

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JANUARY 9, 2023  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:00 PM**

Clerk Ranieri called the meeting to order with a Roll Call. In attendance were Trustee Bianco, Trustee Czajkia, Trustee Demopoulos, Trustee Flores, Trustee Mandel and Trustee Sarro. Mayor Mengoni was absent.

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

Trustee Bianco moved and Trustee Flores seconded to appoint Trustee Sarro a Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Trustee Czajka 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 Demopoulos moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to approve the Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

## **AUDIENCE**

Cheryl Plaza questioned an expenditure to Al Meyer, North Riverside Players and asked if we were finished buying Christmas Lights. She feels we should purchase these lights after the holidays to save on the cost. Ms. Plaza also questioned Christmas in Proviso and what exactly that was. Trustee Sarro answered her questioned about Christmas in Proviso and how exactly this event came about for families in need in North Riverside. Administrator Scarpiniti explained in detail how the North Riverside Players works and why they were paid.

Patricia Gargano asked Chief Erhenberg if it was legal to have your car that is parked in driveway hanging into the street as she has seen several cars parked liked this. Chief Erhenberg explained that it is not legal to have a car sticking out any further than a normal parked car that is next to the curb. She also noticed many cars parked without a Village sticker and asked if were enforcing the parking stickers issues. Chief Erhenberg stated the police department is issuing tickets. Several audience members also noticed cars parked in driveways without a sticker.

## **MAYORAL REPORT**

In lieu of Mayor Mengoni's absence, Trustee Sarro read a brief note on his behalf. He wanted to thank all that participated in the many Holiday events. North Riverside participated and benefited from the Christmas in Proviso, Christmas in the Wards at Amazon Fresh and Christmas for a Cause. Mayor Mengoni thanked the Police Department for hosting a very successful Toys For Tots held at Costco and lastly the North Riverside Fire Department for continuing the Santa Run during the very cold weather.

Mayor Mengoni thaked North Riverside resident Frank Veselak on receiving an award from the Chicago Zoological Society for over 34 years of volunteer service from the Brookfield Zoo.

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES**

### **Trustee Bianco**

Trustee Bianco read the following Community Development Updates:

#### **Building Reviews and Inspections:**

- Presales- The Community Development Department performed 6 single-family and 1 commercial presale inspection totaling \$2,835.00 in revenue.
- Permit Totals- The department issued 24 residential and commercial permits totaling \$4,730.75 in revenue.
- Permit submittals- 37 residential and commercial permits were submitted for review.
- Inspections- 98 building inspections were conducted.

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

### **Code Enforcement:**

Code enforcement inspections have continued for the month of November with our inspectors checking alleys for issues with debris and exterior storage. There was a total of 30 properties cited for garbage and debris, which were addressed upon receipt of notice.

In preparation of warmer weather, inspectors have been driving through the town creating a list of properties with code and property maintenance issues that will need to be addressed in the spring and summer months. Many of the issues noted were concrete work, roof replacement and exterior structures in despair. Due to some of these issues being costly, staff would like to give residents proper time to facilitate the repairs. Our goal is to inform property owners of the concerns and work towards getting the repairs completed in a timely manner.

Residents are encouraged to please contact the Community Development Department with any questions or concerns they have.

### **Trustee Czajka**

Trustee Czajka informed residents about the upcoming planning of our Villages' 100th year anniversary. If any residents would like to be on a committee to please contact Director Broderick at the Recreation Department.

Holly Jolly Camp was held on December 27<sup>th</sup> and many attended. Daddy Daughter Enchanted Evening will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Youth Basketball League will start January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee Demopoulos-** No report

**Trustee Flores-** No report

### **Trustee Mandel**

Trustee Mandel asked if there was anything happening at the former Midwest Bank on Cermak and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Director Scarpiniti said a contract is pending but nothing official.

### **Trustee Sarro**

Trustee Sarro thanked the Public Works Department for helping residents with frozen water pipes during the cold weather around the holidays. She also reminded residents that Aldi is scheduled to open by the end of the month.

**CORRESPONDENCE-** None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Bianco moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve the List of Bills submitted for this meeting totaling of \$836,678.47 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: Trustee Mandel

Motion carried

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS-** None

**UNFNISHED BUSINESS-**None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Czajka asked if the BMO Harris bank was still vacant. Director Scarpiniti said the building was sold to an insurance company but no permits have been issued thus far. She also asked about vacant property located at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Cermak Road. That property has also been purchased and the new owners are working with the Joint Planning Commission/ZBA to request conditional permitted use for a Montessori School.

Trustee Mandel submitted the November 9, 2022 Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission Meeting minutes to Clerk Ranieri.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Bianco moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to adjourn this meeting at 7:25pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI  
VILLAGE CLERK**

