

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 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 Attorney Hayes, Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Police Chief Niemann, Public Works Director Kutt, Recreation Department Representative Bryant Rouleau and Fire Chief Basek.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

BIDS- None

CASH RECEIPT REPORT

Trustee Wilt moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded to approve the Cash Receipt Report for the month of October, 2016 totaling \$1,698,905.92. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the November 7, 2016 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSTAIN: Trustee Mengoni

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

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

Trustee Bianco stated that under Ordinances and Resolutions we will be passing a resolution approving the Village of North Riverside to perform construction and maintenance projects on State Roads under jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation within our Village. IDOT requires us to pass a resolution covering a two year period and our current resolution ends on December 31, 2016. Attorney Hayes will handle this under the Ordinance & Resolution portion of tonight's meeting.

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

Trustee Decosola- (Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)

Trustee Decosola read the following report from the Recreation Department:

We would like to thank all those that joined us for Turkey Bingo this year. We had 235 in attendance and all truly had a great time.

We invite residents to give back this season to neighbors in need. In the hallway you will find four different options for donating this year.

The Giving Tree has ornaments on it with small envelopes attached. There is a donation box requesting items for PADS Shelter. Items range from travel sized toiletries to new bed sheets. There is also a grocery cart for canned and boxed goods going to the Riverside Township Food Pantry. And lastly, we have a box for new or gently used winter coats for local area children in need. Please feel free to also donate any hats, gloves or scarves to keep the kids warm this winter. We thank you for your donations.

Trustee Demopoulos(Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)

Trustee Demopoulos submitted the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission Meeting Minutes and Agenda for from the November 9, 2016 meeting with the Clerk's Office.

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

REORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Wilt (Finance, Health & Appropriations)

Trustee Wilt read the following minutes from the Finance, Health & Appropriations Committee Meeting on November 21, 2016:

Item #1: Discussion of the 2016 Tax Levy: Director Scarpiniti previously distributed a memo explaining the Village's tax levy process and discussing staff's recommendation for the 2016 tax levy. She informed the committee that the Village must file its annual tax levy with the Cook County Clerk's Office by December 27th. As a non-home rule community, the Village would be limited to a tax levy increase equal to the rate of inflation plus any new property growth for the current calendar year. Truth in Taxation Laws require a public hearing to be held if the levy request is greater than 105% over the previous year's final tax extension. The rate of inflation, as measured by the annual percent increase in the national consumer price index for all urban consumers at December 31st of the previous calendar year, has been determined to be .7%. This is the second lowest CPI since tax caps began in early 1990's. A low rate of inflation will only add to the financial challenges facing the Village as the amount of new property tax revenue that can be generated to finance growing operating costs is minimal (approximately \$3,700).

The tax cap law, however, does allow the value of new construction to be added to the Village's existing equalized assessed value (EAV) base, thereby, giving the Village a limited opportunity to raise additional property tax revenue beyond the low tax cap environment. New construction estimates for the 2016 tax levy are anticipated to be around \$300,000.

Staff is recommending a property tax levy that is 1.9% higher than the 2015 tax extension. This tax strategy will allow the Village to maximize its tax levy request and generate additional dollars beyond the general tax caps. The 2016 levy would be raised to \$545,000, approximately \$9,967 more than the 2015 tax extension. Once the Village's 2016 EAV and new property values are finalized by Cook County next summer, staff expects this levy to be further limited and reduced to around 96% of the requested levy amount, assuming all tax assumptions are met.

The estimated impact to a taxpayer whose home has a market value of \$200,000 would be approximately \$2 and \$1.50 for those receiving the senior exemption. Currently, the Village's portion of the 2015 tax bill amounts to only 2.3% or approximately \$108 per year (\$84 for seniors). The committee and board asked a few questions of Director Scarpiniti and then followed with a motion by Trustee Demopoulos and seconded by Trustee Mengoni to accept staff's tax levy recommendation. No public hearing is required since the proposed increase is less than 5%. The motion passed the committee unanimously. Trustee Wilt polled the others in attendance and all were in favor.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Wilt moved and Trustee Demopoulos seconded To Adopt the 2016 Tax Levy request of \$545,000 an increase of approximately 1.9% over the prior year tax extension, and to have the Village Attorney prepare the proper ordinance for passage at the December 12th Village Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

Trustee Wilt also confirmed a 6:00pm meeting date with the auditors and committee on December 12th.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Hermanek reminded residents that there will be only one Board of Trustees Meeting in December, which is December 12th.

Mayor Hermanek congratulated the local community theater group, the North Riverside Players, on their recent win at the Bi-Annual Illinois Theatre Association's Festival Competition with their production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which was their fall show here in North Riverside. This win sends them on to the American Association of Community Theatre's Midwest Regional Competition amongst theatre groups from 5 states.

CORRESPONDENCE- None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$122,048.62 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 Bianco moved and Trustee Decosola seconded to Approve a Resolution Approving the Village of North Riverside to Perform Construction and Maintenance on State Roads for Calendar Years 2017 & 2018 and to waive the reading (**16-R-21**). Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (continued)

Trustee Decosola moved and Trustee Wilt seconded to approve an Ordinance Establishing the 2017 Regular Meetings Schedule for the Board of Trustees in the Village of North Riverside and to waive the reading **(16-O-22)**. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion carried

UNFNISHED BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS-None

AUDIENCE

Barabara Wilson thanked the departments and board for all their dedication and for the wonderful projects happening around town.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Decosola moved and Trustee Bianco seconded for adjournment at 7:23 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI
VILLAGE CLERK**