

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JULY 13, 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 Administrator Scarpiniti, Attorney Davalle, Police Chief Garcia, Fire Chief Kiser, Recreation Director Mrozik and Public Works Director Kutt.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Czajka moved seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve the revised agenda for this meeting. 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 May, 2020 in the amount of \$1,592,611.28 Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

On the question, Trustee Mandel had question about a miscellaneous charge from a vendor. Administrator Scarpiniti stated that her question was part of the List of Bill and not the Cash Receipt Report and would be addressed later in the meeting.

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve the Cash Receipt for the month of June, 2020 in the amount of \$1,513,661.59. 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 June 15, 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:

The Parks and Recreation Department is the grateful recipient of a \$15,000 grant from the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission. During this tough time, we couldn't be more thankful for their continued support of our special recreation programming through WSSRA.

A new abbreviated Summer Fun Guide has been released digitally on the Village of North Riverside website. This is a safe way to reintroduce active programming to our residents.

Day Camp made its return on July 6th and has been running successfully with many added safety measures that coincide with the guidelines of the CDC, DCEO and IDPH. The kids have been enjoying this new version of day camp.

Trustee Demopoulos(Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Garbage)

Trustee Demopoulos stated he was excited about the resolution on tonight's agenda.

Trustee Flores- (Police, Fire & License)- No report

Trustee Mandel (Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)

Trustee Mandel submitted the Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission Minutes from May 13th and June 10th with the Clerk's Office. She also thanked Tony Novak and residents on 7th Avenue for the coffee mugs.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Mengoni- (Finance Health & Appropriations)

Trustee Mengoni called for a special meeting on July 27th at 6:00pm and a Finance committee meeting to follow.

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

Trustee Sarro announced that any school children in need of lunches Komarek School is a designated pick up site on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Hermanek expressed his sympathy to the families of Jim Zak and Jim Esner.

Mayor Hermanek also stated that there was a public hearing at 6:00pm on the budget and there were no comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

- The Village of Schiller Park sent a letter thanking Sergeant Gaede for his assistance at a rally event in Schiller Park.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Flores to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$1,001,822.16 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

On the question, Administrator Scarpinit addressed Trustee Mandel's question regarding a miscellaneous charge from a vendor. She stated on page 25 in the agenda packet, there is a list outlining the vendors with details.

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Demopoulos moved and Trustee Mengoni seconded to approve a Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code **(20-R-07)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Czajka seconded to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Sales Tax Rebate Agreement with Zeigler North Riverside, LLC and AJZ-North Riverside LLC in the Village of North Riverside **(20-R-08)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustee Czajka, Flores, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: Trustee Demopoulos, Mandel

Trustee Demopoulos changed his initial vote. He felt it was a little greedy and may set a precedent. Trustee Mandel questioned how the board could approve this as there was no Village Board or Zoom meeting and felt it was improper and illegal. Mayor Hermanek responded by saying during COVID were we unable to hold a meeting and each trustee was called in to make a decision regarding moving forward with a Zeigler contract and Trustee Mandel was the only one that did not respond. Administrator Scarpiniti stated that multiple memos went out due to COVID restrictions and this is being brought to the board at this meeting for approval.

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve and Ordinance Adopting Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 **(20-O-09)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Czajka, Flores, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: Trustees Demopoulos, Mandel

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to approve an Ordinance Amending the 2019-2020 Annual Appropriation Ordinance and Approving the Budget Transfers in the Village of North Riverside **(20-O-10)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Czajka, Flores, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: Trustees Demopoulos, Mandel

UNFNISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Hermanek requested two Village Board Meetings in August. Those dates would be August 3rd and August 17th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued)

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Flores seconded to strike the August 10th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to add the new August Village Board Meeting Dates to August 3rd and August 17th. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS- None

AUDIENCE

There were six questions from reside Maureen Ferriter via Zoom.

1. With all the crimes at the taking place at the mall, what actions will the Village take to address these crimes and what are the plans to try and circumvent this going forward? Mayor Hermanek stated the mall is privately owned and responsible for their security. Having said that, the village is responsible for the safety of our residents and shoppers. Recently, the Mayor, Police Chief and Administrator met with the mall to increase armed personnel and increase presence both inside and out. Less entrances in the mall and reinstate the mall safety commission. Additional security cameras will also be installed.
2. With the recent flooding, there was talk the Village will help out those in need to install updates to basements. Is this true? If this true, what are the plans for those that have already installed and spent thousands to try and eliminate water in their basement? Mayor Hermanek stated this was mentioned at recent budget meetings and the village will help with a low interest loan program and with extended time to help those in need with installing flood control. More information will be in our newsletter.
3. With the new gambling lounge moving in on 26th and 1st Avenue, does the village have a limit of gambling establishments? What are the benefits from having these locations? Mayor Hermanek stated that the village imposed a cap on gambling facilities about two years ago to ten. At that time, we thought that was appropriate. Each establishment brings in approximately \$50,000 a year in revenue. Zoning changes will be made on signage and there have never been any issues with police department.
4. What are the plans for the church property purchased on 24th and 8th Avenue? Mayor Hermanek stated for many years there has been a lot of input from the village to increase the recreation facilities. As you may know, the village is land locked and when this property came up for purchase we felt it would benefit the village and would be a good investment. In a few months the demolition will start and this be done with a grant that the village received. Once plans are in place residents will be able to give input.

AUDIENCE (continued)

5. Are there guidelines in place when Code Red should be used by the Mayor? Mayor Hermanek stated the community alert system is for the resident's information. Whether it's for road closures, rallies, when a festival will happen or COVID related. We try and get as much information out to the residents. It is for advance notice but when something is happening at the mall or some other situation where police are involved,
6. we feel it is not proper to disrupt an investigation. Once things settle, residents will be informed. In the near future, the village will open two facebook sites. One for the police department and one for the village where official information will be brought to residents. More information will be provided in the newsletter.
7. Didn't the Village pay a consultant and form a committee to bring new businesses to North Riverside? Where are we on this? Mayor Hermanek stated we did form a committee which was very successful and a consultant was hired but not to bring in new business to the village. It was for strategic planning and how to zone and to look into future land development. The village was unable to hold final strategic plan meetings for long term due to COVID but will resume soon.

Ralph Circelli asked how many security guards where at the mall. Chief Garcia mentioned that during the week there are six off duty policemen and on weekends there are nine. This for now has shown positive results. Mr. Circelli also asked why Pete's Market was not called back. Mayor Hermanek stated his information was incorrect and that Pete's will only purchase property and will not lease any land. The land in question was not for sale and that is the reason that business did come into North Riverside. Administrator Scarpiniti stated that the administration is actively working with the mall management to redevelop the mall area.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded for adjournment of this meeting at 7:40 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**

