

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2021
COUNCIL ROOM 7:00 PM**

Mayor Hermanek called the meeting to order with 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, 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-None

CASH RECEIPT REPORT

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve the Cash Receipt Report for the month of December, 2020 totaling \$1,875,231.59. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2021 Village Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote:

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:

Our Senior Pace Bus Program is accepting reservations at this time. Guidelines for this program are located in the Village Commons hallway next to the Recreation desk. To schedule a ride, please call the Pace Bus phone line directly.

Indoor classes are now in session due to the change in our regions mitigation level. All classes require the use of masks and social distancing. In addition, we are still offering select virtual options. To register, please visit the Recreation Office, use the online e-pay system on the Village's website, or contact us by phone.

Summer Day Camp packets will be available for pickup beginning Monday, February 15th. Camp registration will take place throughout the month of March.

The Recreation Department is currently preparing the 2021 Spring Fun Guide. It will be full of exciting new programming and familiar favorites. It will be released digitally the first week of March, so be on the lookout.

Trustee Czajka also thanked the Public Works Department for the snow removal during the past storm.

Trustee Demopoulos

Trustee Demopoulos had no report but thanked the Director Kutt and his department for the great job during the snow storm.

Trustee Flores

Trustee Flores had no report but also thanked the Public Works Department.

Trustee Mandel

Trustee Mandel thanked public works for the street cleaning and requested further documents in the Strom contract. Trustee Mandel also suggested the board consider having two contractors for snow removal for the seniors. Mayor Hermanek stated there were some equipment issues from the snow removal contractors but senior residents registered for this program had the snow removed by 5pm.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES(continued)

Trustee Mengoni

Trustee Mengoni had nor report but also thanked Director Kutt and his department.

Trustee Sarro

Trustee Sarro thanked the Public Works Department for their continued efforts and asked the Mayor if he would clarify of when community alerts are sent out. A few residents were concerned about an issue and wondered why an alert wasn't sent out residents. Mayor Hermanek stated alerts are sent out when there is an emergency situation, especially during COVID. They are also sent out to update residents when there will be an upcoming activity. As far as police situations, if there's an imminent situation obviously there will be an alert. However, with isolated instances it does not make sense to alert the community for a non violent situation.

Trustee Sarro also thanked the administration for gathering phone numbers of local residents willing to shovel snow.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Hermanek thanked the Public Works Department for a wonderful job with the snow removal and also thanked West Town Bank and Trust for their generous donation to sponsor several of our Recreation events such as Daddy Daughter Date Night, Remodeled Mother & Son Fun and the 5k Race. It is a pleasure to work with such a great community business. Thank you to Kevin and his wonderful staff.

CORRESPONDENCE- None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Sarro moved, seconded by Trustee Flores to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$353,631.79 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

On the question, Trustee Mandel questioned invoices Strom. Administrator Scarpiniti said she will have Director Kutt explain those invoices but going forward it would be much easier if Trustee Mandel communicate her questions prior to the Village Board Meetings so that she and the department heads could have a much more viable response for her due to the very large amount

APPROVAL OF BILLS (continued)

of bills that are distributed a month. Director Kutt mentioned the invoice for Ace Hardware was for not only holiday lights but extension cords and other supplies. The Strom invoice was for extra hauling which as not included in the past contract. Administrator Scarpiniti stated both herself and Director Kutt were not a part of that committee or RFP for the Strom contract but Trustee Demopoulos may be able explain as he was a member of that committee, however, the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder.

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to approve an Ordinance Adopting a New Sign Ordinance in the Village of North Riverside, Cook County, Illinois **(21-O-02)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

UNFNISHED BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS- None

AUDIENCE

Mayor Hermanek received a letter from resident Luca Melone regarding Trustee Mandel's decision to vote "No" pertaining to the checks to Mater Christi Parish totaling \$2,100 for facility usage. Mr. Melone would like to know why she voted No to those bills when hundreds of thousands of dollars are passed.

Trustee Mandel stated she did not vote "No" in regards to the church but questioned the fees that were on there. Trustee Flores stated that she did vote "No" on the passage of bills and only questioned those checks made out to Mater Christi Parish. Trustee Mandel said she was voting against a payment to Civic Plus but Trustee Sarro agreed that her "No" vote was for payment to Mater Christi as Civic Plus was not mentioned at that meeting. Trustee Sarro also mentioned that she has questioned several bills in the past and always prior to Village Board Meetings. Her answers to her specific questions are given with a few minutes. Trustee Sarro thanked Administrator Scarpiniti for the clarification on properly requesting information about bills so that specific information is available to them before passage at a Village Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**