

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JULY 18, 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 O'Grady, Police Chief Erhenberg, Fire Chief McDermott, Recreation Director Mrozik 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 June, 2022 totaling \$2,182,813.37. 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 June 20, 2022 meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

AUDIENCE-None

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mengoni thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for a wonderful July 4th celebration and expressed his sympathy to those that have lost their loved ones. Mayor Mengoni was working closely with both the police and fire departments that day to insure our resident's remained safe. He informed the residents that the Village is currently working with summer hours, which means the administration office will no longer be available after 4:30pm on Wednesday's and closed on Saturday. The Village will be utilizing the automated phone system so please be patient.

Senator Kimberly Lightford will be hosting the annual Back to School Event where children are eligible to receive free school supplies on August 7th at the Brookfield Zoo.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Bianco

Trustee Bianco thanked the recreation department for the July 4th celebration and all those involved. Trustee Bianco attended the Coffee with Council which is on the third Saturday and held every third month. Several residents attended and expressed their concerns and ideas. More information about Coffee with Council is in the Village Newsletter.

Trustee Czajka

Trustee Czajka read the following report from the Parks and Recreation Department:

Our Concerts in the Park are in full swing. Enjoy the outdoors and musical talents of Rosie and the Rivets this Thursday from 7-9pm in the Village Commons Lot. Join us every Thursday until August 4th. Bring a chair and don't forget we have concessions for sale each night.

Registration is open for our Fall Flea Market held on Sunday, September 11th. This robust event will sell out quickly so be sure to secure your spot.

The Recreation Department has received a \$15,000 grant from the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission. Their continued generosity ensures that our special needs population has access to robust programming and event opportunities.

The Fall Fun Guide has planning has officially begun. If you have a program idea, please connect with the Recreation Department.

Trustee Demopoulos

Trustee Demopoulos echoed the Mayor's words and thanked all the departments for keeping us all safe.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Flores

Trustee Flores too thanked all of the departments this past July 4th holiday.

Trustee Mandel

Trustee Mandel thanked the Parks and Recreation Department and submitted the Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission Minutes from the June 8, 2022 meeting.

On behalf of a resident's family, Trustee Mandel thanked both the police and fire departments for trying to save this man's life. Unfortunately, the outcome was fatal.

Trustee Mandel handed out a flyer to the board which contained information about a program called Capture. Residents and businesses can volunteer with no fees and submit camera footage to police departments for crime prevention.

Trustee Sarro

Trustee Sarro also thanked all the departments for the July 4th celebration and informed residents that committee meeting that was to be held following this meeting will be cancelled as we are waiting on more information.

Trustee Sarro was also in attendance for the Coffee with Council and one resident wanted to remind residents to please bring in their garbage cans after pickup.

CORRESPONDENCE- None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to approve the List of Bills submitted for this meeting totaling of \$984,450.64 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 Bianco seconded to approve the Annual Appropriations Ordinance (2022-2023) For the Village of North Riverside **(22-O-06)**. Roll Call Vote:

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (continued)

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Flores, Mandel

NAYS: Trustees Demopoulos, Mandel

Motion carried

Mayor Mengoni questioned both Trustee Demopoulos and Trustee Mandel as to why they have both voted no to the above appropriation ordinance and explained that a lot of time and dedication was involved with little comments and suggestions from both trustees during the past budget meetings. Trustee Mandel stated she has issues with things not being bid out such as tree services. Both Administrator Scarpiniti and Mayor Mengoni explained that tree service has always and actually just recently went out for bid. It is the Village's purchasing policy that all purchases made over \$25,000 must go out for bid and we in fact do this every year. Trustee Mandel also mentioned that residents are not able to view the meetings so she feels that is something that maybe we should look into. Mayor Mengoni said that is a separate issue and doesn't pertain to the ordinance. Trustee Mandel also expressed her displeasure with the Zeigler contract. Trustee Demopoulos said his issues are with contracts that the Mayor appoints which is the lawyer and Village engineer. He feels a change is needed. Mayor Mengoni said he has had every opportunity express these concerns but has never made mention of this at any of the meetings. Trustee Demopoulos claims his concerns were brought up throughout the years. Trustee Sarro then expressed her displeasure with both their decisions and as the administrative chair for the committee, never were any of these concerns brought up at any of the budget meetings recently held. A lot of work was put into the budget books by department heads and she is very disappointed by their comments.

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 5 of the Municipal Code Regarding Business License Fee Schedule **(22-O-07)**. Roll call Vote:

On the question, Administrator Scarpiniti stated that the only fee increased is the fee discussed at budgets regarding video gaming licensing fee which is currently \$25 to the maximum that the state allows.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

UNFNISHED BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS- None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**