

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JUNE 8, 2020**  
**DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA**  
**CONFERENCE CALL AT 7:00 PM**

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

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

Mayor Hermanek started this meeting with a statement regarding the recent activity and the aftermath of the death of George Floyd.

Before we begin tonight's meeting, I would like to read a statement as your Mayor on behalf of Mr. George Floyd and the events occurring in its aftermath.

I am very proud of the professionalism, dedication, hard work and courage of our police department. They are a diverse group that respects the rights of all individuals who they come into contact with on a daily basis. Our police treat everyone with dignity and fairness. They are highly trained and react in the proper manner for each situation because of this training.

I am proud and you should be also, that in the seven plus years I have served as Mayor, not one single complaint has been filed against our police for excessive force or any other civil rights violations.

I could not be more disgusted with the police misconduct that unlawfully took the life of Mr. George Floyd, an unarmed and handcuffed black man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Floyd's family for their loss.

This village will not allow or tolerate any forms of discrimination or racism regardless of a person's skin color, religion or sexual preference. This includes residents, village employees and those who visit here. We are an inclusive village. Just look at the pride flag proudly flying next door to this village.

I am a supporter of all those exercising their first amendment rights to peacefully assemble and protest their outrage to these terrible acts. However, I do not condone and will not tolerate any violence, looting or other unlawful conduct to be done to our village.

I am always available to our residents wishing to meet and further discuss these important matters. Furthermore, these past three months have been a challenge for our residents and village and I want to thank you all for your cooperation and patience during these

unprecedented times. We have had a pandemic, record flooding and social unrest all occurring in such a short period of time.

We are in the process of finalizing the institution of our flood assistance financial program that will help those who are trying to alleviate water issues during heavy rains, along with other measures to lessen the impact of flooding in their homes. Please look for more information when our village newsletter is released later in June.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Trustee Czajka moved seconded by Trustee Flores 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**- No report

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Sarro moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the May 11, 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:

Congratulations to all graduates in the area and a special congratulations to our North Riverside Recreation Preschool Class of 2020. We were happy to see all of our students that day and wish them the best of luck as they head off to Kindergarten.

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)**

As Stay at Home Order continues, the Recreation Department continues to monitor the situation and address programs and events as more information is divulged. All programs and events impacts will be communicated through our Facebook page and directly to participants affected via email or phone.

Our Senior Pace Bus Program is accepting reservations at this time. We will begin rides on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Pace phone line to reserve a spot.

We are now offering select outdoor classes in addition to virtual programming. If registering for in-person programs, please adhere to all class requirements in order to make it a success for all involved. As we move forward, additional programming will be created, advertised on our Facebook page and mailed or emailed to potential participants.

Trustee Czajka thanked all the first responders for keeping the village safe during the riots at the mall and congratulated all the graduates this year.

### **Trustee Demopoulos( Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Garbage)**

Trustee Demopoulos thanked all the departments and employees for keeping us safe over the weekend.

### **Trustee Flores- ( Police, Fire & License)**

Trustee Flores also thanked the police department and reiterated the police department's statement.

### **Trustee Mandel ( Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)**

Trustee Mandel thanked all departments for keeping us safe and also thanked the many residents and Trustee Sarro for their efforts in cleaning the mall property after the looting.

### **Trustee Mengoni- ( Finance Health & Appropriations)**

Trustee Mengoni stated the village received notification from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and they were asking that small businesses and non for profit businesses go to their website and apply for targeted low interest loans. These loans are for those that were severely impacted by the civil unrest in our counties. More information will be on our village website.

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)**

Trustee Mengoni called for budget meetings on June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. These meetings will also be held via Zoom. Low interest rate loans for households affected by the recent floodings will be discussed at these budget hearings.

Trustee Mengoni also thanked all the departments for their efforts on a daily basis during these times.

### **Trustee Sarro- (Public Buildings, Grounds, Lights, Transportation, Plan Commission)**

Trustee Sarro thanked all the Departments and especially Mayor Hermanek for keeping our village safe and for their help with the Komarek graduation ceremony.

## **MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Hermanek also thanked all the first responders for their continuous efforts in keeping our village safe.

## **CORRESPONDENCE-** None

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## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Flores to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$981,904.07 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 Sarro moved and Trustee Mengoni seconded to approve a Resolution Altering Public Meeting Procedures During Local State of Emergency in the Village of North Riverside **(20-R-06)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

### **UNFNISHED BUSINESS**

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee seconded Czajka to extend The Declaration of Local State of Emergency in the Village and Directive for Mandatory Face Coverings in Open Businesses.

On the question, Trustee Czajka asked how the village is monitoring face coverings. Mayor Hermanek stated that all businesses have been in compliance thus far.

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Hermanek called for an executive board meeting at 6:00 pm on June 15<sup>th</sup>. to discuss personnel matters. No voting will take place at this meeting.

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Flores seconded to the above Executive Board Meeting request on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

### **AUDIENCE**

No comment or questions were submitted for this meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI  
VILLAGE CLERK**

