

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MARCH 6, 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 Ehrenberg, 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**: No report

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Demopoulos moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to approve the Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from the February 20, 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 offered his condolences out to the family, friends and colleagues of Officer Andres Vasquez-Lasso. His dedication and service to the community will never be forgotten.

## **MAYORAL REPORT (continued)**

Mayor Mengoni also extended his deepest condolences to the Village of Westmont and their Public Works Department on the recent loss of one of their newest laborers. He thanked Director Ranieri and Forman Hickey for putting safety first and ensuring that our guys are not put in situations that are against regulations.

Visit Oak Park completed a short video on the Village of North Riverside. Visit Oak Park is the tourism bureau for the western cook county communities and are responsible for promoting events and tourism in North Riverside.

Mayor Mengoni addressed the letter members of this board received regarding Trustee Candidate Jose DelAngel. Jose is not an employee of the Village and we cannot prevent or prohibit him from running for public office. While the letter states that he has had a court case against him at another municipality, he has never been convicted of any felony wrongdoing.

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES**

### **Trustee Bianco**

Trustee Bianco congratulated the Nazareth girls basketball team and thanked all of the woman in North Riverside in honor of National Woman's Day.

### **Trustee Czajka**

Trustee Czajka reminded residents about the North Riverside Players production of Music Man on April 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> and on May 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Recreation Department for tickets.

### **Trustee Demopoulos- No report**

### **Trustee Flores-No report**

### **Trustee Mandel**

Trustee Mandel had a resident ask about the online payments of water bills. She claims only the front portion is seen. Another resident asked about the parking program claiming that seniors are at a disadvantage if they have caretakers that will be spending the night. The program makes it unaffordable for seniors. Trustee Mandel also had a resident ask if there was anything we can do to make it easier for residents exiting 30<sup>th</sup> Street making a left-hand turn.

### **Trustee Sarro**

Trustee Sarro read the following Request for Board Action:

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

The Village received an application for the operation of a new business to be located at 7700 W 26<sup>th</sup> Street, the site of the old North Riverside Cleaners, for a local pet friendly wine bar. The applicant, Ava's Café, has met all current zoning requirements for this property and has recently submitted construction plans for review by village staff. The applicant is requesting a Class A-1 liquor license, Tavern with extended hours, in conjunction with an outside beer garden license. Class A-1 licenses allow the serving and on-site consumption of full liquor between the hours of 7am to 2am daily. The outside beer garden is restricted to close at 12am daily per the Village's current requirements. Video gaming terminals will also be located inside the establishment but the primary business will be a bar/tavern with limited food menu. The Mayor and Administration have met with the new owners and approve the applicants license request.

Currently, the maximum number of licenses permitted in the Class A-1 category is 2. Attorney Murphy has prepared an ordinance to increase the maximum number of licenses in this category to 3 for consideration later in the meeting.

Trustee Sarro called for an administrative committee meeting to held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to discuss the audit presentation.

Trustee Sarro clarified the date for the Trustee Candidate Forum hosted by the Landmark. The correct date is Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. This is for all of the 7 trustees that will be running for election on April 4<sup>th</sup>. All residents are welcome to attend.

Trustee Sarro encouraged residents to see the RBHS performance of Grease. Several North Riverside residents are involved in this play and is was fabulous. She also reminded residents to change their clocks back this weekend.

**CORRESPONDENCE**-None

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to approve the List of Bills submitted for this meeting totaling of \$413,751.77 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 Flores seconded to Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 5 Chapter 5.02 of the North Riverside Municipal Code Regarding Number of Class A-1 Liquor Licenses Within the Village **(23-O-01)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Flores, Sarro

NAYS: Trustees Demopoulos, Mandel

Motion carried

Trustee Demopoulos stated he loved the concept of this business. It's modern, upbeat, and all-inclusive but foresees issues on Hainsworth. Trustee Mandel stated that she foresees potential parking issues and with the liquor license and she doesn't know what the outcome may be. She is also concern with the terminals at the establishment. Mayor Mengoni reiterated that this establishment's primary business is bar/food establishment.

**UNFNISHED BUSINESS-** None

**NEW BUSINESS-**None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI  
VILLAGE CLERK**

