

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING April 3, 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 and Trustee Mandel. Trustee Sarro was absent.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Sarro

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 March 20, 2023 meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Sarro

Motion carried

AUDIENCE

Tony Santucci thanked both the police and fire department for their brave efforts in a recent fire at their family's apartment building.

AUDIENCE (continued)

Nancy had a question about the hearing date for the business on 26th and 1st Avenue. Administrator Scarpiniti explained the process and what that kind of sign variance that business is asking for.

John Bersheim asked the board if they knew anything regarding joining the Lyons Water Commission and what that would cost the Village. He also wondered how much it would cost the Village for free senior snow removal.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mengoni thanked the North Riverside Fire Department for their efforts in fighting a recent fire on 26th Street. Upon arrival the fire department found the top unit of an apartment building on fire. The police department was already on the scene and in the process of evacuating the residents. Due to the possibility of people still inside, an extra alarm fire had been called in. A total of nine fire departments assisted North Riverside in bringing the fire under control.

Mayor Mengoni was pleased to announce that three new probationary firefighters were sworn in today for a total of five new fire fighters since they have ratified the new contract. He also mentioned that there is an active Safer Grant in the works and a reading should be coming up shortly. The safer Grant is a highly competitive sought after by thousands of entities.

Since the installation of the license plate readers a total of sixteen vehicles have been seized and suspects wanted for auto theft and other criminal offenses.

Mayor Mengoni reminded residents about the annual Police Benevolent Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday at Commons Park beginning at 10:30 am. This event is for kids up to age 13 years old.

Mayor Mengoni reminded residents about Election Day and wished all the candidates the best of luck.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Bianco

Trustee Bianco read a thank you note from a resident that resided in the apartment building that was recently on fire on 26th Street. She thanked both the police and fire departments for saving her cats and all of the residents in the building.

Trustee Czajka

Trustee Czajka stated there are currently 141 participants signed up for the Mother and Son Super Hero Bash to held on Friday April 14th. The Jewelry Show will be held on Sunday, April 16th

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

from 9am-2pm and admission is free. If you are spring cleaning and need to get rid of documents the shredding event will be held on Saturday April 22nd from 10am-12pm.

Trustee Demopoulos

Trustee Demopoulos had no report but will be keeping his fingers crossed for the Safer Grant.

Trustee Flores-No report

Trustee Mandel

Trustee Mandel asked if the Village had a date in mind for the recycling pick up. Administrator Scarpiniti said the Village went out and solicited for proposals and Public Works is currently gather the results to present to the board.

Trustee Mandel asked if the public works department could look at a pile of trees near Veterans Park. Director Ranieri said they were from the last storm and will take care if it once the chipper is back out.

Lastly, Trustee Mandel wanted to read a letter she received from a senior regarding the upcoming election from the North Riverside United Party. Mayor Mengoni stated that is political and will not allow this at a Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Sarro- Absent

CORRESPONDENCE-None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Bianco moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve the List of Bills submitted for this meeting totaling of \$455,944.25 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Sarro

Motion carried

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS-None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**