

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING April 1, 2019
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 Flores, Trustee Mengoni and Trustee Sarro.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka Demopoulos, Flores, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

BIDS- None

CASH RECEIPT REPORT-No report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Sarro moved, seconded by Trustee Bianco to approve the March 18, 2019 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Flores, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Bianco- (Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)- No report

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Czajka- (Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)

Trustee Czajka read the following report from the Parks and Recreation Department:

We would like to celebrate our top teams in our 5th and 6th Grade Basketball Team League and our 7th and 8th Grade Basketball League. Congratulations to ...

- The Blue Demons led by Coaches Austin and Elzy for winning the 5th and 6th Grade Co-Ed Division
- The Purple Team led by Coaches Hernandez and Allende for winning the 5th and 6th Grade Girls Division.
- The Bricks led by Coaches Egan, Miller and Bielobradek taking the 7th and 8th Grade Division.

Thank you to all participants and coaches for a wonderful season!

There are very few spots left for our Bunny Bingo on Friday April 12th. If you would like to bring your family and friends out to the fun, stop by or call the office.

The Parks and Recreation invites you to the Greener Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 13th from 11am-1pm in the Police Parking Lot. We will have an onsite paper shredding truck, Goodwill present for donations and many opportunities to repurpose and recycle various items. Please view the flyer in the hallway or our Facebook page for details. There are also locked bins for paper shredding in the village Commons starting on April 5th.

The Department will be hosting the Kids Flea Market on Saturday, April 13th from 9am to 1pm in the Village Commons Gym. We have limited spots available for vendors, so please register soon if you're interested in selling or stop by to snag some deals.

This Saturday evening, we will be hosting our first ever Adult Easter Egg Hunt at 7:30pm. We already have 122 registered and will only go to 200 total.

The Police Benevolent Association will be hosting their Easter Egg Hunt starting at 10am sharp on Saturday, April 20th in the rear parking lot of the Village Commons. Please be prompt.

Lastly, we invite you out to our Transportation Exploration event on Thursday, April 25th from 4pm-6pm in the Police Parking Lot. We hope to see you there at several events.

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

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Flores- (Police, Fire & License)-No report

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

Trustee Sarro- (Public Buildings, Grounds, lights, Transportation, Plan Commission)- No report

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Hermanek gave the following updates from the Community Development Department:

- Presales- The Department preformed 6 single-family presale inspections totaling \$2,430.00 in revenue.
- Permit totals- The Department issued 27 residential and commercial permits totaling \$5,728.00 in revenue.
- Seritage- Submitted drawings to divide the Sears Auto Center into two tenant spaces.
- 2226 Keystone Avenue- Illinois Home Improvement submitted a permit application and drawings for the construction of a new single-family dwelling on vacant parcel. Cost of construction:\$140,000.
- Circo Hermanos Vasquez-The village has approved the circus to operate in the parking lot of North Riverside Park Mall from April 5th through April 28th.

Mayor Hermanek also gave the Economic Development Updates from Administrator Belmonte:

On March 19th, Karyn, Michelle and I met with Alan Arns of A&M Architects who is doing a “due Diligence” report for a client interested in leasing the Toys R Us property. He informed us that it is a “nationally known” retailer who entered into a Letter of Intent with the land owner. Mr. Arns expects his client to make a final decision within the next couple months.

On March 20th, Bob Kallien, Karyn, Michelle and I met with Harvey Ahitow, General Manager of North Riverside Park Mall, and Alan Saposnik, Leasing Manager of North Riverside Plaza. The purpose of the meeting was for Mr. Kallien to get their general thoughts on the retail market and discuss their thoughts on the future of malls. Mr. Kallien will meet with the mall managers individually to discuss their properties.

On March 25th, Karyn, Michelle and I met with John Suzuki of Collateral Trustees, Inc. Mr Suzuki is the court appointed receiver for the Carson’s property, which means any parties interested in leasing or purchasing the vacant property have to go through him. He informed us that there are two “national retailers” interested in the property, one of which is interested in purchasing the property and the other in leasing. He advised both of the interested parties are

MAYORAL REPORT (continued)

recognizable retailers and would be a great addition to the mall. He is hoping he will be able to provide the name of the interested party within a month.

Frank Paganis, the realtor marketing the BMO Harris drive-thru facility, informed me that he has an interested party who he hopes to have under contract within the next few weeks. He did confirm it would be a retail business.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chicago Suburban Radio Association (CSRA) is again requesting the use of the northwest end of Veterans Park for their Field Day Activities operating overnight on June 22nd and 23rd.

Trustee Bianco moved and Trustee Czajka seconded to approve the above request from CSRA. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Sarro to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$53,441.40 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Flores, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS- None

UNFNISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hermanek appointed Luca Melone to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Economic Development with an expiration date of April 30, 2020.

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Flores seconded to concur with the Mayors appointment of Luca Melone to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Economic Development with expiration date of April 1, 2020. Roll Call Vote:

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Flores, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

AUDIENCE

- John Bork reminded residents that April 14th is the Scouts Pancake Breakfast and all are welcome to purchase tickets. He also asked if there were any updates from the Citizens Advisory Committee on Economic Development. Trustee Bianco stated at this time there were no updates available,
- Kevin Zavala submitted a petition signed by residents on his block, 2200 Keystone. They would like to make it a resident only parking block due to the many shoppers at the strip mall on Cermak Road.
- Craig Seidel asked each of the trustees what skill, characteristic or trait they feel is necessary or important to have as a Trustee. He asked if each trustee would give at least a one word answer.
Trustee Bianco stated that is best word would be integrity. Without that you do not have the resident's support, which is something that is earned.
Trustee Mengoni replied with honesty.
Trustee Flores replied with trust.
Trustee Demopoulos said you need a lot of patience and must try and work together.
Trustee Czajka said you must have a love for the village and you are always here for the residents.
Trustee Sarro said her one word would be honesty but getting involved with the community and listening to their concerns is what she feels is important.
- Jim Zak liked all the responses from the trustees and the key word would definitely be trust and community involvement.
- Barbara thanked all departments especially the Public Works for their help.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded for adjournment of this meeting at 7:20pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**

