

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AUGUST 14, 2017
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 Bianco, Trustee Czajka, Trustee Demopoulos Trustee Mengoni and Trustee Sarro. Trustee Flores was absent.

Others in attendance were Attorney Hayes, Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Police Chief Niemann, Deputy Chief Garcia, Public Works Director Kutt, Village Engineer Fitzgerald, Recreation Director Mrozik and Fire Chief Basek.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Bianco moved seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the revised agenda for this meeting. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

Absent: Trustee Flores

BIDS

The following are the bids for the Cermak Road Water Main Replacement Phase 1:

Cerniglia Company, Inc. - \$496,589.00
Suburban General Contractor - \$547,875.00
Unique Plumbing Company, Inc. - \$566,567.50
Riccio Construction Corp. - \$593,369.00
Trine Construction Corp. - \$598,064.10
Sheridan Plumbing & Sewer - \$682,319.00
Bolder Construction, Inc. - \$655,765.00
A lamp Concert Construction - \$704,992.50

Trustee Bianco moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to accept the bids for the Cermak Road Water Main Replacement Phase 1. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Flores

CASH RECEIPT REPORT

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to accept the Cash Receipt Report for the month of June, 2017 in the amount of \$1,864,582.26. Roll Call Vote:

AYES Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Flores

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Czajka moved, seconded by Trustee Bianco to approve the July 10, 2017 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSTAIN: Trustee Demopoulos

ABSENT: Trustee Flores

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Bianco- (Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)

Trustee Bianco read a memo from Novotny Engineering as follows:

The "Tabulation of Bids" were received and opened for the Cermak Road Water Main Replacement Phase 1 at 10:00 am on August 10, 2017. Eight (8) bids were received and tabulated, with two computational errors being found that did not affect the bid order.

The low bidder was Cerniglia Company, Inc., submitting a bid in the amount of \$496,589.00, which was \$60,378.50 (10.84% below the Engineer's Estimate of \$556,967.50.

Cerniglia Company is qualified to perform this work. Therefore, we recommend that the contract be awarded to **Cerniglia Company, Inc., 3421 Lake Street, Melrose Park, IL 60160**, in the amount of **\$496,589.00**

Trustee Bianco moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to award the contract for the Cermak Road Water Main Replacement Phase 1 to the lowest bidder, **Cerniglia Company Inc., of Melrose Park Illinois** in the amount of **\$496,589.00**. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Flores

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Czajka- (Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)

Trustee Czajka had no report under her committee, however, she read the following report from Police and Fire Committee in lieu of Trustee Flores Absence:

During this year's budget meeting Chief Basek requested the replacement of the marquee sign in front of the Fire Department, which was approved with a budgeted cost of \$31,500. Chief Basek has recieved 3-proposals;

Grate Signs Inc.- \$29,400

Affiliated Resource, Inc. - \$29,700

Infinity Communications Group - \$46,356.73

Trustee Czajka moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to award the proposal for the LED Marquee Sign for the Fire Department to the lowest bidder, Grate Signs, Inc. in the amount of \$29,400.
Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Flores

Trustee Czajka also submitted the Fire and EMS Calls for the month of July, 2017 as follows:

	JULY	YTD
Fire	93	603
EMS	150	885
Inspections	131	485
Compliances	109	392

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

Trustee Flores- (Police, Fire & License)-Absent

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Mengoni- (Finance Health & Appropriations

Trustee Mengoni read the following minutes from the Finance, Health & Appropriations Committee Meeting held on July 17, 2017:

Item #1: Discussion on Water Rates: Director Scarpiniti distributed two handouts; the first showed the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission water rates dating back to 2003 and the Village's water rates dating back to 1981. The second handout included a Water & Sewer Rate Survey from surrounding communities. Director Scarpiniti also provided the Committee with a historical view of the Village's actual water consumption by year since 2002 and four different water rate increase proposals for consideration. She reminded the Committee that the 2017-18 approved operating budget included a rate increase component that was designed to generate \$360,000 in new revenue. This increase is necessary to cover the additional cost for purchasing water from the Water Commission as both the City of Chicago and the Water Commission have increased their water rates effective June 1, 2017. The City of Chicago imposed a \$.07 per thousand gallons rate increase to the Commission and the Water Commission, in turn, passed on a \$.14 per thousand gallons rate increase to its customers. The Commission's rate increase covers not only the City of Chicago water rate increase but the first of seven \$.08 increases for the repayment of the low interest IEPA loan for the new Chicago supply main being constructed in 2017.

The 2017-2018 operating budget included a \$500,000 water main replacement project on Cermak Road from 1st Avenue to 5th Avenue. Administrator Belmonte mentioned the Cermak Road water main replacement would be a multi-year project completed in phases over the next 4-5 years until the entire main is replaced from 1st Avenue to 19th Avenue. Director Scarpiniti also mentioned that \$165,000 was budgeted for phase 2 of the sewer lining project this year and within the next 2-3 years, the water standpipe will need to be repainted at the estimated cost of \$300,000. Per the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Riverside, Riverside will pay 25% of the total cost to paint the water standpipe or approximately \$75,000.

Director Scarpiniti went on to explain in detail the 4 rate increase options put together by staff; Option #1 proposed a straight water rate increase of \$2.55 per 1000 gallons to all customers and no change to the water operations fee. Option #2 also proposed a water increase of \$2.55 per 1000 gallons but the water operations fee would vary depending on the customer's water meter size. In addition, there would be a discounted water operations fee provided to seniors upon application and proof of the senior exemption on their most recent property tax bill. The new discounted senior rate would be \$10 per billing cycle and would generating a total saving of approximately \$59 per year on a minimum bill. The water operations fee would remain \$30 per billing cycle for the majority of single family houses but

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would go up for any customer who had a 1" meter or larger. Option #3 had a water rate increase component of \$1.85 per 1000 gallons and also increased the water operations fee for most customers from \$30 to \$40 per billing cycle. Users who had a 1" meter or larger would also see a larger increase in the water operations fee based upon meter size. Seniors would be eligible for a discounted water operations fee of \$15 per billing cycle under this option; thereby, generating an annual savings of approximately \$46 per year. Option #4 proposed a water rate increase of \$2.55 per 1000 gallons for all customers, eliminated the \$30 water operations fee per billing cycle and created a \$2.25 per 1000 gallons sewer rate. Director Scarpiniti asked the committee if there were any options they did not want to consider. The committee agreed to remove options #1 and #4 from consideration. After a discussion on options #2 and #3, the committee agreed to go with option #2 because it had the biggest discount for seniors and kept the water operations fee unchanged for most customers. Trustee Mengoni polled Trustees Bianco, Czajka and the Mayor and all agreed with going with option #2. Trustee Sarro motioned and Trustee Flores seconded to increase the water rate by \$2.55 per 1000 gallons and institute a flexible water operations fee according to water meter size, with a discount provided to qualifying seniors age 65 and over. The motion passes through committee with 3-yes votes.

Item #2: Discussion on the Roosevelt Group, Lobbyist Firm: Administrator Belmonte informed the committee that the Mayor, Village Attorney Odelson and himself met with Mike Noonan of The Roosevelt Group (TRG) about becoming a lobbyist for the Village. The Administrator reminded the committee that Jack Kubik retired and is no longer an active lobbyist. The Administrator said the Roosevelt Group was recommended by Commissioner Tobolski's office and Jack Kubik spoke very highly of this firm. The Mayor met Mr. Noonan when he was in Springfield with WCMC and witnessed his interaction with State Senators and Representatives. The Administrator mentioned that some of the clients that TRG represents are the Town of Cicero, their only municipality, Rivers Casino, Enterprise Car Rental, the Illinois Restaurant Association and AT&T. They will advise the Village on the status of matters that are important to us; Village staff will notify TRG of any legislation that could be detrimental to the Village and ask them to lobby against it on our behalf. The cost of TRG to represent the Village in Springfield is \$48,000 per year. Finance Director Scarpiniti mentioned that the cost was budgeted with the anticipation of Jack Kubik retiring. There was a discussion on the matter between committee members, board members and the Mayor. Trustee Sarro motioned and Trustee Flores seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign a one year agreement with The Roosevelt Group at the cost of \$48,000. Motioned passed with 3-yes votes and all other officials agreed.

Item #3: Elected Officials Salaries and Stipend: Trustee Bianco said he would like to see the salaries for elected officials raised or bring back the monthly stipend that was taken away back in 2009. The Administrator informed the committee and board members present that the last time elected officials salaries where increase was back in the early 1990's and you can only get the increase once you are

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re-elected. The earliest an elected official could get an increase would be after the 2019 election. The stipend that was taken away in 2009 was \$80 per month. There was a discussion by the committee and board members present and there were mixed feelings on the stipend, some thought it was ok to reinstate and others were against it. The cost would be about \$10,000 a year which Finance Director Scarpiniti said was not budgeted. Chairman Mengoni asked her to review the budget and see if the money can come from another line item. It will be discussed at a future Finance Committee meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to increase the water rate by \$2.55 per gallon 1000 gallons and institute a flexible water operations fee according to water meter size and to discount the water operations fee to \$10 per billing cycle for qualifying seniors age 65 and over. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: Trustee Demopoulos.

Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Flores

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to authorize the Village President to enter into a one year agreement with The Roosevelt Group at the cost of \$48,000 per year. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Flores

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

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Hermanek congratulated Trustee Demopoulos on his recent wedding and wished him well. He also announced that Fran Sitkiewicz, the Riverside Township Assessor, along with Cook County Board of Review Commissioner, Dan Patlak, are hosting a Property Tax Seminar on August 17th at 6:30 pm at our Village Commons and all are welcome to attend.

Mayor Hermanek gave the following Community Development Department updates:

- Presales- The Department performed 10 single-family presale inspections totaling \$4,251.00 in revenue.

MAYORAL REPORT (continued)

- Permit Totals- The Department issued 55 residential and commercial permits totaling \$18,312.15 in revenue.
- Jewel Osco- A permit was issued for the interior remodel of the retail food establishment.
- Catie's Place- A permit was issued for a video gaming facility at 1750 S Harlem Avenue.
- Let's Play Cermak, LLC- Opened a daycare facility at 9025 W. Cermak Road.

Congressman Danny Davis of the 7th District of Illinois has asked to invite all residents to attend the 7th Congressional District Broadview/North Riverside Town Hall Meeting on August 29th at 7:00pm. The meeting will take place in the Broadview Council Chambers at 2350 S. 25th Avenue. On the agenda will be the Affordable Care Act, Education, Immigration and Flooding Issues.

Mayor Hermanek asked Chief Niemann to discuss a situation on 8th Avenue that recently occurred which caused a concern amongst some residents. Chief Niemann along with Deputy Chief Garcia explained the situation to residents addressed their concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Request from the Knights of Columbus to solicit at the intersections of 26th and DesPlaines and 31st and DesPlaines on September 15th and 16th.
- Request to close the alley of 23rd and 13th Avenue on August 19th for a backyard reception. (This will not affect any traffic flow)
- Block party request for the 2500 block of 4th Avenue on August 26th
- Block party request from Mater Christi Parish on August 20th.
- Thank you cards from Katie and Cristine Manika thanking the Mayor and Youth Scholarship Committee.
- Block party request from the 2399 block of 9th Avenue for September 2nd.
- Block party request for 29th Ct on September 9th.
- Block party request for the 2300 block of 5th Avenue on September 10th.

Trustee Czajka moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to approve the above requests. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Bianco to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$907,967.76 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Flores

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Bianco seconded Authorizing the Village President to enter into an Agreement with the Roosevelt Group for Government Affairs Representation at the State of Illinois from August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018 **(17-O-11)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Flores

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 13 "Utilities", Chapter 12 "Water Meter and Rates" of the Village's Municipal Code **(17-O-12)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: Trustee Demopoulos

ABSENT: Trustee Flores

Motion carried

Trustee Demopoulos moved and Trustee Bianco seconded to approve a Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for North Riverside's 2017 MFT Project **(17-R-04)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Flores

UNFNISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Czajka thanked all departments involved for the wonderful Village Block Party Event.

NEW BUSINESS- None

AUDIENCE

Barbara Wilson thanked the Village for hosting a terrific Village Block Party and hopes it continues for years to come.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Bianco for adjournment at 7:53 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**