

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2020
COUNCIL ROOM 7:00 PM**

Mayor Hermanek called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance and a Roll Call. In attendance were Trustee Czajka, Trustee Flores, Trustee Demopoulos, Trustee Mandel, Trustee Mengoni and Trustee Sarro.

Others in attendance were Administrator Scarpiniti, Attorney Hayes, Police Chief Garcia, Fire Chief McDermott, Recreation Director Mrozik and Public Works Director Kutt.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Czajka moved seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve the agenda for this meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

BIDS

The following were the Tabulation of Bids for the 2020 MFT Sidewalk Improvement Project:

Schroeder & Schroeder	\$57,940.00
Triggi Construction	\$71,900.00
J.Nardulli Concrete	\$80,000.00
Davis Concrete Construction	\$84,505.00
M&J Asphalt Paving	\$87,830.00
Alliance Contractors	\$98,123.00
Copenhaver Construction	\$113,250.00
Landmark Contractors	\$144,959.50

CASH RECEIPT REPORT- No report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Sarro to approve the October 19, 2020 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (continued)

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Czajka

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

The Recreation Department would like to thank everyone who participated in our several new and safe Halloween events in North Riverside this year. A strong sense of community was felt throughout the Pumpkin Float at Commons Park, the candy drive-thru on Halloween and almost 60 candy home-eggings that neighbors shared with others. It was great to see the spirit of fun is still alive during these tough times.

The Recreation Department will be kicking off the holiday season this Friday. The first event will honor one of our annual family and friend traditions- Turkey Bingo via car. We have limited spots available for this exciting and safe event. This program will sell-out, so be sure to call or stop by soon.

The department is also collecting holiday cards for our beloved troops this holiday season. Please feel free to complete a greeting card with a nice, uplifting message for a special soldier during these tough times. They can be dropped off at the Recreation Office any time before November 16th. We hope many spirits can be lifted through this program.

Trustee Czajka also stated that she has heard many residents complimenting village for passing out the red and green Halloween signs and hopes this can continue in the following years to come.

Trustee Demopoulos

Trustee Demopoulos encouraged residents to vote on Tuesday.

Trustee Flores- No report

Trustee Mandel

Trustee Mandel submitted the Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission meeting minutes with the Clerk's office and thanked the Recreation Department for the Halloween events.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Mengoni

Trustee Mengoni read the following Executive Summary:

On October 15, 2020, the joint Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals held the required public hearing to review and deliberate on a proposed text amendment to Chapter 5 thru 8 of the North Riverside Zoning Ordinance in order to create a single list of all permitted and conditional-permitted uses. This amendment would affect portions of the Chapter 5 thru 8 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Village staff has recommended that a single list of all permitted and conditional-permitted uses replace the existing text. In addition, staff is recommending total amount gross floor area that could be devoted to any office use for any multi-tenant building would be 15 percent of the total gross floor area of all buildings on any property.

Village staff's proposed text amendments would be:

- Modernize this aspect of the Zoning Ordinance
- Protect the B2 and B3 Zoning Districts by limiting the amount of commercial (i.e., retail) tenant that can be converted to office use. Presently, the Mall is zoned B3 and within that district general office and medical office type uses are permitted by right. Over time, significant areas of the mall tenant space could be converted from retail to non-sales tax generating office use without the benefit of any involvement or approval by the Village Board. Accordingly, Staff is recommending that for any multi-tenant building (i.e., shopping center or Mall), the total amount of gross floor area that could be devoted to any office (i.e., professional or medical office) would be 15 percent of the total gross floor area of all buildings on the property. Anyone seeking relief to this provision could seek the approval of either a variation or incorporate the change as part of a formal planned development application.

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to accept the findings and recommendations of the Joint Plan Commission/Plan Board of Appeals to approve the village staff proposed text amendments to Chapter 5 thru 8 of the North Riverside Zoning Ordinance to create a single list of all permitted and conditional-permitted uses and the total amount of gross floor area that could be devoted to any office use for any multi-tenant building would be 15 percent of the total gross floor area of all buildings on the property. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

Trustee Mengoni read another Executive Summary as follows:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

On October 15, 2020, the Joint Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals held the required public hearing to review and deliberate on a proposed amendment to Title 17 of the North Riverside Zoning Ordinance Chapter 12 Administration and Enforcement.

The key element of this update was to reflect the recent change that was made to consolidate the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals into a single 7-member Joint Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals and to consolidate responsibilities.

The Commission agreed with the proposed changes.

As such, the Joint Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, by unanimous vote of 6-0, recommended approval of the proposed amendments to Title 17 of the North Riverside Zoning Ordinance Chapter 12 Administration and Enforcement as recommended by the village staff. There were no public comments.

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Flores seconded to accept the findings and recommendations of the Joint Plan Commission/ Zoning Board of Appeals to approve the village staff's proposed text amendments to Chapter 12, Administration and Enforcement, of the North Riverside Zoning Ordinance and authorize the village attorney to prepare the necessary ordinance for passage at the November 16, 2020 Village Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

Trustee Mengoni read an Executive Summary as follows:

On October 26, 2020, bids were received and opened for the replacement of sidewalks as part of the 2020 MFT Sidewalk Improvement Project. Eight bids were received and tabulated with no errors found.

The low bidder was Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. of Skokie. It in the amount of \$57,940. This amount was \$18,510 or 24 % below the Engineers project estimate of \$76, 450. Schroeder & Schroeder Inc. is qualified to perform this work.

Sufficient funding has been budgeted in the current fiscal year.

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to accept the tabulation of bids for the 2020 MFT Sidewalk Improvement Project and to award the contract to Schroeder & Schroeder Inc. of Skokie II and not to exceed the amount of \$57,940. Roll call Vote:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

On the question, Trustee Czajka asked if the village has ever dealt with this company in the past and Public Works Director Kutt stated that they are IDOT qualified.

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Sarro

Trustee Sarro called for an Administrative Committee Meeting on November 9th at 6pm.

Trustee Sarro also thanked the Recreation Department for the wonderful Halloween events. She also asked Mayor Hermanek if he would look into some concerns from elderly residents regarding very late delivery times. Mayor Hermanek mentioned this was village wide and has also received complaints and will contact Post office with other issues as well.

Trustee Sarro asked Mayor Hermanek is he could keep an eye out if any grants become available for our small business owners in town. Even something in the form of grants for tents for outdoor eating would be helpful.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Hermanek thanked Michelle Cozzone in the Building Department for helping resident Mary Lee with her issues regarding a plumber. Mary was extremely pleased with her help in finding a reliable and trustworthy plumber.

Mayor Hermanek expressed his sympathy on the passing of former mayor Jim Votava.

As a safety precaution, this Tuesday election day, the village offices will be closed for in person transactions. However, all personnel will be available for phone calls. He encouraged all residents to exercise their right to vote.

Mayor Hermanek received a phone call from Brandon Johnson from Cook County and the village will be receiving an additional \$12,000 in CARES funding. Mayor Hermanek also asked Mr. Johnson to seek help for our small businesses during this pandemic.

The 2020 COVID Pandemic has caused suffering for people around the world, our country, our state, and our village. Our residents have suffered more financial difficulties than ever before. This year's annual Christmas party at the Village Commons will therefore be canceled, as most other events have been due to the pandemic.

MAYORAL REPORT (continued)

I have decided to use the allocated monies for the Christmas party to help families and seniors in need. There's approximately \$10,000 available to help our needy residents. Therefore, I have requested Neighborhood Services Program to try and provide me a confidential list of those in need. I am also asking anyone who is in need and anyone who knows someone in need to email me their information. We will also make this request on our Village website. I hope that some financial assistance given to our families and seniors during the holiday will provide some relief and happiness during these difficult and trying times.

CORRESPONDENCE-None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Sarro moved, seconded by Trustee Flores to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$236,628.98 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

On the question, Trustee Mandel questioned a check made to Director Scarpiniti for \$780.00 on October 20, 2020. Director Scarpiniti explained that this was a reimbursement check for 7 months worth of a cable line to her home line which enables her to continue to work from home when needed.

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS- None

UNFNISHED BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS- None

AUDIENCE

Paul Rand asked if everyone could leave as quickly as possible after the meeting so he and other election judges could set up for the election tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Demopoulos moved and Trustee Czajka seconded for adjournment of this meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**