

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JANUARY 4, 2016  
COUNCIL ROOM 7:00 PM**

Clerk Ranieri called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance and a Roll Call. In attendance were Trustee Bianco, Trustee Decosola, Trustee Demopoulos, Trustee Mengoni and Trustee Wilt. Mayor Hermanek and Trustee Czajka were absent.

Others in attendance were Administrator Belmonte, Attorney Hayes, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Police Chief Niemann and Fire Chief Basek.

In the absence of Mayor Hermanek, Clerk Ranieri asked for a motion to appoint Trustee Wilt as Mayor Pro tem for this meeting.

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Bianco to appoint Trustee Wilt as Mayor Pro tem for this meeting. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Decosola, Demopoulos, Mengoni

NAYS: None. Motion carried.

ABSTAIN: Trustee Wilt

ABSENT: Trustee Czajka

**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, Decosola, Demopoulos, Mengoni

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Czajka

**BIDS-** None

**CASH RECEIPT REPORT-** None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the December 14, 2015 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Decosola, Demopoulos, Mengoni

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Czajka

## **REPORT OF TRUSTEES**

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

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

Trustee Decosola- ( Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)-No report

Trustee Demopoulos( Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)

Trustee Demopoulos read the following letter from the Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission:

The City of Chicago has not notified the Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission that it has enacted any water rate increases for 2016 at this time. However, this rate may change according to the rate adjustment described in the enclosed excerpt from the City of Chicago's Web Site. According to this article the Chicago Rate will remain at \$3.81 until June 1<sup>st</sup> of 2016. If the City's rate changes in June, the increase will be passed through to our customers at that time. We will keep you informed of any changes at that time.

To recap the Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission rate structure and operations, the Commission operates five pumping stations and over 11 miles of large diameter water mains to deliver water to their customer base. The 2015 cost of operating these facilities was \$1.03 per thousand gallons. At this time the Water Commission will be increasing their operating fees by \$0.03 to cover increasing costs of maintenance projects, electricity, repairs, upgrades, chemicals, salaries and general operating expenses. An additional \$0.07 will be added to cover the repayment of a Low Interest IEPA Loan being processed for the new Chicago Supply Main being constructed starting in 2016. This main is being provided to our system to secure an uninterrupted flow of water to our customers for the years to come. As we mentioned previously, our current transmission main was installed in 1938 or 78 years ago and is

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES (continued)**

approaching its life expectancy. This will be the first of seven \$0.07 increases to cover the repayment of the 20 year loan agreement. Therefore the new water rate 2016 will increase from the old rate of \$4.84 per thousand to \$4.94 per thousand gallons, pending and City of Chicago changes in June. This rate will be reflected on your February water bill.

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

Trustee Mengoni submitted the Fire and EMS calls for the month of December 2015 with the Clerk’s office as follows:

	<b>December</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Fire	83	1095
EMS	123	1266
Inspections	60	909
Compliances	30	492

**Trustee Wilt ( Finance, Health & Appropriations)- No report**

**MAYORAL REPORT**

Trustee Wilt informed the residents that the Mayor and Board of Trustees have recently been made aware of excessive speeding on Traube Avenue. To address residents concerns and safety issues we are:

1. Adding an additional stop sign on Traube Avenue. There are now four stop signs on Traube, at the intersections of Forest, Westover and Hainsworth Avenues, as well as the westbound stop sign where Traube merges with 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.
2. Increasing police presence by patrolling the area at different times during the day to deter speeding.

As always, we are open to hearing your concerns and addressing problems with solutions that are in everyone’s best interest.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Resident John Chauvet sent a letter thanking the Mayor, Trustees, Administrator Belmonte, Public Works Director Kutt and Police Chief Niemann for listening to his concerns and then promptly implementing a solution to his particular problem after the last Board of Trustees meeting.

The family of Bob Hanson sent a thank you card for the floral arrangement.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$133,281.61 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Decosola, Demopoulos, Mengoni

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustee Czajka

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**- None

**UNFNISHED BUSINESS**-None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Bianco asked that we all keep Trustee Czajka’s Husband in our thoughts and prayers.

**AUDIENCE**

Jim Zak thanked the Village Board and all the residents of North Riverside for the outpouring love and support on the passing of his sister.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Mengoni moved, seconded by Trustee Bianco for adjournment at 7:13 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI  
VILLAGE CLERK**