

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2014
COUNCIL ROOM 7:00PM**

Mayor Hermanek called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a Roll Call. In attendance were Trustee Bianco, Trustee Czajka, Trustee Decosola, Trustee Demopoulos, Trustee Mengoni and Trustee Wilt.

Others in attendance were Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Attorney Hayes, Police Chief Niemann, Fire Chief Basek, Public Works Director Kutt, and Recreation Director Michalik.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the agenda for this meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

BIDS- None

CASH RECEIPTS REPORT

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to accept the Cash Receipt Report for the month of November, 2014 in the amount of \$1,431,321.14. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Wilt to approve the November 17, 2014 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSTAIN: Trustee Mengoni

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Bianco (Streets Alleys, Sidewalks & Refuse)

Trustee Bianco gave the following Public Works Update:

- Tree trimming for the fiscal year is now completed. The only remaining tree work is for the last group of tree removals.
- The Hydrant Flushing is also completed and now leak detection is taking place. Once the Leak Detection Program is completed, we will then start exercising water valves.
- Currently, we are looking to prepare a bid packet for sewer lining. The hope is to line various sewer lines throughout town where a liner can extend the life of the system as needed. All of the lining work is for short applications. There is no need to line the entire system as our sewer lines are in very good condition thus far according to the images viewed while televising.
- Public Works Department have also updated the street survey which grades the road conditions in preparation for future budget meetings on road paving projects.
- Public Works will also start replacing any worn or damaged street sign throughout the Village. This work will be around any snow removal, water leak repair and valve work.
- Currently, we have continued to operate the Street Sweeper since temperatures have been above freezing. We will continue to do so weather permitting.
- Lastly, the 2014 tree planting program and sidewalk replacement program have also been completed. Once again we filled the entire request list for parkway tree planting which is free to residents of North Riverside. We also removed and replaced several thousand linear feet of sidewalk. Again, the Village of North Riverside pays for the entire cost of the program making certain there are no deflections within the 1.5 inch limit that would cause a trip and fall liability to both the residents and the Village.

Trustee Bianco also reminded residents of the following:

1. Please do not pass snow plow trucks while in operation.
2. After a snow fall, please re-locate your parked vehicles in a timely manner to allow curb to curb cleaning.
3. Unless the snow fall is to pass 3 to 4 inches of accumulation, we typically try to plow the alleys once the snow stops. The purpose of this is to avoid multiple cleanings for the residents. However, during a large snow fall, we will need to make multiple passes to allow vehicles to travel safely, so your patience is certainly appreciated.
4. Please understand that all of the snow within the roadway gets split. Half of the street or alley to the north and the other to the south. With that being said, the wind-roll of snow off the plows will place large amounts of snow along the curb and on your driveway apron. Please be careful while cleaning aprons and understand that if snow continues, we may have to make several more passes.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

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

Trustee Decosola (Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)- No report

Trustee Demopoulos (Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)

Trustee Demopoulos filed the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2014 with Clerk Ranieri. Trustee Demopoulos also shared an email that he received from Environment Illinois regarding their campaign to clean Lake Michigan. Environment Illinois is working to build a display of support of the EPA's rule to restore Clean Water Act protections from Illinois elected officials. They are asking to join other elected officials from across the state and sign a letter to Senators Durbin and Kirk. Officials and residents can learn more about the campaign on the website [envirnmentillinois.org](http://environmentillinois.org). Trustee Demopoulos encouraged residents to write a letter and learn more about this campaign.

Trustee Mengoni (Police, Fire & License)

Trustee Mengoni submitted the Fire and EMS calls for the month of November with the Clerks Office.

Trustee Wilt (Finance, Health & Appropriations)

Trustee Wilt did not have minutes at this time from the December 8, 2014 Finance, Health & Appropriations Committee Meeting but reported that the Village did receive an accounting award from auditors.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Hermanek read the following Community Development Updates:

- Presales- The Community Development Department preformed nine (9) single-family presale inspections totaling \$2,835.00 in fees.
- Permit Totals- For the month of November, the Community Development Department issued 44 residential and commercial permits totaling \$7,715.54.
- Sports Clips- Opened for business at 2518 Harlem Avenue.
- Red Wing Shoes- Opened for business at 2518 Harlem Avenue.
- AT&T- Opened for business at 2518 Harlem Avenue.
- ATI- Opened for business at 2518 Harlem Avenue.

MAYORAL REPORT (continued)

- AAA Auto Care- Costco Corporation exercised their right to impose a "blackout clause", suspending construction between the dates of November 19th through January 15th.
- 7929 W. Cermak Road- The owner of the property submitted construction drawings to complete the existing vanilla box. The drawings also contained a Phase II for the property that includes an addition to the existing structure and installation of an exit only cut on DesPlaines Avenue and closure of an existing curb cut on Cermak Road. The Phase II portion of the plan requires both zoning relief and IDOT approval. The owner was advised to obtain IDOT approval prior to bring the request for variance to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Community Development Department is in the process of reviewing Phase I of the drawings to allow for the existing structure and parking lot to be completed.
- Auntie Anne's- Opened a second location inside the North Riverside Park Mall.
- Dr. Krasnov- Submitted drawings to open a dental office inside North Riverside Park Mall. Cost of construction is \$75,000.
- Forever 21- Opened in their new, expanded location in North Riverside Park Mall.
- Wendy's- Submitted drawings for exterior facade improvements and interior remodeling, to include installation of an electric fireplace. Cost of construction: \$350,000.
- Carson's- Temporarily closed their doors on November 12th due to a fire in the loading dock area. The fire created smoke to enter the merchandise floors and appears to have been caused by a short in a recently replaced dock heater located on the ceiling.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Krochmal family sent a thank you card on behalf of their family thanking the Village Board for the floral arrangement sent to her mother's funeral.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$475,666.38 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve an Ordinance-Tax Levy **(14-O-17)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS- None

AUDIENCE

Resident Frank Spale expressed his concern about an article that was published in the Landmark Newspaper and written by a Berwyn Firefighter. He stated the article had false information and stated his opinions about the future contributions into pension plans.

Mr. Krubales asked the Mayor about the red light camera's income and why it was going to the police pension fund as stated in the Landmark Newspaper. Mayor Hermanek explained to Mr. Krubales that the article did not come from his department and the facts in that article were wrong.

Trustee Wilt expressed her condolence on the passing of State Comptroller, Judy Baar Topinka. She was a great friend to the Village of North Riverside and will be missed.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Decosola moved seconded by Trustee Bianco for adjournment at 7:22pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

KATHY RANIERI

Village Clerk