

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Flores, Trustee Mandel, Trustee Mengoni and Trustee Sarro. Trustee Czajka and Trustee Demopoulos were absent.

Others in attendance were Administrator Scarpiniti, Attorney Davalle, Police Chief Garcia Recreation Program Coordinator Bryant Rouleau and Public Works Director Kutt.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AYES: Trustees Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos

BIDS

The following are the Tabulation of Bids for the 2342 & 2350 8th Avenue Building Demolition:

K.L.F. Enterprises	\$107,989.00
Delta Demolition	\$117,700.00
Alpine Demolition Services	\$136,192.00
Bechstein Construction	\$147,545.00
McDonagh Demolition	\$149,825.00
Milburn LLC	\$154,700.00

CASH RECEIPT REPORT- No report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Sarro moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the August 17, 2020 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos

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Trustee Czajka- (Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)-Absent

In lieu of Trustee Czajka's absence, Trustees Sarro read the following report from the Parks and Recreation Department:

The Recreation Department is now offering programs to assist parents with the e-learning process. Komarek eKids is offered weekly throughout the full school day. The District 96 eKids Program offers three different options to accommodate the hybrid model for each school. This is an opportunity for kids to interact with peers while Recreation Staff provide a safe and engaging learning environment filling break times with fun activities. Registration is ongoing until all spots are filled.

Our Fall Fun Guide has been released with several new programs and event opportunities, both in-person and virtual. Patrons may register at the Recreation window, online on the Village Website or by phone. We recommend registering early as programs are filling up.

Join us for Car Bingo on Friday, September 11th at 7pm in Veterans Park. All vehicles must register by Wednesday, September 9th at 3pm. Participants will have lots of ways to win.

Lastly, we are happy to have the Hinsdale Humane Society veterinary staff coming to the Village Commons again on September 20th offering low cost vaccinations to North Riverside resident pets. The event will begin at 11am and will be on a first come, first serve basis. We hope to see you there.

Trustee Sarro also read the Committee Meeting Minutes from the July 27th meeting as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm and the following is a summary of the meeting:

Item #1: Discussion of Restructuring Standing Committees: Trustee Czajka provided an overview of the Mayor's recommended proposal to restructure the standing committees of the Board of Trustees. The Mayor has requested village board approval to consolidate the number of active standing committees and expand the number of voting members per committee. By doing so, the Mayor's intent is to increase accountability and discussion at the committee level while eliminating overlapping purposes between committees. Currently, there are six 3-member standing committees of the Board of Trustees, with each Trustee chairing one committee. Throughout the year, it is common for topics of discussion at the committee level to overlap more than one committee and cause some committees to meet more frequently while others to not meet at all.

The Mayor has proposed to eliminate the current standing committee structure and replace it with three standing committees. The new committees will be titled Administrative,

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Development and Public Services, with each committee comprised of five voting members, including the chairman.

Not intended to be an all-inclusive list, each committees will oversee the following areas of interest:

- Administrative: finance & appropriations, insurance, legislative, legal and licensing
- Development: public improvements & infrastructure, economic development, planning and zoning
- Public Services: public safety, emergency services, parks & recreation, refuse and recycling

Trustee Czajka questioned the need for standing committee at all and favored a committee of the whole structure. Attorney Horvath provided Trustees with feedback into the committee of the whole structure based upon his experience with other municipalities. He further reiterated that adopting a modified standing committee structure as recommended by the Mayor doesn't preclude Trustees or Staff from recommending discussion of a specific matter to be reviewed and discussed at the committee of the whole level, should it be warranted. After more discussion, Trustee Sarro and Mandel agreed with the Mayor's recommendation of consolidating the board's standing committees from six to three and increasing the number of voting members per committee to five. Trustee Czajka disagreed with this recommendation and favored a committee of the whole structure for discussion of all board matters. Upon polling the other trustees present, Trustees Flores, Demopoulos and Mengoni unanimously favored the three committee structure. The Mayor's recommendation was accepted by the committee by a vote of 2-1 and will be provided to Attorney Hayes for preparation of the corresponding ordinance for passage at the next village board meeting.

Item #2: Discussion of Televising Public Meetings & Social Media Presence: Administrator Scarpiniti discussed the evolving nature of live streaming public meetings due to the current pandemic. Over the past five months, the Village has been utilizing Zoom to televise and live stream its public meetings due to COVID-19 meeting restrictions. When Governor Pritzker lifted in person restrictions on public meetings to 50 people, Zoom became an ineffective way to televise the village's public meetings as this platform is best designed to virtually connect meeting participants who are not centrally located in one room. When multiple participants are at the same location, the application poses visibility and hearing challenges for those participating remotely.

The number of residents participating in our public meetings via zoom has steadily increased over the months and many have reached out to the village offices to request this service continue indefinitely after the pandemic. In order to provide better quality of video recordings, however, staff is recommending the permanent installation of video cameras to work in conjunction with the board room's existing audio system. The cost to install a video system designed to meet the size demand of the board room is approximately \$5,000. Multiple verbal quotes were obtained for comparative purposes as required by the Village's purchasing policy.

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In addition, the Administrator also requested the committee authorize the upgrade of the village's website. Due to the outdated platform the village's existing website is programmed from, the village will be unable to upload and publicly share the video files created from the newly installed camera system without upgrading the system. Requests for proposals were solicited and four proposals were received in May. Pricing tabulations were shared with the committee and ranged in cost from approximately \$35,000 to \$75,000. Village staff is recommending formal presentations with all 4 vendors be conducted at an upcoming committee meeting prior to the acceptance and award of a contract. Funding for this project was not budgeted, but is believed to fall under provisions of allowable COVID-19 grant expenses for reimbursement from FEMA and the CARES Act. Village staff has been working with FEMA and County representatives to achieve confirmation of this as a reimbursable expenditure.

Funding for both these projects was not budgeted and therefore will require a supplemental appropriation, if approved. Upon further discussion, the committee unanimously approved the installation of the video system for the approximately cost of \$5,000. Formal presentations of the new website designs will be scheduled at an upcoming committee meeting. Upon polling of the other trustees, a unanimous consensus was obtained.

There being no further business the meeting was adjured 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Czajka

Trustee Deborah Czajka, Chairwoman

Trustee Demopoulos(Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Garbage)- Absent

In lieu of Trustee Demopoulos's absent, Trustee Sarro read the following minutes from the July 27, 2020 Committee Meeting as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:28 pm and the following is a summary of the **Item #1: Honorary Drive:** Mayor Hermanek requested that Paul and Susie Fong, the original owners of Chef Shangri La be commemorated with an honorary street sign at the corner of 26th Street and DesPlaines Avenue. Trustee Czajka motioned to get the honorary sign for the Fongs and Trustee Flores seconded the motion. Chairman Demopoulos polled the Committee and Trustees present and all agreed.

Item #2: Handicap Parking Spot Program: Administrator Scarpiniti explained that the current program requires residents to provide a handicap placard and a doctor's note stating the

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medical necessity. Once the Village has all the information, Public Work installs the handicap sign in front of the applicant’s house. Administrator Scarpiniti passed out a list of the 39 designated handicap parking spots in the Village and asked the Committee if they wanted to revamp the program because of the limited space on public streets and the high number of handicap signs. After much discussion, Trustee Demopoulos recommended the Mayor and Village Administrator use their discretion in creating the appropriate guidelines to award handicap parking spots. Upon polling of the Committee and other Trustees in attendance, all agreed.

Item #3: Southside Sidewalk Program: Administrator Scarpiniti updated the Committee on the progress of the program. Director Kutt and the Village Engineer identified 7 homes that would be affected and have begun to assemble the bid packet. A meeting will be arranged with the homeowners due to the number of authorization forms they will need to sign if they agree to the program and a waiver if they don’t want sidewalks. Director Kutt informed the Committee that the Sidewalk Program is 100% full and all sidewalk squares have been allotted.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Bob Demopoulos

Trustee Demopoulos, Chairman

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

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

Trustee Mengoni- (Finance Health & Appropriations)

Trustee Mengoni submitted the following minutes from the Committee Meeting held on July 27, 2020 as follows with Clerk Ranieri:

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm and the following is a summary of the workshop:

Item #1: Budget Presentation: Trustee Mengoni turned the meeting over to Administrator Scarpiniti to present the staff’s budget recommendations. Administrator Scarpiniti started with an overview of the financial impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and continued with an in-depth presentation of the recommended budget objections and requests for all Village funds. Due to the fluidity of the current

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pandemic, Department Heads were asked to revisit their budget submissions and provide purely operational only requests, thus negating the need for formal presentations by individual Department.

Item #2: Discussion of Expenses: The Committee started by reviewing the expenses.

- Trustee Sarro asked Director Kutt to explain the french drain flood control system that was being recommended within public works' budget. To help address residential flooding directly adjacent to public easements, Director Kutt reviewed the recommended guidelines created to determine the qualifications of residential properties benefiting from this program. Qualifying properties were put on a project list which was given to the Trustees for review. The anticipated cost to administer this program was estimated to be approximately \$20,000.
- Administrator Scarpiniti discussed options available to the Village to fund a flood control assistance program for North Riverside residents. After much discussion, the Board authorized Administrator Scarpiniti to create internal documents and guidelines as well as conduct a survey to determine how many residents are interested in participating in such a program. Once staff has more information concerning the interest from residents, a committee meeting will be scheduled to determine funding options.
- Administrator Scarpiniti and Public Works Director Kutt recommended suspending Phase 4 of the Cermak Road water main project until the Village received the status of its pending grant application. A detailed discussion followed to identify all needed capital improvements outlined in the Water Fund and projects were prioritized for funding. Public Works Director Kutt placed the highest importance on the repainting and cathodic repair of the Village's standpipe at an estimated cost of \$1.3 million.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:38PM

Village of North Riverside
Budget Workshop
Meeting Date: June 30, 2020

Trustee Mengoni, Chairman
Trustee Flores
Trustee Sarro

Others in attendance were Mayor Hermanek, Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos & Mandel, Administrator Scarpiniti, and Department Heads Kutt, Garcia, Mrozik & Kiser.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm and the following is a summary of the workshop:

Item #1: Discussion of Expenses: The workshop resumed with a continuation of the Water Fund discussion.

- Trustee Mandel expressed interest in waiving the Water Operation Fees for a period of one year to give residents some Covid-19 relief. Administrator Scarpiniti discussed the financial impact of the 16¢ water rate increase imposed by both the City of Chicago and the BNRWC on June 1, 2020. She further explained that staff was not recommending the Village pass this additional cost on to residents or business users this year due to the current pandemic. The anticipated

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- impact of this June 1st water rate increase is approximate \$330,000. By absorbing this additional cost within our operations budget, the village board is indirectly providing financial relief to its end users. A detailed discussion between Trustees followed. After much debate, the consensus of the Board by vote of 5-1 with Trustee Mandel being the lone dissenting vote was to not waive the Water Operations Fees and agree with staff recommendations to absorb the June 1st water rate increase within the Water Fund.
- Discussion resumed on the funding of the two major projects within the Water Fund - Phase 4 of the Cermak Road water main project and the repainting with sandblasting/cathodic protection repairs to the standpipe. After additional discussion, the consensus of the Board by vote of 4-2, with dissenting votes from Trustees Demopoulos & Mandel, was to agree with the PW Director's recommendation to prioritize the standpipe project over Cermak Road.
- Fire Chief Kiser was called on to discuss the requested ambulance cardiac monitor. He explained that while the current monitors are working properly, they are no longer FDA compliant and will not qualify for certification. Chief Kiser went on to say that after the budget was prepared, the FDA gave a 12 month extension to bring the equipment into compliance. The Village had until the end of calendar year 2022 to replace the monitors to avoid loss of certification. After much discussion, the board unanimously agreed to defer for the replacement of the monitors until the 2021-22 budget. Chief Kiser explained the long lead time for orders and the Board gave staff the approval to order them in May 2021.
- Police Chief Garcia was asked about the replacement of three squad cars. Chief Garcia explained that traditionally three squad cars are replaced every year, but last year the replacements were deferred. He explained that the cars are used 24 hours a day, seven days a week and not replacing the squads could be a safety issue for the officers. There was a 4-2 consensus of the Board, with Trustees Sarro and Flores dissenting, to defer the squad car replacements for an additional year.
- Trustee Mengoni asked Administrator Scarpiniti about the increase in personnel costs within the Legislative Department since the Trustees did not receive a stipend increase. Administrator Scarpiniti explained that the increase was due to an increase in number of Trustees and dependents opting to participate in the Village's health insurance.
- After much discussion about how to utilize the MFT funds, the Board voted to put all of the funds into the Southside sidewalk program with any remaining funds to be used for the sidewalk square program. The Trustees unanimously agreed to move the Southside sidewalk program out of the General Fund and into the MFT fund.
- The Mayor suggested increasing the number of video gaming licenses as a way to increase revenues, explaining that each license brings in approximately \$50,000 per year in additional revenue to the Village.
 - *The Board vote 1-4-1 against the increase with Trustee Flores voting yes and Trustee Demopoulos undecided*
- The following cuts were discussed and approved::
 - \$20,000 for public education material
 - *All Trustees voted to remove from budget*
 - \$5,000 for an economic development brochure
 - *All Trustees voted to remove from budget*
 - \$35,000 for a new Village website
 - *All Trustees voted to remove from budget*

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- Removal of contingency funds from each department for pumps, with the agreement that staff will come back to the Board if a pump needs repair
 - *All Trustees voted to remove from budget*
 - \$20,000 mobile data system for squad cars
 - *All Trustees voted to leave in budget*
 - \$4,000 to remodel the Fire Department's training room
 - *All Trustees voted to remove from budget*
 - Remove mobile data terminal (suggested by Chief Kiser)
 - *All Trustees voted to remove from budget*
 - \$2,500 Golden Agers allocation
 - *All Trustees voted to remove from budget*
 - \$40,000 playground equipment, repair and replacement, staff will come back to Board for any repairs
 - *All Trustees voted to remove from budget*
 - Village Christmas Party and Tree Lighting Ceremony
 - *All Trustees voted to remove from budget*
 - \$35,000 of contingency funds for the pond fountain and gazebos
 - *All Trustees voted to remove from budget*
 - \$12,000 for Veteran's Park tree clearing
 - *All Trustees voted to remove from budget*
 - \$20,000 french drain flood easements
 - *All Trustees voted to keep in budget*
 - \$90,000 village campus camera security system
 - *Vote was 5-1 to keep in budget with Trustee Mandel voting no*
 - \$40,000 to replace 15-year-old Village phone system
 - *All Trustees voted to remove from budget*
- Administrator Scarpiniti stated that she will continue to work with Department Heads to look for further line item reductions.

Item #2: Pension Contributions: At the conclusion of the expense review, Administrator Scarpiniti broached the topic of funding the public pension funds. She reminded the Board of the Village's Pension Funding Policy required the Village to contribute 100% of the actuarially determined amount each year and discussed the alternative funding options available to the Village due the approved transitional funding plan adopted by the Village Board in January 2020 and the State's statutory minimum. When asked what the dollar difference was per funding plan, Administrator Scarpiniti calculated a reduction of \$460,000 for the statutory minimum and a pension payment reduction of \$336,000 with the transition plan. She recommended that the Board follow the transitional funding plan adopted in January 2020 and revisit this issue later into the fiscal year when the known impact of the pandemic and other economic factors have been determined.

- *The Board voted to fund at the transitional funding plan by vote of 4-2 with Trustee Mandel voting to fund at the maximum level and Trustee Demopoulos voting to fund at the statutory minimum.*
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Item #1: Discussion of Remaining Deficit: Administrator Scarpiniti asked how the Board wanted to handle the remaining \$1.4M deficit, explaining that if the Board adopted the budget as is, the deficit would have to come out of current reserves. After much discussion, the Board agreed to take the

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remaining \$1.4M out of the reserves and asked that Administrator Scarpiniti present a “State of the Village” report quarterly so they could continue to monitor the impact of the pandemic.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48PM

Trustee Mengoni read a Request for Board Action. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (Cares) Act is a \$2.2 trillion federal economic stimulus bill signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020. The Act provides funding and relief to governments, businesses and individuals as a results of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Cook County received approximately \$429 million from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to be used for eligible expenses incurred as a result of the pandemic, with approximately \$51 million of that allocated amongst the 134 municipalities located within Cook County.

The amount allocated to each Cook County community was based on a formula using population, community need, medium income levels, and public health statistics as factors. The maximum amount available to North Riverside is \$186,278.21, with actual funding based upon qualifying expenses.

To be eligible for funding consideration, Cook County requires the Village to submit a resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to submit an application for Coronavirus Relief Funds provided to Cook County under the CARES Act along with an approved intergovernmental Agreement between the County and Village.

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement and Subrecipient Agreement for Coronavirus Relief Funds between Cook County and the Village of North Riverside. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos

Motion carried

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

Trustee Sarro read the following Committee Meeting Minutes from the July 27, 2020 meeting as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm and the following is a summary of the meeting:

Item #1: Discussion of Code Enforcement Expectations: Trustee Sarro turned the meeting over to Village Planner Bob Kallien to review his general assessment of current code enforcement operations within the village and to provide a summary of his findings and recommendations for improvements to this program. Mr. Kallien distributed a detailed narrative outlining the purpose or role of effective code enforcement within municipal

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government and reviewed the components of a sound code enforcement program. A video presentation of common property maintenance issues found within the village were discussed in detail for illustration purposes. The primary goal of the committee meeting was to identify the community's expectations with respect to property maintenance standards and to review the findings and recommendations of Mr. Kallien for the creation of an effective code enforcement program within the village. Significant discussion between staff and committee members followed on this topic, but no formal action was taken by the committee. Staff will continue to work with the committee to identify additional code enforcement objectives designed to ensure North Riverside remains a vibrant community.

Item #2: Installation of Fencing at Village Commons: Administrator Scarpiniti and Public Works Director Kutt provided a brief informational report on the installation of fencing near the front entrance of the Village Commons. The Mayor requested a decorative wrought iron fence be installed along the front sidewalk of Village Commons. The fence was in response to safety concerns surrounding the significant slope change to the public grounds near the front entrances of the building. Public Works Director Kutt secured 3 written proposals for competitive pricing for the project, with the estimated cost for the project totaling approximately \$8,000. Sufficient funds were approved in the current budget to fund this project. No formal action was taken by the committee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjured 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Trustee Terri Sarro, Chairwoman

Trustee Sarro read the following letter from Engineer Fitzgerald:

On September 1, 2020, six bids were received and tabulated for the demolition of 2342 & 2350 8th Avenue. Computational errors were found and corrected. These corrections, however, did not affect the resultant low bidder.

The low bidder was K.L.F. Enterprises Inc., submitting a bid in the amount of \$107,989.00, which is \$7,011.00 (6.10%) below the Engineer's Estimate of \$115,000.00.

K.L.F. Enterprises is qualified to perform this work. Therefore, we recommend the contract be awarded to **K.L.F. Enterprises, Inc., 2044 W. 163rd Street, Suite 2, Markham, IL 60428** in the amount of **\$107,989.00**.

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Mengoni seconded to accept the Tabulation of Bids for the Asbestos Removal and Demolition of 2342 & 2350 8th Avenue and to award the contract to the lowest bidder K.L.F. Enterprises of Markham, Illinois in the amount of \$107,989.00. Roll Call Vote:

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AYES: Trustees Flores, Sarro, Mengoni
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Trustee Mandel
ABSENT: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos
Motion carried

Trustee Mandel stated she will abstain from voting due to the fact that she was against the purchase of the 8th Avenue property and feels it was a bad idea.

Trustee Sarro read a request for action.

On August 27, 2020, the Joint Plan Commission/ZBA held the required public hearing to review and deliberate on a proposed text amendment to Chapter 9 of the North Riverside Zoning Ordinance regarding planned development regulations.

Village Staff has recommended that that existing ordinance language be repealed in its entirety and replaced with new text in an effort to update and modernize many of its development codes and establish a clearly defined review and approval process. The original ordinance language was adopted in 1990 without any revisions over the years.

Village staff's proposed text amendments would:

- Offer greater flexibility to the applicant in return for village recommended enhancements to the overall project development
- Provide for mixed use projects that are beneficial to the community
- Establish a clearly defined process for review and approval of new developments and redevelopment projects
- Improve transparency throughout the development process by providing additional opportunities for all affected stakeholders to participate in the review process
- Permits planned developments on any property within zoned B2, B3 ORA districts and any property owned by a governmental entity

The Commission found the proposed regulations to be reasonable and necessary in order to facilitate the review and approval of future development project applications.

As such, the Joint Plan Commission/ZBA, by unanimous vote of 7-0, recommended approval of the proposed text amendments to Chapter 9, Planned Developments, of the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by village staff, including extending the applicability of the provisions to any property owned by a governmental entity. There were no public comments provided.

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee seconded to accept the findings and recommendations of the Joint Plan Commission/ZBA to approve village staff's proposed text amendment to Chapter 9, Planned Developments, of the North Riverside Zoning Ordinance and the extend the applicability of the

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provisions to any property owned by a governmental entity and to authorize the village attorney to prepare the necessary ordinance for passage at the September 21, 2020 Village Board meeting.

AYES: Trustees Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos

Trustee Sarro read a Request for Board Action. On August 27, 2020, the Joint Plan Commission/ZBA held a required public hearing to review and deliberate on a proposed text amendment to Chapter 14 of the North Riverside Zoning Ordinance regarding fees that are typically assessed to new development applications.

Village Staff has recommended that the existing ordinance language be repealed in its entirety and replaced with new text in an effort to update and modernize many of its development codes.

The benefits of village staff's proposed text amendment include:

- Achieve the Village's goal of reasonable cost recovery for the delivery of services as part of a new development or redevelopment project application.
- Expands the Village's cost recovery model to include actual third-party costs incurred as part of the application process (i.e., publication costs and Court Reporter fees).

The Commission found the proposed regulations to be reasonable and necessary in order to achieve adequate cost recovery of actual expenses incurred for the review and approval of future development project applications.

As such, the Joint Plan Commission/ZBA, by unanimous vote of 7-0, recommended approval of the proposed text amendments to Chapter 14, Fees of the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by village staff. There were no public comments provided.

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Mandel seconded to accept the findings and recommendations of the Joint Plan Commission/ZBA to approve village staff's proposed text amendment to Chapter 14, Fees, of the North Riverside Zoning Ordinance and to authorize the Village Attorney to prepare the necessary ordinance for passage at the September 21, 2020 Village Board Meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

On the question, Administrator Scarpiniti stated a draft ordinance was posted to the Village website and were provided to trustees.

AYES: Trustees Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos

Motion carried

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Hermanek stated that he has been notified by residents that there has been an increase in rat presence on both the east and west sides of town. The village has contacted the third party exterminator and they are doing whatever is necessary to eliminate this problem. We ask the residents to please notify the village if they see any more rats in the area.

CORRESPONDENCE- None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Flores to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$320,286.74 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve a Resolution of Intergovernmental Agreement and Subrecipient Agreement for Coronavirus Relief Funds between Cook County and North Riverside **(20-R-10)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos

UNFNISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

The following appointments were made by Mayor Hermanek:

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Flores seconded to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Trustee Sarro, (Chair) Trustee Demopoulos, Trustee Czajka, Trustee Flores, and Trustee Mengoni to Administrative Committee with and expiration date of April 30, 2021. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos

Trustee Sarro moved and Trustee Mengoni seconded to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Trustee Mengoni, (Chair) Trustee Demopoulos, Trustee Czajka, Trustee Flores, and Trustee Mandel to the Development Committee with and expiration date of April 30, 2021. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos

Trustee Flores moved and Trustee Mengoni seconded to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Trustee Demopoulos, (Chair) Trustee Czajka, Trustee Mandel, Trustee Mengoni, and Trustee Sarro to the Public Services Committee with and expiration date of April 30, 2021. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos

AUDIENCE

There were six questions from resident Carolyn Quaid via Zoom.

1. Why are we not allowed to know what new businesses moving into North Riverside? Mayor Hermanek stated we cannot disclose some information because that is a requirement from the business. Once the business gives the go ahead, we will announce it right away.
2. What happened to the marijuana distillery? Mayor Hermanek stated the Village zoned various areas of the village to allow cannabis, however, the business have not been able to come to an agreement with the landlords.
3. Why has North Riverside become a food desert? Mayor Hermanek stated he would disagree with that statement. We have Costco, a very large establishment, and also Aldi. Jewel has left but another grocery store is coming in soon.
4. Is there a maximum number gaming businesses allowed in NR? If no, Why? Mayor Hermanek stated the maximum number is ten, which was set by the village board.
5. Why does NR have such a hard time retaining a Fire Chief? There have been 4 in the last 5 years I have lived here. Mayor Hermanek said the reason why we have such a hard time is it's difficult to hire a good chief with the restlessness between the union and the village. Many do not want to take on the chief position knowing the situation. That being said, The new hiring of Chief Bob McDermot is a good choice and a good fit. He will be here for many years to come

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6. Can there be a question and answer section in the NR website? Mayor Hermanek stated The Village does not have the man power to maintain this but any resident with questions can call the village. Administrator Scarpiniti also mentioned the village does have a new facebook page as well as the police department.

Joe Ursich from Keystone asked about the rat issue and questioned the regulations on feeding geese in the area. Administrator Scarpiniti said the village is preparing some public educational videos to put on the village website and facebook.

Mrs Georgopoulos, a crossing guard expressed her concerns regarding the safety of children crossing the streets during school hours and requested the village hire back the school crossing guards. Mayor Hermanek stated the problem is obviously on the east end due to Komarek having only e-learning. We have discussed this issue with district 96 and they were late getting back to the village so police department did a study and we will evaluate the situation. In the meantime, PSA officers have been out there.

Rich Kosar asked why there hasn't been a break in the garbage bill since there has been no yard waste pick up. Mayor Hermanek explained it's a flat rate and it is averaged out. Mr. Kosar also gave his opinion on the gay pride flag that was still out. He would like to see others represented as well. He feels the American Flag represents us all.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Flores seconded for adjournment of this meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**