

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JANUARY 3, 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, Trustee Mandel and Trustee Sarro.

Others in attendance were Administrator Scarpiniti, Attorney Kearney, Police Chief Erhenberg, Fire Chief McDermott and Public Works Director Ranieri. Recreation Director Mrozik attended this meeting via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

NAYS: None.

Motion carried

BIDS-None

CASH RECEIPT REPORT- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Czajka moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to approve the Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from the December 13, 2021 meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

AUDIENCE

Public Works Director Ranieri thanked the residents for all of the baked goods they received during the past few weeks.

Ms. Kolar discussed her issues regarding neighbors in the building next door. They are extremely disruptive and have called police multiple times. She thanked the public works department for trimming the trees at her building but would also like to see parking signs on

AUDIENCE (continued)

her street during snow storms and street cleaning. Director Scarpiniti said the street sign topic will be on the agenda at a future Committee Meeting.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mengoni thanked the public works department for their continued work during the past snow storm. He also thanked Katy Maloney for the continued COVID testing during the Holiday's which is taking place in the basement of the police department.

Mayor Mengoni stated that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and specifically the Omicron surge that we are experiencing, I have made the determination pursuant to 5ILCS 120/7(e) of the Open Meetings Act that in-person meetings are not practical or prudent. Therefore, moving forward, all Village Board Meetings, including committee meetings, shall be conducted remotely. I will continue to monitor the situation and revisit this situation as warranted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Bianco

Trustee Bianco read the following Request for Board Action:

The Village lobbying agreement with GR Consulting expired November 30, 2021 and has been operating on a month by month basis. The Mayor and Village Administrator interviewed new prospective candidates and are recommending the Village retain the services of Chris Nybo, LLC for legislative consulting and lobbying services.

Mr. Nybo is a former Illinois Senator and Representative and has served as Spokesperson for the influential Senate Executive Committee, where he worked closely with Senate President Don Harmon to pass several key legislative initiatives such as the Alternatives to Opioids Act, expanding cannabis sales in Illinois, and Firearms Dealer License Certificate Act. Mr Nybo also served as Caucus Chair, Spokesperson for the Financial Institutions Committee and was a member of key industry committees focused on energy, gaming, healthcare, public utilities, transportation, and revenue. He provides a greater local voice for North Riverside, understanding the unique challenges facing non-home rule communities specifically and is intensely focused on client services. Mr. Nybo has assisted communities such as Villages of Westchester and Hinsdale with successfully articulating and advocating policy positions and securing state appropriations for large capital projects.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

The negotiated fee for service is \$3,500 for the first nine months and \$3,750 per month thereafter for a total contract cost of \$42,750. This fee is \$5,250 or 11% lower than the previous contract for lobbying services. Either party may terminate this agreement prior to its 12 month expiration, without penalty, with 30 days advanced notice.

Trustee Bianco moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to authorize an agreement with Chris Nybo, LLC for lobbying services with the Village of North Riverside with an expiration date of December 31, 2022 and to authorize the Village President to execute a contract in the total amount not to exceed \$42,750. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Sarro
NAYS: None. Motion carried

Trustee Czajka- No report

Trustee Demopoulos- No report

Trustee Flores- No report

Trustee Mandel

Trustee Mandel expressed her sympathy on the passing of village employee Eileen Sprovieri.

Trustee Sarro

Trustee Sarro thanked the public works department of their continued efforts with keeping our streets clean and safe.

CORRESPONDENCE- None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve the List of Bills submitted for this meeting totaling of \$207,318.42 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- None

UNFNISHED BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Mengoni welcomed our new Finance Director to the Village.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**