

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JANUARY 19, 2015
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 Decosola, Trustee Demopoulos, Trustee Mengoni and Trustee Wilt.

Others in attendance were Administrator Belmonte, Attorney Bruen, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Deputy Police Chief Garcia, Fire Chief Basek and Public Works Director Kutt.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Demopoulos moved seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the agenda for this meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Decosola, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

BIDS- None

CASH RECEIPT REPORT

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to accept the Cash Receipt Report for the month of December, 2014 in the amount of \$1,907,485.51 as presented. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Decosola, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

APPOVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the January 5, 2014 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSTAIN: Trustee Decosola

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Bianco- (Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Refuse)- No report

Trustee Czajka- (Buildings, Public Grounds, Lights, Public Services & Transportation)

Trustee Czajka read the following minutes from the Buildings, Grounds, Lights, Public Services & Transportation Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2015 as follows:

Item #1 Discussion on Geographic Information System (GIS): Administrator Belmonte informed the committee that he, Director Kutt and Village Engineer John Fitzgerald have been discussing the possibility of developing a Geographic Information System (GIS) for the Village. The Administrator explained that he and Director Kutt were hoping to bring a budgetary number to the finance committee for next fiscal year to start to develop a GIS program for the Village. Village Engineer Fitzgerald explained in detail the GIS program and what information can be stored on the system. He explained the Village's base GIS program would start with the information Public Works would need such as water main lines breaks and repairs, sewer locations, street resurfacing schedule along with County's information which is available to each community for free. Fitzgerald explained the Village would have to pass a resolution and sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cook County Assessor to receive the information for North Riverside. Fitzgerald explained that once we have a base system anything can be added at any time and this system could be used by every department in the Village for information they may wish to download. There were a number of questions asked by the committee and board members which Engineer Fitzgerald answered. The Administrator explained that once we receive the information from the County Assessor's office Engineer Fitzgerald would be able to put together a budgetary number for the budget meetings for next fiscal year. Fitzgerald estimated that it would cost between \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 to establish a base GIS program for the Village. A motion was made by Trustee Bianco and seconded by Trustee Wilt for the Village to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cook County Assessor to receive the GIS information for North Riverside. The motion passed through the committee with 3 yes votes, Trustee Czajka polled the other Trustees and the Mayor and all agreed.

Trustee Czajka moved and seconded by Trustee Wilt to authorize the Village to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cook County Assessor to receive the County's GIS information for the Village of North Riverside and to authorize the Village President and Clerk to sign the agreement. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Decosola, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Item #2: Discussion on Proviso Township Mitigation Meeting: The Mayor explained he could not attend the December 4th meeting and sent Director Kutt and Engineer Fitzgerald. Director Kutt said it was mostly a brainstorming meeting on what can be done to stop local flooding during extremely heavy rains. One of their biggest concerns was how to stop the flooding of the Eisenhower Expressway. Engineer Fitzgerald explained a committee was going to be established to look into this problem. Director Kutt informed the committee he talked to three communities who have helped residents with financial assistance to install flood control systems, what he discovered is none of these communities received grants for this. They used general fund money and one community went out for bond money to establish a program. The bond money was put on a tax bill which all residents had to pay regardless if they received any financial help. The Mayor said he would keep the committee updated as he receives information from Proviso Township. Administrator Belmonte informed the committee that Cook County passed a Mitigation Ordinance and all Cook County municipalities must adopt the County's Ordinance by December 31, 2015 in order to receive any FEMA funds. He said he will have an ordinance prepared for passage to adopt Cook County's plan by March.

Trustee Decosola- (Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)

Trustee Decosola gave the following updates from the Recreation Department:

With the 2015 Winter/Spring Fun Guide registration in full swing, we have had over 30 programs start in the last week. We are still taking registrations for several programs. We encourage participants to register early. Be sure to visit our website and join us on Facebook.

The Parks and Recreation Department has begun the prep work for the Summer Fun Guide. Information from returning and new instructors will be collected in the next few weeks.

This week three employees will be attending the Illinois Parks and Recreation Annual Conference. The staff members will partake in two days of field workshops on Friday and Saturday.

Trustee Demopoulos(Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)

Trustee Demopoulos filed the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission Meeting minutes and agenda from January 14, 2015 with the Clerk's office.

Trustee Mengoni- (Police, Fire & License)

Trustee Mengoni thanked Officer Terry McCarthy for allowing the board to attend a Shoot Don't Shoot training seminar. It really showed what our police officers go through on a daily basis.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Wilt (Finance, Health & Appropriations)

Trustee Wilt read a memo from Attorney Hermes explaining in detail the tax rate objections filed against the Village for its 2007 and 2008 tax levy years. Attorney Hermes is requesting Village Board approval to accept a negotiated settlement rate of .001 for both tax levy years, resulting in a projected loss of revenue of approximately \$1,640 for 2007 and \$1,840 for 2008. This settlement is extremely favorable in light of the various rate objection amounts at issue, the potential cost of litigation without settlement agreement, and the level of risk associated with defending such objections. The total potential revenue loss to the village without acceptance of the negotiated settlement is approximately \$11,500 for 2007 and \$12,000 for 2008.

Upon review, Village staff agrees with Attorney Hermes's request for authorization to sign final stipulations to dispose of these pending tax rate objections against the Village at the settlement rate of .001 for 2007 and 2008.

Trustee Wilt moved and seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to authorize the Village Attorney to settle 2007 and 2008 tax rate objection cases at a rate of .001. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Decosola, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Hermanek expressed his sympathy on behalf of the Board of Trustees and himself on the passing of Joseph Tescon, the former Village Attorney.

CORRESPONDENCE

Village employee Pam Wonderling sent a thank you card to the Mayor and the Village board. She thanked the Village for the retirement watch and was proud to say she was an employee for over 31 years.

Miseracordia would like to request permission to solicit at the intersections of Cermak and 1st Avenue for their annual Candy Days fundraiser on April 24th and 25th.

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Bianco to grant permission to the above request. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$549,500.22 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Decosola, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt
NAYS: None. Motion carried

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Czajka moved, seconded by Trustee Bianco to Approve a Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of North Riverside and the Cook County Assessor for the County’s GIS information and to waive the reading. **(15-R-01)** Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Decosola, Demopoulos, Mengoni, Wilt
NAYS: None. Motion carried

UNFNISHED BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS- None

AUDIENCE

A resident complimented Recreation Director Michalik and her outstanding efforts in the Recreation Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Czajka moved, seconded by Trustee Decosola for adjournment at 7:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK