

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 2015  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7:00 PM**

Mayor Hermanek called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a Pledge of Allegiance and a Roll Call. In attendance were Trustee Bianco, Trustee Czajka, Trustee Decosola, Trustee Demopoulos, and Trustee Wilt. Trustee Mengoni was absent.

Others in attendance were Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Recreation Director Michalik, Police Chief Niemann, Fire Chief Basek, Public Works Director Kutt and Attorney Hayes.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

**BIDS**- None

**CASH RECEIPT REPORT**- None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Bianco to approve the October 19, 2015 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES**

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

Trustee Czajka ( Buildings Public Grounds, Lights, Public Services & Transportation) - No Report

Trustee Decosola ( Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)

Trustee Decosola read the following report from the Parks and Recreation Department:

The Recreation Department hosted its Freaky Friday Dance on the 23rd with over 150 kids in attendance. This event was successfully run in cooperation with the Komarek PTA.

The North Riverside Players celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a reunion celebration on the 24th of October. The Players performed musical pieces from the past performances and showed clips from former productions. All in attendance enjoyed the trip down memory lane. The North Riverside Players would like to thank the Village of North Riverside for the past 25 years of support.

This past Friday, Parks and Recreation hosted their first ever Great Pumpkin Challenge with over 100 in attendance. Participants enjoyed a mad scientist before parading in costume through Commons Park. Participants then used flashlights to hunt for the Great Pumpkin Hunt. We anticipate a much bigger crowd next year.

Lastly, join us this Saturday for our Holiday Craft Fair at Village Commons at 9am. There will be over 45 crafters selling unique items until 2pm.

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

Trustee Mengoni ( Police, Fire & License)- Absent

Trustee Wilt ( Finance, Health & Appropriations)

Trustee Wilt called for a Finance Committee Meeting on November 10th at 6pm to discuss the tax levy and liquor license fees.

**MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Hermanek read the Community Development Updates as follows:

- Presales- The Community Development Department performed 7 single-family presale inspections totaling \$2,889.00 in fees.
- Permit Totals- The Community Development Department issued 83 residential and commercial permits totaling \$16,274.83.
- JC Penney- On October 24th, a burst water pipe on the first floor caused the retail store to be closed. As of today's date, the village inspectors have allowed for only the second floor to be opened to the public due to required electrical and plumbing repairs. A

portion of the first floor is scheduled to be opened on November 4th, pending approval by the village inspectors. Thompson Elevator was requested to perform inspections on all conveyances, approving the use of the elevators but not the escalators at this time.

- 2201 Forest Avenue- Property purchased by a rehab company, which has applied for interior remodeling and construction of a new garage.
- 2356 S. 14th Avenue- The Community Development Department has received plans and an application for the addition of a second floor.

Mayor Hermanek stated that at the last Neighborhood Service Meeting a number of residents had showed interest in rain barrels. Administrator Belmonte contacted the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to inquire about their free rain barrel program. Mayor Hermanek stated that he is happy to report that Village of North Riverside will be part of this program once we sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the MWRD. The rain barrels will be delivered free to North Riverside residents that request them. When the paperwork is finalized, the Village will notify residents on how to order the rain barrels.

Trustee Decosola moved, seconded by Trustee Decosola to Approve an Agreement Between the Village of North Riverside and the MWRD of Greater Chicago for Participation in the Rain Barrel Program and for the Village Attorney to Prepare the Proper Ordinance for Passage. Roll Call Vote:

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Oak Park Mayor Anan Abu-Taleb sent a letter to Mayor Hermanek thanking the Village of North Riverside and its Fire Department for assisting in the four alarm fire on the evening of Tuesday October 20th. A total of eleven communities assisted the Village of Oak Park that sadly displaced tenants from 22 units.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$309,817.38 and to have the bills paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

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

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Decosola to Approve an Agreement with MWRD for Participation in Its Rain Barrel Program and to waive the reading. **(15-O-16)** Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Mengoni

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-** None

**NEW BUSINESS-**None

## **AUDIENCE**

Barbara Wilson asked about garbage pick- up at her apartment building and Mayor Hermanek explained to her that she needs to contact her landlord on that matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Decosola for adjournment at 7:24 M.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI  
VILLAGE CLERK**