

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MAY 16, 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, Deputy Police Chief Garcia, Recreation Director Michalik and Fire Chief Basek.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Trustee Demopoulos moved seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the agenda for this meeting with the deletion of an Ordinance on agenda for this meeting. 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, seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the May 2, 2016 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

ABSTAIN: Trustee Czajka

NAYS: None. Motion carried

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES**

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

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

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES(continued)**

Trustee Decosola- ( Judiciary, Ordinances, Recreation)

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

The Parks and Recreation Department was awarded an event grant from the Riverside Township to cover the children’s entertainment area for Autumn Fest on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The total amount granted is \$1,325 and we are so grateful for their continued support of this event.

Another successful Senior Fair was held on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. All vendors were extremely happy with the great turnout of seniors and caregivers. There were over 400 people in attendance taking advantage of free screening and vendor information. We would like to thank all those that made the event a success.

Trustee Decosola also reminded residents that there will be a Neighborhood Services Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Demopoulos( Water, Sewers, Drainage & Zoning)

Trustee Demopoulos submitted the Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission Meeting Minutes and Agenda from the May 11, 2016 meeting with the Clerk’s Office.

Trustee Mengoni- ( Police, Fire & License)

Trustee Mengoni submitted the Fire and EMS calls for the month of April, 2016 as follows:

	<b>MAY</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Fire	78	322
EMS	90	405
Inspections	95	325
Compliances	47	168

Blood pressure screenings were provided for the seniors at the North Riverside Village Commons the first Wednesday of the month from 9-11am. Screenings were also provided Monday-Friday 1-5pm at the fire station. A Fire Drill was also conducted by the Fire Department on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Komarek School.

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

Trustee Mengoni read the following minutes from the Police and Fire Committee Meeting held on May 2, 2016 as follows:

**Item #1: Discussion on New Fire Truck:** Chief Basek gave an overview of what was wrong with 1997 ladder truck that rendered it non-operable in 2013. To repair the vehicle was estimated to cost between \$165,000 to \$175,000 to fix the ladder portion of the vehicle and once the ladder was removed for repairs there was a chance of some additional electrical work which could run as high as \$50,000. The vehicle currently is worth about \$165,000. The committee felt it was not prudent to repair a 19-year old vehicle. The Chief mentioned that without this vehicle we would have to rely on Mutual Aid to get to the roof of the schools, multi-family buildings, Costco and the Mall in case of an emergency.

Chief Basek informed the committee that he has priced out a Pierce “demo” ladder truck in Texas which has most of the equipment he needs and the cost is \$1,115,000 after negotiating a discount from Pierce because of the problem with our current truck. The committee and board members asked a number of questions about other manufactures vehicles and if the Chief knew of any other demo’s available. They asked the Chief of the availability of Pierce’s demo and if it was legal to purchase it without going out for an RFP. The Chief said the vehicle would be purchased from the Houston – Galveston Consortium so we would not have to issue an RFP and the vehicle could be here by July. The committee asked Director Scarpiniti about how we could afford the vehicle and she gave the committee three options; purchase it, lease it or lease to own. Her recommendation was to lease to own over 10-years and depending on the interest rate the cost per year would be between \$125,000 and \$175,000. Trustee Wilt said she felt more financial information was needed in order to make a decision. Trustee Mengoni recessed the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016.

The meetings resumed at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016 in attendance were committee members Trustees Mengoni, Decosola and Wilt along with Trustees Bianco, Czajka, Demopoulos, Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti and Chief Basek.

Chairman Mengoni opened the meeting stating he had three questions he wanted to start with; first can we afford the vehicle. Director Scarpiniti said she would come to the budget meetings with a list of revenue increases that should be considered along with very conservative increases in other revenue line items. She said the board will have to consider increases to cover the cost of the vehicle, she recommended a 10-year lease to purchase. The second question was asked if the Chief looked into other manufacturers. The Chief said he looked into E1 and Smeal neither had a demo available and pricing is about the same. He also mentioned that the Village’s mechanic and his firefighters are trained in Pierce equipment which makes for an easy transition from one piece of equipment to another. The

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last question Trustee Mengoni had was what other equipment the Chief has. The Chief said currently he has vehicle #808 a 2000 Pierce pumper which is currently handling all the Mutual Aid calls which the ladder truck usually does. Vehicle # 807 a 2013 Pierce pumper which has all the rescue equipment on it and this vehicle is kept almost exclusively in town because of that reason. The Chief said the 2000 pumper would not have to be replaced until about 2025 if we had the ladder truck because than it would only be used as second line response vehicle. Chief said he has \$4,000 in the budget to be discussed to do some painting on this vehicle. Trustee Mengoni mentioned that this is the Chief's top priority for his department. He also asked the Chief what else he would need for the truck and how much it would cost. The Chief said he would need radios, cabinets, stripping and some hose and estimated it would cost \$20,000 - \$25,000. The Chief also mentioned he would take every piece of equipment off the current vehicle that he could transfer to the new truck.

Trustee Bianco asked Director Scarpiniti what could be increased to cover the payments for the new vehicle, she said she will have that information ready for the budget meetings but she did mention things like places for eating tax, amusement tax, administrative tow, permits and vehicle stickers. Trustee Czajka said she was concern about the financing but understood the health safety issue. Trustee Demopoulos asked the Chief what manufacturer he preferred, the Chief said although we had a problem with the ladder truck Pierce is still the biggest manufacturer of fire vehicles and we have always had good luck with Pierce. When all questions were asked and answered Trustee Wilt motioned seconded by Trustee Decosola to have the Village enter into an agreement through the Houston – Galveston Consortium to purchase the Pierce Demo Ladder Truck by leasing to purchase with either Pierce or another financial institution as recommended by the Finance Director. The vote passed 3-0 through committee. Trustee Mengoni polled the other members Trustee Bianco did not comment, Trustee Czajka and Demopoulos agreed though Trustee Czajka still had financial concerns and the Mayor agreed.

Trustee Mengoni also read the following memo from Village Attorneys Odelson & Sterk:

On April 5, 2016, a tentative settlement agreement was negotiated by the FOP Telecommunicators Union and the Village's respective bargaining teams. The key provisions of the tentative agreement are as follows:

- **Term-** The new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) will have a four (4) year term beginning December 1, 2015 and continuing through November 30, 2019.
- **Wages-** Base wages will be increased 2.5% in Fiscal Year 2015-2016, retroactive to December 1, 2014, 2.5% in Fiscal Year 2016-2017, 2.5% in Fiscal Year 2017-2018, and 2.5% in Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Retroactive wage increases will be paid on all hours

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

worked or paid as worked to any employee who left the department in good standing during the term of the CBA.

- **Insurance Benefits-** The Village will no longer provide life time benefits to members of the bargaining unit who are laid off. The parties agreed a laid off employee will be provided insurance benefits until the first to occur of either the expiration of 365 days from the effective date of the employee's layoff or the first available date upon which the employee is provided insurance from another employer.
- **Employee Insurance Contributions-** The parties agreed to increase the bargaining unit members insurance premium contributions as follows:
  - Effective and retroactive to December 1, 2015 employees premium contributions will be twelve (12%) percent.
  - Effective December 1, 2016 employee premium contributions will be thirteen (13%) percent.
  - Effective December 1, 2017 employee premium contributions will be fourteen (14%) percent.
  - Effective December 1, 2018 employee contributions will be fifteen (15%) percent.
- **New Health Insurance-** The parties agreed that as of July 1, 2016, all new hires will not be allowed to enroll in the current PPO (PPO1) plan offered by the Village. The new insurance plans under the CBA available for new hires are the Village's new PPO plan (PPO2) or the Village's new HMO plan. The parties also agreed that the active employee could voluntarily enroll in the new health care plans. However, if such an election is ever made by a member of the bargaining unit future participation in the PPO1 plan will be prohibited.

These were the main revisions for the new CBA. The Union is anticipated to ratify the Agreement and the Village's bargaining team is recommending its approval by the Village Board.

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Wilt seconded to approve the CBA between the Telecommunicators Union and the Village of North Riverside for a term periods from December 1, 2015 to November 30, 2019 and for the Village Attorney to prepare the proper ordinance for passage at our next Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None. Motion Carried

Trustee Mengoni read a letter from Fire Chief Basek thanking the Mayor and Village Trustees for approving the purchase of a new Pierce Ladder Truck.

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

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

## **MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Hermanek stated that the Recreation Department will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Memorial Day 5K on the morning of Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The race will begin at 9am following a salute to our Veterans. The race will take place east of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, south of the railroad tracks and west of Veterans Drive. Road closures will be brief between the hours of 8:30 am and 10:00am. Signage regarding the closures will be visible the week of. We will also notify the residents affected by hand delivered letters, Facebook and with a Code Red phone call. We thank you for your patience and hope you can come out to cheer on our runners or volunteer with us. A donation will be made to the Disabled American Veterans Charity. This will be an exciting event for the Village.

Mayor Hermanek also mentioned that from now on parking is allowed on the west side of DesPlaines Avenue where the signage is displayed to elevate residents concerns on Keystone and Forest Avenues.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Riverside Brookfield High School PTO sent a thank you card and thanked the Village Board for the fifteen dozen donuts and ten cases of water for their Day of Service.

The 2500 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is requesting permission to host a block party on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Mengoni moved and Trustee Czajka seconded to approve the request from the 2500 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Wilt moved, seconded by Trustee Demopoulos to approve the list of bills submitted for this meeting totaling \$1,023,836.87 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- None**

**UNFNISHED BUSINESS**-None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Hermanek presented Casey Gomorzak with a plaque and a key to the Village upon earning his Eagle Scout Award.

**AUDIENCE**

Barbara Wilson asked about the location of a new store that recently opened in the North Riverside Park Mall.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI  
VILLAGE CLERK**