

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
April 27, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on April 27th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Adduci, Brennan, Gillis, O’Connell, Bachner, Keskitalo, Vazquez, and Village Clerk Castellano

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Attorney Lance Malina, Village Administrator Matt Walsh, Assistant Village Administrator Jessica Spencer, Fire Chief Tom Gaertner, Director of Public Works and Engineering Jack Bielak, Police Chief James Greenwood, Deputy Police Chief Michael Swierczynski, Police Commander Martin Grill, Finance Director Rosemary McAdams, HR Manager Trish Ivansek, Deputy Clerk Luke Masella, and Assistant to the Director of Public Works Seth Jansen.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Adduci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

John Dzuryak made a public comment regarding a Memorial Day event to be held at Memorial Hall at Roosevelt Middle School. Mr. Dzuryak provided background information on the event and location and invited all to attend.

4. ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Bachner gave a land acknowledgment.

Trustee Gillis announced the Parade Marshall for the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.

Trustee Vazquez had no comments.

Village Clerk Castellano had no comments.

Trustee Brennan thanked John Dzuryak for his research and dedication to the Village of River Forest.

Trustee Keskitalo also thanked Mr. Dzuryak and noted being excited for the Memorial Day parade and related events.

Trustee O'Connell noted that the Budget document is available on the Village website and encouraged residents to review it. He stated that he feels positive about the Village's financial situation and thanked staff for their work.

President Adduci suggested that the Village's Historic Preservation Commission consider the event researched by Mr. Dzuryak and determine whether there is an opportunity to memorialize it.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Proclamation in Recognition of Arbor Day
- b. Proclamation in Recognition of Compost Awareness Week
- c. Consideration of 2026 & 2027 Compensation Plan for Approval
- d. Purchase Approval – Public Works Pickup Truck & Plow Installation – Sutton Ford & Regional Truck Equipment – \$63,000.00
- e. Administration Department Report
- f. Monthly Department Reports
- g. Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – April 13th, 2026

Trustee Bachner noted she would abstain from voting on item G.

MOTION by Trustee O'Connell to approve consent agenda items A through G. Seconded by Trustee Gillis.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees O'Connell, Vazquez, Gillis, Bachner, Brennan and Keskitalo

Abstain(Item G only): Trustee Bachner

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

6.CONSENT ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

None.

7.RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget

MOTION by Trustee Bachner to approve an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of May, 2026 and ending on the 30th day of April 2027 for the Village of River Forest, Illinois. Seconded by Trustee Keskitalo.

President Adduci thanked staff for their work.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees O'Connell, Bachner, Vazquez, Gillis, Brennan and Keskitalo

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Trustee O'Connell reminded residents about the upcoming Village Board summer schedule.

9.NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Trustee Vazquez to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Village and the Village Board will adjourn after executive session and will not return to open session. Seconded by Trustee O'Connell.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees O'Connell, Bachner, Vazquez, Gillis, Brennan and Keskitalo

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

The Village Board entered executive session at 7:14 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn by Trustee Bachner, Seconded by Trustee O'Connell.

Roll call:

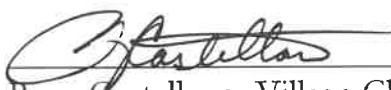
Ayes: Trustees O'Connell, Bachner, Vazquez, Gillis, Brennan and Keskitalo

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

The Village Board of Trustees Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Rosa Castellano, Village Clerk

Date: 5/11/26