

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OCTOBER 3, 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, Finance Director Lawler, Attorney Murphy, Police Chief Erhenberg, Fire Chief McDermott, 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 revised Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from the September 19, 2022 meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

AUDIENCE

Mr. Cercelli asked the Mayor if he knew what business was going into the building on Cermak and 5th Avenue Mayor Mengoni said that no one has come in for any type of permit thus far.

Cheryl Plaza expressed her concerns about garbage around the Commons Park area. She also asked about the invoice for Wild Goose and wanted to know how often they come out. She also questioned where the coyote and swan decoy were.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mengoni stated there were some questions raised at the last board meeting about the Safety Act and wanted to let the residents know that Trustee Czajka, The Police Department staff, Administrator Scarpiniti and the Mayor attended a meeting with Representative Ford about this Act. The Legislators are getting ready to go into session and modify the current Safety Act. Chief Erhenberg provided a very detailed summary of how this Safety Act will directly affect the Village of North Riverside. He will provide this summary to the legislators.

As many of you are aware, the Village of North Riverside will be celebrating 100 years in 2023 and we are looking for volunteers to help plan a celebration. He will be establishing committees for the events made up of board members, staff, residents and businesses. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact the Mayor.

On Saturday, October 29th, from 10am-2pm the North Riverside Police Department along with the North Riverside Public Works will be hosting the Catalytic Converter marking program. A flyer will be available this week at the Commons for residents to sign up.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Bianco

Trustee Bianco thanked all the residents in attendance at tonight's meeting for their comments and concerns. He also thanked all that attended the Tour Day Proviso.

Trustee Czajka

Trustee Czajka thanked Chief Erhenberg for the detailed report that will be given to the legislators regarding the Safety Act. The North Riverside Players will be having their presentation of the "Odd Couple," the female version, starting this weekend. Please purchase tickets soon.

The final four interviews for the new Recreation Director will be held this Wednesday and a decision will be made shortly after.

Trustee Demopoulos

Trustee Demopoulos had no report but thanked the WCMC for hosting the annual dinner and had a great time representing North Riverside.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Flores

Trustee Flores read the following Request for Board Action:

Criminals from outside our borders are responsible for the vast majority of serious crimes committed in North Riverside. Our close proximity to Chicago makes an attractive target for the City's overflow of criminal activity. While North Riverside's serious crime rate is low, we have experienced an increase in crime statistics that was proportional to the size of our Village.

Often criminals are using stolen motor vehicles to commit major crimes such as murders, burglaries, carjacking and theft. Research has shown that communities who use automatic license plate recognition reduce criminal activity and solve more crimes. Crime interdiction should always be our goal. Preventing a resident from becoming a victim will always be preferable to solving a crime committed against them. This technology advancement will allow North Riverside's officers the ability to identify vehicles driven by criminals and intervene before they can victimize anyone.

The total cost for 7 cameras would be \$24,950 and cover all IDOT fees, database curation and installation fees; with an annual recurring cost of approximately \$19,700 for subscription service to allow them to interface directly with the NCIC, LEADS and customize NR databases. Funds for these cameras would come from existing budget lines within the police department; therefore, I am not asking for a supplemental budget request.

Flock Safety is the exclusive vendor of a patent motion activated vehicle recognition and identification technology software for ALPRs. These readers are an essential component of any successful crime prevention campaign and will help our department strive towards its top priority of reducing crime in the community. The camera uses a motion capture system that does not require a reflective license plate to identify the vehicle's registration. This means that even stolen temporary plates (typically made of cardboard) can be identified. It can also transform digital images from any source and match vehicles based on the unique attributes of the vehicle such as luggage racks or bumper stickers. The ALPRs will natively and direct integrate into department's existing Axon body cameras and in-squad camera systems allowing officers immediate access and notification when criminals enter town in stolen vehicles.

Our cameras will be part of a much larger network of Flock cameras owned by Berwyn, Cicero, Oak Park, LaGrange McCook, Broadview, Hillside, Berkley, Indian Head Park, and even Morton High School. It will extend our alert network well beyond the border of North Riverside and promote increased collaboration with our neighboring communities.

Accordingly, I am respectfully requesting the Village waive the formal RFP process and award a contract to Flock Safety as sole source vendor. The purchase price is just below our \$25,00 bidding threshold; therefore, no competitive bids were required.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Flores moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to award a contract to Flock Safety for the purchase and installation of 7 automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs) at a not to exceed cost of \$24,950. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Trustee Mandel

Trustee Mandel mentioned she had a few residents reach out her about the weeds along the National Guard property and also asked if a bench with shelter can be placed by the bus stops across from this property. Mayor Mengoni is thinking of issuing a citation.

Trustee Mandel stated there is talk on social media about having a forensic audit done at the Village and would be in favor of this. Mayor Mengoni explained that our financial records are transparent and made available to residents. Attorney Murphy explained that under Illinois law the Village is required to have an audit done by an outside firm. The firm goes through all the records and do a justification to make certain all the numbers are accounted for. Once the audit is completed, the firm reports their findings to the Village board and also made public to the residents. Trustee Mandel stated that some residents feel it's the same company the Village uses for some accounting work and would like someone else to preform this.

Trustee Sarro

Trustee Sarro called for an Administrative Committee Meeting on October 17th at 6pm to continue discussion from tonight's committee meeting regarding the sign ordinance.

Trustee Sarro asked Chief McDermott about the sirens that have been going off in a nearby community. Chief McDermott has also heard these sirens and feels it may be coming from Westchester.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Request from the Riverside Township Lions Club to solicit for their annual Candy Days event on October 13th and 14th.

Trustee Demopoulos asked if the Township could please solicit within reasonable hours.

Trustee Bianco moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to approve the above request. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to approve the List of Bills submitted for this meeting totaling of \$333,975.46 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-None

UNFNISHED BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS- None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**