

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JULY 15, 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 Czajka, Trustee Demopoulos, Trustee Flores, Trustee Mandel and Trustee Sarro. Trustee Mengoni 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 Czajka moved seconded by Trustee Mandel to approve the revised agenda for this meeting. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Czajka Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

BIDS-None

CASH RECEIPT REPORT

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve the Cash Receipt Report for the month of June, 2019 totaling \$2,112,541.37. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Czajka moved, seconded by Trustee Sarro to approve the June 17, 2019 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Czajka- (Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)

Trustee Czajka read the following report from the Recreation Department:

Parks and Recreation would like to invite all to the 4th Annual Biggest Block Party on Saturday, July 27th from 4pm-9pm. The party will take place on the Village Commons front lawn. We will have inflatables, entertainers, grilled food, a specialty food truck, seasonal cocktails, and tunes by Rockstar Rodeo and our headliner, Wedding Banned. Come celebrate summer with friends and neighbors at the Biggest Block Party!

Trustee Demopoulos(Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Garbage)

Trustee Demopoulos read the following minutes from the July 1st Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Garbage Committee Meeting:

Item #1: Discussion on the parking in the 2200 block of Keystone: Trustee Demopoulos asked the committee and board members on their thoughts of the request by the residents in the 2200 block of Keystone asking for “resident parking only” between 6:00pm and 6:00 am for their block. The Mayor said if we agree to this it would only be moving the vehicles to another street and everyone would be asking for the same restrictions. Administrator Belmonte reminded the members that the survey taken by the Police Department between the hours of 5 to 7pm showed that 85% of the cars parked were residents. Trustee Demopoulos felt the 6pm to 6am was too early for resident parking only, residents on the block would have to call WC3 if they had relatives over for dinner and that would exhaust the 911 center. After a brief discussion Trustee Demopoulos moved and Trustee Flores seconded to deny the petition by the residents of the 2200 block of Keystone asking for residents only parking between the hours of 6:00 pm to 6:00 am. Motioned passed with a 2-0 vote by the committee, Trustee Demopoulos polled the other trustees with Trustee Mandel, Mengoni and Sarro agreeing. The Mayor was in favor of the motion to deny the request. The Mayor asked Trustee Demopoulos to reach out to Mr. Zavala to invite him to the Mayor’s office to discuss this matter at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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

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

Trustee Mengoni- (Finance Health & Appropriations)- Absent

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

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

In lieu of Trustee Mengoni's absence, Trustee Sarro read the following minutes from the Finance, Health & Appropriations Committee Meeting on June 17, 2019:

Item #1: Discussion on the commercial Area Analysis: Trustee Mengoni mentioned that the Mayor's Committee on Economic Development, after reviewing Mr. Kalien's analysis, had a power point presentation for the committee and board members with some thoughts on economic development in North Riverside. Committee members Jason Bianco and Lenora Guirini went through the power point presentation with other members commenting from time to time. The committee feels there is a need to change the culture of North Riverside just being the mall. Though the mall is a very important partner there is a need to reach out to businesses outside the Village and entice them to come to North Riverside. Another idea was to have a business liaison who would work with existing businesses and try to secure new businesses, also the possibility of starting a Chamber of Commerce. They talked about the possibility of the theater expansion and how that is very important. They talked about an entertainment district similar to Rosement on the east side of the mall along where the tracks used to be. It would be a much smaller scale but a little upscale area, the Village can work with the mall on some of these ideas. There was also the idea of a business district where business professionals could rent a cubicle to work in instead of working from home, a place where they could have meetings with clients. They talked about a small conference center which could seat about 1,000 people, they mentioned that LaGrange and Forest Park have areas like this. They would like to see a bike and walking paths connecting the east district with the entertainment district. The committee thought these ideas were very good but mentioned that the Village does not own any of this property and would have to work with land owners to bring any of these ideas to reality. Chairman Mengoni did ask the committee member Paul Porter if he knew people familiar with TIF districts and other tax incentives who could familiarize the board what the Village could do to attract businesses. Mr. Porter said he did and will contact Chairman Mengoni in the near future so another meeting can be set up.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Trustee Sarro also called for a Finance Committee Meeting on August 12th at 5:30 pm

MAYORAL REPORT

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

- Presales- The department performed 5 single family presale inspections totaling \$2,025.00 in revenue.
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MAYORAL REPORT (continued)

- Permit Totals- The department issued 58 residential and commercial totaling \$169,910.30 in revenue.
- Cook County Health Clinic- The permit had been issued for interior work.
- Hobby Lobby- Submitted application and drawings for interior remodel at 7451 W. Cermak Road. Cost of construction is \$1,300,000.
- Urban Air- Submitted application and drawings for interior remodel at 7401 W. 25th Street. Cost of construction \$1,500,000.

Mayor Hermanek congratulated the North Riverside Little League Girls Softball for their District 9 win.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Block party request for the 2500 block of 5th Ave on July 27th.
- Block party request for the 2400 block of 7th Ave on August 24th.
- Block party request for the 2400 block of 3rd Ave on August 24th.
- Thank you letter from former Mayor Ken Krochmal and the VFW Post 2378. They thanked the Police Department for the traffic control and escort for their Flag Raising Ceremonies.

Trustee Czajka moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to approve the above block party requests. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Sarro moved, seconded by Trustee Flores to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$544,528.91 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve The Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of North Riverside (**19-O-06**) and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (continued)

AYES: Trustees Czajka, Flores, Sarro, Mayor Hermanek

NAYS: Trustees Demopoulos and Mandel

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

Motion carried

Trustee Sarro asked Trustees Demopoulos and Trustee Mandel if they could explain why they voted no to Annual Appropriation Ordinance after they had discussions on this at the Committee Meeting and worked together. Trustee Demopoulos said he voted no due to the fire department issues and not bidding out certain contracts such as Attorney and Village Engineers. Trustee Mandel mentioned they were a few things that she felt did not need to be done. Trustee Sarro mentioned that we are bidding out the paramedic's contract and by Illinois Law we cannot bid out the Village Attorney and Village Engineer so it still remains unclear to her as to their "No" vote.

Trustee Demopoulos moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve an Ordinance Amending the Village of North Riverside Municipal Code Relating to Garbage Rates **(19-O-07)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

UNFNISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS- None

AUDIENCE

- Ron from Chicago Suburban Radio Association thanked the Village for once again allowing CSRA to operate overnight at Veterans Park and gave a brief presentation on what CSRA consists of.
- John Bork thanked all involved for the July 4th festivities and also asked when the construction on 1st Avenue would be finished. Director Kutt said IDOT is hoping to finish by the end of August.
- Liane Blauw (Riverside Township Clerk) and spokesperson for the 2200 block of 3rd Ave spoke about the rat issue many residents on her block have witnessed and asked what the village is doing about this issue. Administrator Belmonte stated that the Village has is out for bids and shortly after the company will handle the rat issue on both the east and west ends of town. Apartment building owners have also been contacted about the abundance of garbage laying around the alleys and overflowing dumpsters. Liane also mentioned a friend of hers had called 911 and the WC3 telecommunicator was very rude during the call. Chief Garcia will look into this.

AUDIENCE (continued)

- Kevin Zavala- 2200 block of Keystone Avenue asked to see the results of the survey taken on his block by the police department.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Demopoulos moved and Trustee Sarro seconded for adjournment of this meeting at 7:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
