also read the following report from the Recreation Department:

- "Freaky Friday" lazer dance was held at the Village Commons on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and over 170 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Komarek and Hauser were in attendance.
- "Witches and Brew" luncheon attracted 45 guests and recreation wants to thank Florence Mengoni for writing the Halloween poem to kick off the event.
- Youth Soccer program has come to an end and would like to thank the 20 volunteer coaches who assisted us in making it a successful season for over 135 boys and girls.
- A Zumbathon was held at the Village Commons on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and over \$2,000 was raised for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.
- Our Winter-Spring Recreation book has been moved up a month and will be delivered to our residents mid-December with a lot of new activities for all ages.

Finally, the FEEDS6 charitable organization wishes to thank the Village for use of our facilities on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Over 100 volunteers packaged 42,000 bags of food to be delivered to the less fortunate both locally and all over the world.

### **Trustee Demopoulos- ( Water, Sewers Drainage & Zoning)**

Trustee Demopoulos read a letter from the West Central Municipal Conference as follows:

The Suburban Water Task Force, a sub-group established by the West Central Municipal Conference (WCMC), announced today that it is calling upon all metropolitan members of the Illinois General Assembly to create a nexus between any legislation establishing a casino gaming license for the City of Chicago and reduction in water rates for all water customers of the City of Chicago.

Accordingly, the Task Force requests that any casino gaming license granted to the City of Chicago attach a revenue formula, offsetting water rates, to be applied to all consumers of Chicago water. This offset percentage would be specifically targeted to water delivery and related infrastructure resulting in a consequential reduction in water rates.

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)**

In 1980, the WCMC was founded as the regional council of governments (COG) serving the communities of west suburban Cook County. Today, the membership roster consists of 51 municipalities, townships, Brookfield Zoo and 2 community colleges in western Cook and eastern Du Page Counties.

Trustee Mengoni- ( Police, Fire & License)- Absent

Trustee Wilt ( Finance, Health & Appropriations)

Trustee Wilt read the following report from the Finance Health & Appropriations Committee Meeting held on October 28, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

**Item #1: Review Cost of New Fire Engine:** Chief Basek informed the committee that he, Mayor Hermanek and Stan and Zak from Public Works went to the Pierce Production plant in Wisconsin to look at and design a fire pumper truck for the Village. The Chief has had a number of meetings with a Pierce representative to discuss what equipment the department needs on the new vehicle and the cost associated with these items. Chief Basek handed out a memo to the committee and the other board members present showing the two option packages he felt were needed on the new vehicle. Some of the options were a heavy duty engine, alternator and transmission, larger chassis, Class A foam extinguishing system and a front water inlet port. The Chief explained why he felt this equipment was necessary. The committee and the other trustees had a number of questions that the Chief answered concerning the equipment as well as the cost. Director Scarpiniti informed the committee that there was originally \$500,000 budgeted for the total cost of the new pumper in this year's budget, with \$332,500 funded through a federal grant received by the Village. With the additional options the Chief is requesting, the anticipated cost of the new fire pumper would need to be increased from \$500,000 to \$600,500 if approved. The Director informed the committee that the lead time to manufacture this vehicle is about 5 to 7 months; therefore, this expense will need to be rolled over into next year's budget as it will not be received by April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Village will be better suited to fund the additional cost for the pumper in next year's budget with the additional sales tax revenue projected to be generated from the new businesses, i.e. Costco, Red Lobster and Chick-fil-A. The committee asked if there was any chance that we could negotiate a lower price, the Administrator said that he would sit down with the Chief and Pierce representative to see if they could lower their price. A motion was made by Trustee Mengoni and seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve to purchase a new Pierce Velocity Fire Pumper at a cost not to exceed \$600,500.00. The motion passed 3-0 by the committee. Chairman Wilt polled the other three trustees who all agreed with the committee as did Mayor Hermanek.

**Item #2: Review Possible Extension of P.S.I. Contract:** The Mayor informed the committee and board members that he and Administrator Belmonte had a meeting with a representative from

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)**

P.S.I. about extending their current contract. PSI's current contract runs through July 31, 2015 and Mayor would like to come to an agreement on a five year contract. He explained that the Village has been with P.S.I. for over 25 years and that they are a very reliable company with well-trained paramedics. The Mayor explained that prior to the 5% increase that was approved in this year's budget; the last raise P.S.I received was in August 2009. The Administrator explained that the P.S.I. current contract did not have yearly increases automatically built in and that they needed to be negotiated every year. He mentioned how P.S.I. has worked with the Village during the hard economic times of the past few years and that's why there were no increases in August 2010, 2011 and 2012. The Mayor explained he asked for the meeting and that he proposed a 5 year contract starting on August 1, 2014 and running through July 31, 2019 with an annual increase effective August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year averaging 2.25% per year. Over the duration of the 5-year contract, the total increase paid to PSI would be 12.5% or \$61,500. Currently, the Village is paying approximately \$458,205 annually for paramedic services. If approved, the new P.S.I. contract would raise the final contract cost for paramedic services to \$518,400 by year 2019. The Mayor stated that having a contract with pre-determined yearly increases would also help Finance Director Scarpiniti in preparing the Village's annual budget as the increases each year would be actual amounts rather than projections. There was discussion among the committee and trustees and Trustee Demopoulos expressed his desire to bid the service because of the money saved when the Village bid out the waste hauling contract. There was discussion on this but it was not the same situation, because we are talking about health safety issues and do we really want the low bidder when we are talking about the health and safety of our residents. A question was asked on what were the increases to police officers and firefighters during the time PSI did not receive an increase, the Administrator explained that he did not have this information at the meeting but could come up with that number for the committee and board. Chairman Wilt expressed that this was the first time the committee has heard about this and she would like to table this item to discuss at a future meeting, the committee agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Trustee Wilt moved seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to authorize the purchase of a Pierce Velocity Fire Pumper at a cost not to exceed \$600,500.

AYES: Trustee Bianco, Czajka, Decosola, Demopoulos, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

Trustee Wilt also called for a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2014 at 6:00 pm to discuss the current year financial report to date and the 2013 property tax levy

## **MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Hermanek read the following update report from the Community Development Department:

- Cosco
  1. October 21<sup>st</sup>- A temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued for stocking of non-perishable items.
  2. ComEd removed the utility vault from the right of way along 26<sup>th</sup> Street. ComEd is scheduled to connect permanent electrical power to the warehouse on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Childrens Place- Received a Certificate of Occupancy for the remodeling permit issued earlier this month. The Approximate cost of the remodeling was \$230,000.
- Old Navy- submitted a \$500,000 remodeling permit for the purpose of reducing the current space by 5,000 square feet.
- Red Lobster- No movement towards demolition of construction of a new structure.
- Presale Inspections- The Community Development Department conducted 12 presale inspections during the month of October.
- Red Robin- A pre-planning meeting is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>, with a representative of Red Robin. The Village Administrator, along with inspectors from the Community Development Department and Fire Department will be in attendance.
- Brain Galey- Galey Construction in reference to submitting for a foundation permit only for the multi-tenant building on the north outlet owned by Monroe Partners. He did not indicate any possible tenants for the site.
- Body Central- Nationwide clothing retail store has submitted drawings for a buildout at North Riverside Park Mall. The cost of the remodeling permit was \$150,000.
- Chick-fil-A – Construction for the restaurant is moving along and appears to be tracking on schedule.
- Two business licenses have been issued to separate vendors for operation of a Christmas tree sales lot. One of the lots will be located east of the Olive Garden restaurant and the other as part the Costco development.
- Cardinal Liquors- Grand Opening is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Hermanek also asked that the December 9<sup>th</sup> Village Board Meeting be canceled.

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to cancel the December 9, 2013 Village Board Meeting.

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

**MAYORAL REPORT (continued)**

Mayor Hermanek asked that a Special Village Board Meeting be scheduled for December 16, 2013.

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to schedule a Special Village Board Meeting on December 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

AYES: Trustees Bainco, Czajka, Decosola, Demopoulos, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

**CORRESPONDENCE-** None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Trustee Wilt, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$264,528.26 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS-** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Probationary Police Officers Alex Weitzel was sworn in and Officer Carlos Garcia was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

**AUDIENCE-** Residents from the 2300 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue expressed their concern about the residents of 2322 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mayor Hermanek assured the residents that the Village inspector is aware of the situation. Police Chief Niemann addressed their issues and concerns as well and encouraged residents to call the police department if they see anything suspicious.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Bianco moved, seconded by Trustee Czajka for adjournment at 7:17 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

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VILLAGE CLERK