

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2016  
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, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Attorney Hayes and Police Chief Niemann.

**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-** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Demopoulos moved and Trustee Mengoni seconded to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2016 Village Board of Trustees Meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Bianco- (Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Refuse)

Trustee Bianco read the following minutes from the Streets, Alley, Sidewalks & Garbage Committee Meeting as follows:

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)**

**Item #1: Discuss Garbage Contract:** Trustee Bianco called the meeting to order. Administrator Belmonte informed the committee that he and Mayor Hermanek were approached by Dale Brooks, President of Roy Strom Company, about an extension to our existing contract which expires on August 31, 2017. The Administrator distributed a proposal from Roy Strom which showed pricing for a 5-year, 7-year and 10-year extension, the proposal showed our cost of \$23.58 per household in July 2011 with our previous hauler. In Strom's proposal for a 10-year extension there would be no increase for the first three years, we would not be paying over the 2011 cost until the year 2024. The Mayor commented on how good of a job they are doing and how accommodating they are when we call them regarding a missed collection, Administrator Belmonte mentioned they will come back on a Saturday if a collection at a resident's house was missed. There was discussion by the committee and board members present and all agreed having a long relationship with our hauler will bring stability to our residents and knowing what we will be paying for garbage, recycling, and yard waste for the next 10-years will help during budget time. Trustee Czajka motioned and Trustee Bianco seconded to extend our current contract for garbage, recycling and yard waste disposal with Roy Strom Company for 10-years which will expire on August 31, 2027. Motion passed committee by a 2-0 vote, Trustee Bianco polled the Mayor, Trustee Decosola, Demopoulos and Wilt and all agreed the 10-year extension was in the best interest for the Village and its residents.

Trustee Bianco moved and Trustee Czajka seconded to Authorize the Village President and Clerk to sign a 10-year Extension to Garbage, Recycling, and Yard Waste Disposal with Roy Strom Company for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2027 and for the Attorney to prepare the proper ordinance for passage at a future meeting. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

Trustee Czajka-(Buildings, Public grounds, lights, Public Services & Transportation)- No report

Trustee Decosola- ( Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)

Trustee Decosola called for a committee meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)**

### **Trustee Demopoulos( Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)**

Trustee Demopoulos read the following minutes from the Water, Sewer, Drainage & Zoning Committee Meeting as follows:

**Item #1: Discuss of Fences in Side Lots:** Trustee Demopoulos called the meeting to order, those present had a memo from Code Enforcement officer Karyn Bryne outlining an amendment to the Village's fence code. Karyn informed the committee that there have been a number of requests from residents with 50 foot lots who wish to construct a fence in their side yard. Karyn researched five neighboring communities who all allow side yard fences on properties that are at least 50' wide, this amendment does not pertain to lots with width less than 50 feet. Currently, properties within the Village that have a side entrance can construct a side yard fence 2' pass the side door entrance, which will remain in allowance for lots with widths less than 50'. There was a brief discussion then Trustee Decosola motioned and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to amend the fence code to allow properties 50' wide or larger to construct side yard fences. The motion passed by a 2-0 vote in committee, Trustee Demopoulos polled the Mayor and Trustee Bianco and Wilt who all were in agreement.

Trustee Demopoulos moved and Trustee Decosola seconded to Amend the Municipal Code Regarding the Location of Residential Fences in Side Yards. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

### **Trustee Mengoni- ( Police, Fire & License)**

Trustee Mengoni stated that the Fire Department received a grant from the Riverside Township for \$8,800 and will be used to purchase a battery operated Spreader and Cutter for the new Ariel Truck.

### **Trustee Wilt ( Finance, Health & Appropriations)**

Trustee Wilt read the following report from Finance Director Scarpiniti:

Recently, new pension accounting standards issued by Governmental Accounting Standards Board back in 2012 went into effect on the Village's most recently issued financial statements and changed the way in which we are required to report our pension liabilities. This coupled with Illinois pension reform legislation that went into effect earlier this year, have made it

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)**

essential for the Village to adopt a formal written pension funding policy to enhance our current financial management practices.

A sound pension funding policy is important because it:

- Lays out a plan for funding the Village's police and fire pension funds.
- Provides guidance in making annual budget decisions.
- Demonstrates prudent financial management practices.
- Reassures bond rating agencies.
- Shows employees and the public how the Village intends to fund its public pension obligations.

Each year during the budget process, the Village Board reviews the informal pension funding policies of the past year and establishes new funding goals and objectives for the upcoming fiscal year. A written formal funding policy will enhance this process and formalize the Village Board's commitment to fully funding its public pension funds by outlining the methodology in which the Village will follow as it works towards targeting a 100% funded ratio.

Trustee Wilt moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to concur with the recommendations of the Finance Director to adopt a formal funding policy for the Village's public pension plans and direct the Attorney to prepare the proper resolution for passage. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

## **MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Hermanek read a letter from Water Operator Ed Durec stating Per Federal EPA Requirements, the Village of North Riverside was required to conduct 30 Lead samples at pre-determined sites that were approved by the Illinois EPA. These tests were conducted on September 7, 2016. Each homeowner received a sampling bottle and required to fill after letting the water sit stagnant for at least 6 hours. The samples were collected and delivered to PDC Laboratories in Peoria, Il for testing. We are proud to announce that all 30 samples passed the standards set by the EPA. Also, in June of this year, Komarek School requested Lead sampling to be conducted on their water fountains and sinks. All samples taken passed the EPA standards.

Mayor Hermanek read the following summary of construction and permit activity from the Community Development Department for the month of September 2016:

## **MAYORAL REPORT ( continued)**

- Presales – the Community Development Department performed 8 single-family presale inspections totaling \$3,240.00 in revenue.
- Permit Totals – The Community Development Department issued 64 residential and commercial permits totaling \$13, 659.20 in revenue.
- Three temporary Halloween stores have opened in North Riverside. Spirit Halloween opened in the Tony’s strip mall, Halloween City opened in the old Sports Authority location and Halloween Land recently opened in the old Hancock Fabrics location next to Jewel

Mayor Hermanek gave an update on the road construction and mentioned that the west end of town started as well as the bike path and the east end of town was now completed.

**CORRESPONDENCE-** None

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$294,874.57 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 Wilt moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to approve an Ordinance Adopting an Actuarial Funding Policy Statement for Certain Pension funds in the Village of North Riverside **16-O-20** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

Trustee Demopoulos moved and Trustee Mengoni seconded to approve an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code Regarding the Location of Residential Fences **16-O-21** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote;

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)**

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

**UNFNISHED BUSINESS**-None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Mengoni thanked the Police Chief and Police Benevolent for the Night at the Races event.

**AUDIENCE-**

Barbara Wilson commented on how wonderful the road construction workers are and they are doing a great job.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Czajka moved and Trustee Bianco seconded for adjournment at 7:21 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI  
VILLAGE CLERK**