

Village of North Riverside

Police & Fire Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: February 23, 2015

Trustee Mengoni, Chairman
Trustee Decosola
Trustee Wilt

Others in attendance were, Mayor Hermanek, Trustees Bianco, Czajka, and Demopoulos, Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Fire Chief Basek and FF Rajk.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. and the following is a summary of the meetings.

Item #: 1 SAFER Grant Discussion: FF Dave Rajk, President of the Foreign Fire Tax Board addressed the Committee explaining the SAFER Grant program and how it can be used to hire additional firefighters. He explained the three categories it can be used for are to hire back laid-off firefighters, hire for positions lost through retirements and for new positions. He mentioned that it was a two year program during which time you could not laid off anyone and it covers salary and some benefits. FF Rajk informed the Committee that they have used Vickers Consulting to write grants in the past and have been very successful in getting awards. Some of the surrounding communities who have been awarded SAFER grants are Broadview, Franklin Park, Park Ridge, Naperville and Hillside. There were a number of questions asked by the committee, Mayor and board members. Chairman Mengoni asked the Administrator to call Hillside and find out how they used their SAFER grant. The Committee said they would like to gather more information on the grant, FF Rajk mentioned the deadline for this year's application is March 6th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjured at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Joe Mengoni
Chairman