

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MARCH 16, 2015  
VILLAGE COMMONS B&C ROOMS 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 Demopoulos, and Trustee Wilt. Trustees Decosola and Mengoni were absent

Others in attendance were Hayes, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Public Works Director Kutt, Fire Chief Basek, Recreation Director Michalik and Deputy Police Chief Garcia

**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, Demopoulos, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustees Decosola, Mengoni

**BIDS-** None

**CASH RECEIPT REPORT**

Trustee Wilt moved to accept the Cash Receipt Report for the month of February, 2015 as presented in the amount of \$1,584,242.39. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustees Decosola, Mengoni

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Demopoulos moved, seconded by Trustee Czajka to approve the March 2, 2015 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustees Decosola, 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)-Absent

Trustee Demopoulos( Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)

Trustee Demopoulos submitted the Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission Meeting Minutes and Agenda for from the March 10, 2015 Meeting with the Clerk's Office.

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

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

## **MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Hermanek expressed his concerns about the recent damage to political signs that were on resident's property. He also stated that there were North Riverside Union Firefighters as well as firefighters from local communities that were harassing residents and spreading false information. Several residents had made complaints to the Police Department and are encouraged to speak with Deputy Chief Garcia about this matter. Mayor Hermanek told the residents that if they would like to know any information regarding the firefighters issues to please stop in his office.

Trustee Demopoulos responded to Mayor Hermanek stating he was concerned about his political signs as well and insisted his party had no connection with the issue.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A request from the Chicago Suburban Radio Association for the use of the northwest end of Veterans Park on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> operating overnight.

Caroll Spale and the Neighborhood Service Committee sent a thank you card regarding the Christmas trees that the Village donated. She shared numerous stories as to how grateful residents were upon receiving these trees.

### **CORRESPONDENCE (continued)**

Trustee Czajka moved, seconded by Trustee Bianco to approve the request from the Chicago Suburban Radio Association. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$278,008.25 and to have them paid out of proper funds when such funds become available. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustees Decosola, Mengoni

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve an Ordinance Amending Sections 2.54.030 & 2.54.060 in Relations to the Village's Participation in MABAS **(15-O-05)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Wilt

NAYS: None. Motion carried

ABSENT: Trustees Decosola, Mengoni

**UNFNISHED BUSINESS**-None

**NEW BUSINESS**- None

### **AUDIENCE**

Firefighter Williams requested a copy of the MABAS Ordinance that was passed at this meeting and asked Mayor Hermanek if there was any proof as to the damage of the political signs. Mayor Hermanek stated there was an investigation going on.

Sister Barbara stated that she has faith in all of our Departments and Village Board in continuing to do their best.

Firefighter Rajk expressed his concerns as to Mayor Hermanek's earlier statement regarding the firefighters campaigning in town and harassing residents.

**AUDIENCE (continued)**

Firefighter Kribales insisted that himself and co-firefighters had nothing to do with the damage to the political signs and insisted they were not harassing residents.

Frank Spale asked the Mayor if he knew the date as to when the Appellate Court would make a decision regarding the firefighter's contract. Mayor Hermanek explained the situation to Mr. Spale and stated that they were still waiting.

Dave Tomalis asked if there were any candidates from the Save Our Firefighters Party in attendance at this meeting. Trustee Demopoulos stated he was the only member present.

Jim Zak stated that he had confidence the board would continue to make the right decisions and hoped there would be no animosity in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectively Submitted,

KATHY RANIERI  
VILLAGE CLERK