

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING JULY 27, 2020**

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 Horvath, Police Chief Garcia, 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**- No report

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**-None

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Czajka- (Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)-No report

Trustee Demopoulos( Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Garbage)- No report

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

Trustee Mandel ( Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)- No report

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

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

## **MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Hermanek stated at the last Village Board Meeting, Trustee Mandel slandered me and my administrator by accusing us of illegal and improper conduct regarding the Zeigler sales tax rebate agreement.

Because of this accusation, our Village Attorney was requested to write a memorandum of law pertaining to this topic and how the meetings with trustees on the Zeigler manner were held. There was absolutely no misconduct or illegal acts committed with respect to the meetings.

Since 2013, as Mayor, I have tried to perform my mayoral duties with highest ethics and integrity and so has our administration. Not only was I offended by Trustee Mandel's accusations regarding my conduct as a Mayor, but I have been for the past 37 years a practicing attorney with never a disciplinary mark on my record. Being accused of wrongdoing by someone ignorant of the law is not appreciated and uncalled for. Trustees are elected officials of the Village and should conduct themselves appropriately, especially at board meetings.

I have authorized the publication of the legal memorandum regarding this matter for public reading and it will be posted on our Village website. Anyone who has issues or questions regarding this matter is welcome to contact me.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**-None

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS** - None

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to approve the Annual Appropriation Ordinance (2020-2021) for the Village of North Riverside **(20-O-11)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

On the question, Administrator Scarpiniti reminded residents that publication of the annual appropriation was posted to the website for the last month and in the paper. A public hearing was also held and there were no questions.

AYES: Trustees Czajka, Flores, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: Trustees Demopoulos, Mandel

## **UNFNISHED BUSINESS**- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**- None

## **AUDIENCE**

Trustee Mandel stated she did not slander the Administration or Mayor and feels the Zeigler deal was improper and residents should have been notified. Trustee Sarro appreciated the legal opinion from our attorney and did not appreciate Trustee Mandel's comments. She reminded Trustee Mandel that this information was given to her over two months prior and Trustee Mandel had plenty of time to either request a meeting and or give an answer regarding this agreement. She also stated that these meeting requests should be made in the board room and not via social media. Trustee Czajka reminded the residents and Trustee Mandel that she was elected to make these decisions.

Nick Tricoci asked why both Trustee Demopoulos and Trustee Mandel voted No to the budget as he has sat at the budget meetings both days and neither Trustee has suggested any ideas to address the budget issues. Trustee Demopoulos stated he discusses issues at committee meetings. He has worked with the board and shares his ideas especially with the fire department and paramedic services and mentioned to Mr. Tricoci that his ideas are on his website. Trustee Demopoulos mentioned we have a state of the art water meters and he has worked with the other trustees to get this done. Trustee Sarro disagreed with Trustee Demopoulos's comments regarding paramedic services stated that his issue was not put to rest.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Demopoulos moved and Trustee Czajka seconded for adjournment of this meeting at 6:15pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI  
VILLAGE CLERK**