

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JANUARY 23, 2023
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, Finance Director Lawler, Attorney Murphy, Police Chief Erhenberg, Fire Chief McDermott, Recreation Director Broderick and Public Works Director Ranieri.

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

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve the Cash Receipt Report for the month of December, 2022 totaling \$2,296,895.51. 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 January 9, 2023 meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

AUDIENCE-None

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mengoni stated he is pleased to report that the Village has been approved to collaborate with the MWRD in a village wide green initiative in redoing our parking lots using permeable pavers, which will allow rainwater to pass through the surface and go directly into the ground. The Village has requested for and received \$1.6 million dollars and we will be seeking approximately \$500,000 in Village funds to cover the cost of engineering and remaining contributions.

Mayor Mengoni thanked State Senator's Lightford and Senator Landek for sponsoring the Village's request for funding to assist in the renovation needs over at our police department. If approved as requested, the Village will be in line to receive a total of \$800,000 in capital improvement dollars. Through our legislative advocacy efforts, we have heard that our requests have been submitted to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Bianco

Trustee Bianco announced the grand opening of the new Aldi on Thursday, January 19th at 8:30am.

Trustee Bianco also read the following Community Development Updates:

The following is a summary of activity from the Community Development Department for the month of December 2022:

Building Reviews and Inspections:

- Presales – The Community Development Department performed 3 single-family inspections totaling \$1,215.00 in revenue.
- Permit Totals – The Community Development Department issued 13 residential and commercial permits totaling \$6,299.25 in revenue.
- Permit Submittals – 28 residential and commercial permits were submitted for review.
- Inspections – 90 building inspections were conducted.
- Aldi Grocery Store – The construction of the Aldi Grocery Store is complete. Aldi will be celebrating their grand opening on Thursday, January 26, 2023. The existing store located on Harlem Avenue will close Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

REPORT OF TRUTEES (continued)

Code Enforcement:

Code enforcement inspections have continued for the month of December with our inspectors checking alleys for issues with debris and exterior storage. There was a total of 13 properties cited for garbage and debris, which were addressed upon receipt of notice.

Many of the concerns out inspectors notice while doing inspections include overflowing garbage cans and large items being thrown out days in advance of the scheduled pick-up date. Notices are sent to the property owners to inform them of the code. We ask that residents please remember garbage must be contained inside the garbage container with the lid closed. Larger items cannot be put out until the day before garbage pick-up. If residents have large items to be picked up, please make sure to contact Lake Shore Recycling, so they have adequate staff available to remove the items.

Our inspectors continued with village wide inspections of all properties within the community. Staff will be preparing notices to send to property owners within the next month. This is to inform residents of our concerns and give residents time to start planning to have the items addressed. Our goal is to work with the resident to improve the community.

Rodent Abatement:

For the month of December, the Community Development Department received 3 calls from residents reporting rodent activity in the alley or on private property. First Illinois Systems responded to each of the calls and conducted inspections of the properties. Properties with rodent harborage were treated and residents encouraged to contact the village if they notice any further issues.

Bait boxes serviced on Cermak, Keystone, Forest, Park, 26th Street, Westover, Burr Oak, Northgate and Lathrop. Heavier feeding has been experienced on the Northern blocks near Cermak. Bait boxes continue to be filled with bait to max capacity. Two bait boxes were replaced on Cermak Road due to minor damage. Alley baiting performed in areas that may provide rodent harborage. Evening observations were performed town wide to check for rodent activity and harborage.

The rodent activity at the Broadview Village Square is under control and will maintain service levels to minimize rodent pest pressure. Active rodent burrows reduced 90%.

Residents are encouraged to please contact the Community Development Department to report any rodent activity or concerns they have.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Czajka

Trustee Czajka stated auditions were held for the North Riverside Players spring production last week and the first 100th anniversary meeting was held tonight at 5:30pm. We are looking forward to getting many events planned for the anniversary celebration.

Daddy Daughter Enchanted Evening will be held on Friday, February 24th. We currently have 128 people registered.

Trustee Demopoulos- No report

Trustee Flores- No report

Trustee Mandel

Trustee Mandel stated that there was a very nice turnout this past Saturday at Coffee with the Mayor. She also attended the opening of the new cosmetic center at JCPenney.

Trustee Mandel had a resident reach out to her asking if the police department if they would put out information about crimes that have taken place in town on their Facebook page. Mayor Mengoni reminded Trustee Mandel that this issue was brought up at the recent Coffee with the Mayor and any ongoing investigations cannot be discussed or be put on social media.

Trustee Sarro-No report

CORRESPONDENCE- None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Bianco moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve the List of Bills submitted for this meeting totaling of \$88,917.26 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

Clerk Ranieri gave the Oath of Office to Probationary Police Officer William Torres.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bianco moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to adjourn this meeting at 7:20pm.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**