

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MARCH 7, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:00 PM**

Mayor Mengoni called the meeting to order with a Roll Call. In attendance were Trustee Bianco, Trustee Czajka, Trustee Demopoulos, Trustee Flores, and Trustee Mandel and Trustee Sarro.

Others in attendance were Administrator Scarpiniti, Attorney Kearney, Police Chief Erhenberg, Fire Chief McDermott, Recreation Director Mrozik, Finance Director Ryan Lawler and Public Works Director Ranieri.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

BIDS-None

CASH RECEIPT REPORT

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to approve the Cash Receipt Report for the month of January, 2022 totaling \$1,645,252.88. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Demopoulos moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to approve the Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from the February 22, 2022 meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

AUDIENCE

Maria Ramirez of Burr Oak Avenue asked about the vacant property on 8th Avenue and the future plans. Mayor Mengoni said discussion on that property will be addressed at budget meetings and before there are any development plans, a public meeting will be held. Ms. Ramirez also asked about the amount of gaming parlors in the Village and Mayor Mengoni stated that there is a cap of 10 which the board voted upon several years ago. Ms. Ramirez addressed a concern of hers regarding an issue with her grandson and a police officer. Chief Erhenberg has no knowledge of the issue but will look into her concerns.

Claudia on 22nd Pl. addressed her concerns about the sidewalk in front of her home and the hazardous conditions. Director Ranieri will speak to Nicor about this matter and it will get it taken care of.

Sister Barbara said she was happy to be back at a meeting and will continue to pray for everyone.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mengoni stated he has a meeting with Nicor on Thursday to discuss the concerns of the residents with the ongoing Nicor projects.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Bianco

Trustee Bianco called for a Development Committee Meeting at 6:00pm on Monday March 14th. He also wished all the women a Happy Woman's Day.

Trustee Czajka

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

Thank you to everyone that came out to the North Riverside Player's 15th Annual Murder Mystery. It was great to see over 170 new and familiar faces. Even though attendance was 15% lower, the event raised over \$5,000. The North Riverside Player's are so grateful to all the gracious contributors.

We are accepting last minute registrations for our upcoming Mother/Son Spring Fling Dance that will take place on Friday, March 18th. The extended deadline will be this Wednesday, March 9th. We hope you'll join us for a beautiful evening.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Our day camp registration is well underway. We are between 70%-90% full at this time depending on the camp. We encourage early registration for all of our day camp options.

Bingo Bunny is set for April 12th this year and is always a sell-out event. Stop by or call the Recreation Department to secure your spot. This is a great event for families and friends.

Trustee Demopoulos-No report

Trustee Flores- No report

Trustee Mandel- No report

Trustee Sarro

Trustee Sarro called for an Administrative Committee Meeting on March 14th following the Development Committee Meeting at 6:00pm. Trustee Sarro reminded Director Scarpiniti to invite Barb Sylvestri as she had several concerns at a prior board meeting.

Trustee Sarro read the following Request For Board Action:

The first reading of the draft ordinance creating a property rental registry and inspection program for anyone engaged in the business of leasing or renting a single-family dwelling, apartment building or multiple unit dwelling occurred on February 7th.

Under the proposed guidelines, an annual registration of all residential property rentals would be required with information on current property owners, management companies or agents, and tenants provided to the Village. Annual inspections would also be conducted by the Village inspectors to determine the health and safety conditions of such properties and compliance with all property maintenance standards and village codes.

The annual registration cost for each property will be based upon the number of dwelling units, ranging from \$150-\$250 annually. The annual inspection fee is \$100 with additional re-inspection fees for non-compliance ranging from \$150-\$250 per occurrence.

No questions or concerns were received by Trustees regarding the proposed program guidelines; therefore, I am recommending adoption of this program.

CORRESPONDENCE-None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to approve the List of Bills submitted for this meeting totaling of \$398,629.00 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to an Ordinance Amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code Regarding Rental Property **(22-O-02)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

On the question, Trustee Mandel asked if there was any legal issues regarding this ordinance regarding some of the wording and if we have checked with surrounding municipalities. She also had issues regarding entrance and being denied and it will fall upon the landlord which will affect the tenants as well because of costs. Attorney Kearney said this based off of a previous ordinance done for another non-home rule community with some differences in mind. Keep in mind this is not a Crime Free Ordinance. If there is denied entry then the landlords will help facilitate this program with the inspectors following the rules related to entry. Trustee Mandel asked if we had enough inspectors to handle this and Administrator Scarpiniti stated the Village contracts out all of our inspections and the company has said they are equipped to handle all of the inspections as this will be on a schedule and only happen once a year.

Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Flores, Sarro

NAYS: Trustee Mandel

Motion carried

Trustee Demopoulos hoped the Village could add some Crime Free perspectives if possible into this ordinance in the future.

Mayor Mengoni stated if anyone ever has any concerns or questions to please do not hesitate to ask either him or Administrator Scarpiniti. Trustee Czajka stated she did have a few questions but spoke to Administrator Scarpiniti. Trustee Bianco mentioned that this was also discussed at a committee meeting in October and Administrator Scarpiniti stated that a draft ordinance was sent out in February. The ordinance was drafted in response to trustee's comments after that committee meeting. Mayor Mengoni stated in terms of Crime Free Housing, It has been challenged with non-home rule communities. Trustee Mandel stated she would like to see landlords invited to a meeting to give input and educate them.

UNFNISHED BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS- None

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bianco moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining and no formal action would be taken after Executive Session. Therefore, this meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**