

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, JUNE 23, 2014  
COUNCIL ROOM, 7:00 PM**

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, Public Works Director Kutt, Recreation Director Michalik, Police Chief Niemann, Fire Chief Basek and Attorney Odelson.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Wilt 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 RECEIPT REPORT**- None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the June 2, 2014 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES**

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

Trustee Bianco spoke briefly about the bike path along 1st Avenue from 31st Street to Riverside-Brookfield High School. Attorney Odelson will talk more about it under the Ordinances and Resolutions at this meeting.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Bianco also read the following report from Public Works Director Kutt:

- DesPlaines Avenue replacement of road, curbs and paver bricks is now underway. Starting on Tuesday, the contractor will start curb removal process. Once again, this project is projected to be 45 working days until completion.
- Public Works will start re-stripping the parking markings on the south end of town including the Village campus on the next dry day.
- We have 10 dry working days left of street patch restoration.
- Pothole filling is 70% complete and will be completed this week weather permitting.
- Valve Exercising will start mid July and will continue throughout the remainder of the summer.
- The next round of high pressure sewer cleaning and televising is currently out for pricing. We plan on starting that phase of work in the early fall.
- The next round of tree trimming will start in the late fall or when all insect infestation is not present.

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

Trustee Decosola ( Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)

Trustee Decosola read the following report from the Recreation Department:

Congratulations to the entire community and all supporters of the Mayor's Golf Outing on another extremely successful year. With the help of the Riverside Golf Club, Rizza Ford and all sponsors, over 57 young adults were awarded educational sponsorships; in addition to more than 30 children that received sponsorships for preschool and recreational programming. The spirit of giving is alive in North Riverside.

Two buses traveled to Chicago to see the Broadway hit musical, Motown. All 81 passengers thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Recreation staff members have begun the preparations for the Fall Brochure. They are working very hard to increase the level of service and the programming for all ages. That brochure is expected to be released mid to late August.

Commons Park is due for some necessary repairs. Parts have been ordered and we hope to have everything up and running by the second week of July, if not sooner.

Concerts in the Park Series will begin on Tuesday, June 24th and continue through August 12th. Concerts will be held from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Please visit the village website or the recreation facebook page for more information.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

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

Trustee Demopoulos submitted the Brookfield- North Riverside Water Commission Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2014 with Clerk Ranieri.

### Trustee Mengoni ( Police, Fire & License)- No report

### Trustee Wilt ( Finance, Health & Appropriations)

Trustee Wilt read the Finance, Health & Appropriations Committee Meeting minutes held on June 10th and 11th 2014.

**Item#1: Proposed Budget for FYI 2014-2015:** Director Scarpiniti presented a power point presentation to the committee detailing historical trends of major revenue sources and operating expenditures as well as an overview of all budget assumptions used for preparation of the FYI 15 proposed budget. The FY15 proposed budget projects a \$1.9 million dollar deficit, with \$1.8 million attributed to fully funding the village's annual required contribution to both the police and fire pension funds. She explained that 72% of total operating expenditures are for wages and benefits of village employees, 10% for maintenance of facilities, equipment and vehicles, 7% for contractual services, 5% for internal transfers and 6% for all other operating costs. She then reviewed the six smaller funds, Capital Projects, Motor Fuel Tax, Refuse, 9-1-1, Insurance and Debt Service, and their projections for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Once this was completed, each department head presented their budget requests to the committee along with goals and objectives for their respective departments and answered questions from the committee and the board on their budget submissions.

Director Scarpiniti then went on to discuss the Water Fund and its proposed \$699,762 deficit. She explained that on January 1, 2015 there would be another increase by the City of Chicago as well as an anticipated increase from the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission. The committee discussed this item at length and how this fund needs to get back into the black and begin rebuilding the reserves for future infrastructure improvements. The committee requested the Director to provide a water rate survey from the municipalities within the Commission and neighboring communities for tomorrow's meeting. The meeting was recessed at 10:20 pm until 6:00 pm Tuesday, June 11, 2014.

The committee meeting reconvened on Tuesday, June 11, 2014 at 6:00pm. Director Scarpiniti distributed a Water Rate Survey showing what municipalities pay for water within the BNRWC and surrounding communities. After a lengthy discussion, the committee recommended a water rate increase for both residential and commercial properties. Water rates would be increased \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons a well as instituting a flat "Water Operations Fee" in the amount of \$30 per billing period effective July 1st. A motion was made by Trustee Demopoulos

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

and seconded by Trustee Mengoni to increase water rates by \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons for both residential and commercial properties and to institute a \$30 Water Operations Fee per billing period for all customers. The motion passed through the committee with a 3-0 yes vote; Chairman Wilt polled the other trustees and Mayor and all were in favor.

Attorney Burt Odelson then addressed the committee and board about the pension problems within the Village. He informed the committee that the Village must appear before the Illinois Department of Insurance on Thursday, June 26, 2014 to explain why the Village has not fully funded its annual required pension contribution since 2008 and how it plans to rectify this pension shortfall. Attorney Odelson emphasized that beginning in fiscal year 2016, the State would have the authority to withhold up to 1/3 of any underfunded pension contributions from the Village's sale tax revenue or any other state revenue source and directly send those funds to the pension funds. This amount would increase to 2/3 in 2017 and 100% in 2018. It's such a big problem financially that communities would have to make major cut backs either in personnel costs or public services or both. He said some communities have privatized certain departments like public works, dispatchers and office help to help balance their yearly budgets. He said he is working on something which he would like to bring back to the board before the finance committee adopts a budget. The committee agreed to recess the meeting until Monday, June 30 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Wilt to increase water rates by \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons for both residential and commercial properties and to institute a \$30 Water Operations Fee per billing period for all customers effective July 1, 2014 and for the Village attorney to prepare the proper ordinance for passage. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

Trustee Wilt also announced that there will be a public hearing to review the 2014-2015 Appropriations Ordinance on Monday July 14, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

### **MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Hermanek read the following Community Development Updates:

- Forever 21- Submitted drawings for a 16,107 square foot tenant improvement at North Riverside Park Mall. No cost of construction has been provided at this time.
- Kohl's Department Store- Submitted drawings for an interior permit to perform minor remodeling. The cost of construction is listed at \$49,762.00.
- Dunkin Donuts (8630 W. Cermak Road)- Submitted drawings for an interior permit to perform minor remodeling. The cost of construction is listed at \$15,000.00
- Charter Fitness of North Riverside, LLC- Submitted drawings to remodel the previous location for Bally's Fitness (1770 Harlem Avenue). The cost of construction is listed at \$100,000.

## **MAYORAL REPORT (continued)**

- Outlot #2-Monroe Partners has signed a lease with AAA and they are performing their due diligence.
- Outlot #3- Community Development personnel has confirmed that Famous Dave's has signed a letter of intent for a ground lease with Monroe Partners, and they are in the process of finalizing the lease.
- Presales- The Community Development Department has performed seven (7) single-family presale inspections to-date for the month of June, with three (3) additional inspections scheduled prior to the end of this month, totaling \$4,050.00 in fees.
- Permit Totals- To-date there were 42 residential and commercial permits issued in the month of June totaling \$3,194.00.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you cards from both the Fitzgerald and Brazda families. They wanted to thank the Mayor and Village Board for the flowers that were sent.

Thank you card from the family of Hank Guevara. The family wanted the Mayor and Board to know how much Hank enjoyed working for North Riverside and also thanked the Village for giving Hank a beautiful memorial service.

A letter of gratitude from the Oak Brook Police Chief, James Kruger. He thanked officers Dan Gaede, Ben Ruzicka and Marcus Benevidez as a member of NIPAS Mobile Field Force for their assistance they provided to the Oak Brook Police Department regarding the McDonalds Shareholders Meeting.

Brookfield Zoo Police Department sent a letter thanking officers Mike Niesluchowski, Will Sinkenberg and Ryan Schiever for their assistance with the protesting group, Empty the Tank.

A block party request from the residents of the 22nd Pl. (between 13th and 14th Ave) for July 5th.

Trustee Bianco moved seconded by Trustee Czajka to approve the above request. Motion carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$484,954.68 and to have the bills 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 Bianco moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve an Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code For The Following Improvements for the Regional Bike Path Along First Avenue **(14-R-04)**. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Decosola, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt  
NAYS: None. Motion carried

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code Relating to "Water Meter and Rates" **(14-O-09)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Decosola, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt  
NAYS: None. Motion carried

Attorney Odelson requested a closed session meeting after this Village Board Meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** None

**NEW BUSINESS-** None

## **AUDIENCE**

A resident asked if anything was discussed about the status of the Fire Department. Mayor Hermanek told the resident it would be discussed in closed session after the meeting.

Resident Frank Spale expressed concerns about the water rate increases for those unable to afford such an increase and if there was a program for them. Mayor Hermanek said that the Village would work with those residents.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Decosola to go into closed session for Collective Bargaining and Litigation. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Decosola, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt  
NAYS: None. Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT (continued)**

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Decosola for adjournment at 7:24 M.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

The open session of the Village Board Meeting resumed at 8:53pm. Having no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Bianco and seconded by Trustee Decosola for adjournment of this meeting at 8:54pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

KATHY RANIERI  
VILLAGE CLERK