

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 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 Demopoulos, Trustee Flores, Trustee Mandel, Trustee Mengoni and Trustee Sarro.

Others in attendance were Finance Director Scarpiniti, Attorney Hayes, Police Chief Garcia, Fire Chief Kiser, Recreation Director Mrozik and Public Works Foremen Ed Durec .

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 Mengoni moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to approve the Cash Receipt Report for the month of January, 2020 totaling \$1,740,140.68. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Sarro moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the February 3, 2020 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Czajka- (Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)

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

This upcoming Friday, we have over 230 guests joining us at our annual Daddy/Daughter Date Night. The night will be complete with dinner, dancing, fun photos, games and more. We would like to thank Junction Diner for donating free meal vouchers for each little lady in attendance.

This Sunday, the North Riverside Players will host their annual murder mystery fundraiser. Everyone attending will enjoy a delightful meal, interactive theater, a silent auction and so much more. Information for the program is on the table in the hallway if you would like to join the fun. Thank you to all of those that support our locally-based talent.

Registration for summer day camp is open to all families at this time. All camps are 60-100% full. If you or someone you know is interested in securing a spot, please recommend that they reach out to the Recreation Department soon.

We are entering week 7 of the Youth Basketball League. Please mark your calendars for our basketball finals. Cheer on the fierce competitors at our several tournaments each evening Monday, March 9th through the Saturday, March 14th.

Trustee Demopoulos(Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Garbage)

Trustee Demopoulos reminded residents that Urban Air is now open and thanked them for a wonderful grand opening with free events for resident that day.

Trustee Flores- (Police, Fire & License)

Trustee Flores read the following memo from Director Scarpiniti:

Mayor Hermanek has been in discussions with the communities of Riverside, Brookfield and RBHS concerning the purchase of a new radio repeater system to enhance the radio network with first responders at the high school.

Throughout the high school, there are numerous areas where radio communication is either unavailable or intermittent. These dead zones are extremely dangerous and limit the ability of first responders to quickly respond and adequately communicate during emergencies, putting students at greater risk.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

This new repeater system will not only connect the public service agencies of North Riverside, Brookfield and Riverside, but it will also tie into Cook County Starcom emergency radio network increasing overall public safety.

The total cost of this system is \$67,750 and will be shared between North Riverside, Riverside, Brookfield and RBHS. North Riverside and Brookfield will each make a one-time contribution of \$14,000 towards the total purchase cost, with Riverside paying \$14,750 and School District 208 contributing the remaining balance of \$25,000.

Riverside will be the lead agency on this project, with the equipment being installed as soon as feasible after passage of the attached intergovernmental agreement by all participating agencies. This collaborative agreement is a great example of what we can accomplish when neighboring communities work together towards a common goal.

Trustee Flores moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to authorize the execution of the intergovernmental agreement between Riverside Brookfield High School District 208 and the Villages of North Riverside, Riverside and Brookfield for the enhancement of Starcom emergency radio coverage at Riverside Brookfield High School. Roll Call Vote:

On the question, Mayor Hermanek stated that he received a phone call from the Mayor Seles of Riverside and for an undisclosed reason the village of Brookfield has backed out of the deal with Starcom. Mayor Hermanek assured Mayor Seles that North Riverside will remain in this contract as we value our relationship with RBHS and will strive to continue to keep our students at RBHS in a safe environment.

Roll Call Vote (continued)

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

Trustee Mandel (Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)

Trustee Mandel also thanked Tony's, the owner of the strip mall, for getting Urban Air into that location. She had received an email from an alderman in Yorkville reaching out for mental health support by adopting a proclamation for the 2020 National Suicide Prevention in September.

Trustee Mengoni- (Finance Health & Appropriations)- No report

Trustee Sarro- (Public Buildings, Grounds, Lights, Transportation, Plan Commission)- No report

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Hermanek state he will be headed to Springfield tomorrow to meet Senate Majority Leader Kim Lightford to discuss issues important to our village including funding for Komarek School, funding for potential recreation projects and roads and red light camera issues.

CORRESPONDENCE- None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Sarro to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$337,275.33 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Flores moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Riverside Brookfield High School District 208 and the Villages of Riverside and North Riverside for the Enhancement of Starcom Emergency Radio Coverage **(20-R-01)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

Trustee Sarro thanked the board for unanimously voting to join forces with RBHS and Riverside for the safety of not only her own children attending RB but for all of the North Riverside students at RBHS.

UNFNISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS- None

AUDIENCE

Craig Seidel asked if LaGrange Park is or should be involved in the participation of Starcom at RBHS since some students attend the school. Mayor Hermanek stated that the policing of RBHS is and has been the three communities which is Riverside, Brookfield and North Riverside as very few students from LaGrange Park and Broadview attend the school.

Mr. Seidel also asked if it's time to consider North Riverside being a sanctuary village. Mayor Hermanek said it's a little more technical than calling it a sanctuary village. Our Police are very cognizant of the environment and we welcome everyone in our village.

Myra Zak asked what the status was with Carsons. Mayor Hermanek could not comment just yet but hopefully in the very near future plans will be made public.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded for adjournment of this meeting at 7:20pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**