

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 4, 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 7:30 P.M.**

President Krochmal called the meeting to order at **7:37 p.m.** with the Pledge of Allegiance, and *Roll Call*. In attendance were Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Hermanek, Sargent, Votava, (was absent), and Wittbrodt.

Others in attendance were Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Attorney Hanson, Police Chief Garvey, Fire Chief Rouleau, Code Enforcement Officer Byrne, Recreation Director Frampton, Civil Service Commissioners Hanson (**emeritus**) and Mathis, and Water Foreman Durec.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Czajka**, seconded by **Trustee Corgiat**, to **approve** the agenda of the **January 4, 2010** Village Board Meeting, with the addition of **two** pieces of correspondence as was presented.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Trustees Czajka, Corgiat, Hermanek, Sargent, and Wittbrodt**
NAYS: **None**
ABSENT: **Trustee Votava**
Motion Carried

BIDS:

No.

CASH RECEIPT REPORTS:

A motion was made by **Trustee Wittbrodt** and seconded by **Trustee Sargent** to approve the Cash Receipt Report for the month of **November 2009** totaling **\$918,073.50**, which includes interest income of **\$26.06**, and to place this report on file subject to final audit.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Hermanek, Sargent, and Wittbrodt**
NAYS: **None**
ABSENT: **Trustee Votava**
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Czajka**, seconded by **Trustee Hermanek**, to **approve** the **Minutes** of the **December 7, 2009** Village Board Meeting as was presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Continued):

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Czajka, Hermanek, Sargent, and Wittbrodt

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Votava

ABSTAIN: Trustee Corgiat

Motion Carried

REPORTS OF THE VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

Trustee Corgiat: Water, Sewer, and Drainage & Zoning:

Trustee Corgiat acknowledged receipt of the **Minutes** of the Brookfield-Riverside Water Commission meeting that was held on November 11, 2009, and requested that they be placed on file in the Village Clerk's Office.

Trustee Czajka: Sidewalks, Streets, and Alleys & Garbage:

No report.

Trustee Hermanek: Police, Fire & Licenses:

No report.

Trustee Sargent: Judiciary, Ordinance & Recreation:

No report.

Trustee Votava: Finance, Health & Appropriations:

Was absent,

Trustee Wittbrodt: Buildings, Grounds, Lights, 9-1-1, Public Transportation Services & Plan Commission

Trustee Wittbrodt referred to the Permit Summary Reports of the Village of North Riverside by stating the following:

For the month of **October 2009**, the Construction Value was in the amount of **\$962,311.00**, and the Permit Fees were **\$34,742.10**.

For the month of **November 2009**, the Construction Value was in the amount of **\$179,827.00**, and the Permit Fees were **\$9,234.85**

MAYORAL REPORT:

Mayor Krochmal announced, very **satisfyingly**, that the Illinois Department of Transportation has provided a **grant** for the **tree planting project**, in the Village of North Riverside, in the amount of **\$28,440.00**, that will be **forthcoming** in the year 2011.

Also, **Mayor Krochmal mentioned** that **Administrator Belmonte** shared that he had **received notice** that the long, sought-after **efforts**, on the part of the Village residents, to **obtain a quite zone** in the Village of North Riverside, meaning free of trains' disturbing whistle-blowing, **will come** to fruition on **January 28, 2010**. The Mayor is **hopeful**, however, that this information will prove to be a reality for the Village.

MAYORAL REPORT (Continued):

Further, **Mayor Krochmal** emphasized that, in the **context** of the **grim current economic** situation that the Village of North Riverside is facing, like so many other entities, **requires limited** spending, and diligently **monitoring** the financial status. .Therefore, the Village Trustees and Clerk (along with the Mayor) **consented** to take a **ten percent(10%) pay cut**. The **Mayor expressed** profound **appreciation** to the Village Board for their **willingness** to help reduce expenses because, his emphasis is that, while the complexities and uncertainties remain, **he is not** planning any **furloughs** within the Village personnel because it is critical that the **Village** stay focused on its **core mission**: to continue to build a **strong** and **vibrant** Village dedicated to **success**.

Lastly, **Mayor Krochmal** hoped that everyone, and the respective families, had a safe and joyous Christmas and New Year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A Thank You Card from Bob and Denise Skupa, to Mayor Krochmal and the Village Board for the beautiful floral piece and the support that was given them during the time of their bereavement.

A Thank You Note from Mrs. Enos Dickey and Family, to Mayor Krochmal and the Village Board for the beautiful green garden in memory of their beloved one, Enos. Mrs. Dickey pointed out that Enos' corner, which was on 31st and Desplians, as a crossing guard for several years, was not just a job; rather, he truly loved the kids, whom she believed really liked him as well. Also, that Enos would wear a St. Patrick's green hat (a big Santa Claus hat that lit up). He carried quarters in his pocket, and gave the quarters and candy canes to kids with whom he came in contact, at Christmas time.

Further, Mrs. Dickey shared that Enos was "there" to help people in general. For example, as a long-time mechanic, he would help different ones to get their stalled cars started, and would gladly explain to them what the car problems were. He shoveled snow for many people, and gave rides to people who had missed their bus, after he had completed his corner responsibilities.

Finally, Mrs. Dickey added that Enos, who was a United States Army Veteran, was lovingly referred to as the "Quarter" man by many residents in the Village because of his willingness to give of himself to others. For all these reasons, and more, Mrs. Dickey believes that Enos will be missed, not only by others, but by her especially.

A Thank You Letter from the Staff and Volunteers of the Ronald McDonald House, near Loyola House Council, to Mayor Krochmal and the Recreation Department for the donation of canned goods and wish list items for the House. Further, that, given these challenging economic times, they espoused that they cannot stop thanking the Mayor and the Recreation Department for the support and generous gift given, and that such thoughtfulness has enabled the Ronald McDonald House, since its inception in July 1995, to service over 8000 families of seriously ill or injured children a much needed and temporary "home" away from home.

CORRESPONDENCE (Continued):

A Thank You Card from Mr. Joseph Wojtowicz, to Mayor Krochmal and the Village Board for the Christmas plant that was delivered by Mrs. Meyer. The thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

A Request from Sister Rosemary Connelly, Executive Director of Misericordia Heart of Mercy Center, to Mayor Krochmal and Dr. Miller, Village Clerk, for permission to conduct their annual “**Tag Days**” on Friday, April 23, 2010, and Saturday, April 24, 2010.

Sister Connelly further stated that this support, along with Misericordia’s, will continue to provide the best life possible for the 550 children and adults who call Misericordia “home”.

Trustee Czajka moved, seconded by Trustee Hermanek, to grant permission to the Misericordia Heart of Mercy Center to conduct their annual “**Tag Days**” on Friday, April 23, 2010, and Saturday, April 24, 2010.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Ayes:</i>	<i>Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Hermanek, Sargent, and Wittbrodt</i>	
<i>Nays:</i>		<i>None</i>
<i>Absent:</i>	<i>Trustee Votava</i>	

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Trustee Sargent, seconded by Trustee Wittbrodt, to approve the list of bills that were submitted for this meeting, totaling **\$239,335,19**, and to have these bills paid out of proper funds when such funds become available.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>AYES:</i>	<i>Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Hermanek, Sargent, and Wittbrodt</i>	
<i>NAYS:</i>		<i>None</i>
<i>ABSENT:</i>	<i>Trustee Votava</i>	

Motion Carried

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Trustee Corgiat, seconded by Trustee Czajka, to pass a Fence Ordinance at 2241 South Burr Oak Avenue, and to waive the reading of the Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>AYES:</i>	<i>Trustee Corgiat, Czajka, Hermanek, Sargent, and Wittbrodt</i>	
<i>NAYS:</i>		<i>None</i>
<i>Absent:</i>	<i>Trustee Votava</i>	

Motion Carried – Ordinance #10-O-01

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

A **motion** was made by **Trustee Sargent, seconded by Trustee Wittbrodt**, to pass a Resolution to Include Taxable Allowances as IMRF Earnings, and to waive the reading of the Resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES:

Trustees Corgiat, Czajka, Hermanek, Sargent, and

Wittbrodt

NAYS:

None

Absent:

Trustee Votava

Motion Carried – Resolution #10-R-01

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No.

NEW BUSINESS:

No.

AUDIENCE:

Mr. Paul Rand, a resident of the Village North Riverside, who has continually **alleged** that one of his **neighbors** has an **excessive illumination attachment** to her **garage** that poses a **problem** for him, and who, basically, contended the same at this Board Meeting (notwithstanding the fact that Code Enforcement **Officer Byrne** had **expended** an inordinate amount of time in a **fruitless** effort to successfully **justify** and **resolve** this claim), was informed by Officer Byrne that her **additional findings** of the alleged shining garage light situation **did not prove** to be in **violation** of the Village Code; particularly, since the said neighbor's garage is situated, in proximity, **three houses** away from Mr. Rand's house. Additionally, the two neighbors, whose homes are **in-between** Mr. Rand's home and the said neighbor's home, did **not** share his **sentiments**.

As a consequence, Mr. Rand's allegation was **disproved**; and **no violation** was **cited**. In addition, Code Enforcement Officer Byrne stated that she had received a telephone call from the said neighbor's **attorney insisting** that both Mr. Rand and the Village of North Riverside **desist** in pursuing further **attempts** in this matter.

In this vein, also, **Trustee Corgiat** expressed **incomprehension**, in essence, about why someone would exert an **inordinate** amount of time and effort **complaining** about an alleged excessive wattage illumination attachment of a neighbor's garage, when, in fact, such energy could be **better expended** in helping to **reduce** the current, visible, overall Village's problematic **state of affairs**.

ADJOURNMENT:

**Trustee Corgiat moved, seconded by Trustee Czajka, to adjourn this meeting at 7:59 p.m.
Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Queenella Miller, Ed.D.
Village Clerk**