

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES  
Monday, May 13, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 13, 2019 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, Trustees Cargie, Conti, Corsini, Gibbs, Henek, Vazquez

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Clerk Kathleen Brand-White, Village Administrator Eric Palm, Assistant Village Administrator Lisa Scheiner, Assistant to the Village Administrator Jonathan Pape, Management Analyst Sara Phyfer, Police Chief James O’Shea, Police Commander James Greenwood, Public Works Director John Anderson, Finance Director Rosemary McAdams, Village Attorney Greg Smith

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Adduci led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**4. ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. Recognition of Monica Affleck – Resolution

Trustee Corsini made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gibbs, to approve a Resolution commemorating the life of Monica Affleck and celebrating her with an honorary street sign designation.

President Adduci read the resolution aloud and presented the honorary street sign designation to friends and family of Mrs. Affleck.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Conti, Corsini, Gibbs, Henek, Vazquez

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

**5. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING ELECTED OFFICIALS SUSAN CONTI, CARMELA CORSINI AND MICHAEL GIBBS**

President Adduci presented plaques to each of the outgoing trustees.

Trustee Vazquez stated he would miss each of the trustees and the assets each brought to the Board. He took special note of Trustee Conti's measured decisions, Trustee Corsini's strength in finance, and of Trustee Gibbs' historical knowledge.

Trustee Cargie echoed Trustee Vazquez's sentiments and noted their incredible service to the Village.

Trustee Henek reiterated these sentiments and noted the commitment and sacrifice of each trustee.

Village Clerk Brand-White stated she had similar sentiments and that the outgoing trustees' institutional memory is irreplaceable. She called attention to frequently hearing Trustee Conti say "I just want to get it right."

President Adduci echoed everyone's comments and reiterated how valuable the outgoing trustees' service has been. In highlighting aspects of each trustee's tenure, she first called attention to Trustee Conti's voting record of putting aside personal beliefs and ideologies to vote in the best interest of River Forest. She next underscored Trustee Corsini's invaluable insight in government financing from helping balance the budget to the creation of the TIF districts. Lastly, she thanked Trustee Gibbs for his dedication to public safety and infrastructure, and for bringing his sense of humor to the table.

Trustee Conti thanked everyone for their words and noted this was a bittersweet moment for her. She illustrated the difficult deliberations and stated she felt privileged to make decisions that will change the trajectory of River Forest. She thanked Staff, other members of the Board, her supporters, and her family. She welcomed the new trustees and cautioned them to remain mindful of their awesome responsibility.

Trustee Corsini noted her career and involvement in local government has been rewarding, challenging, and a privilege. She thanked and recognized her family, Staff, and past and present Board members. She expressed hope that she had met expectations with her service. She illustrated the traits each Board member brought to the table and welcomed the new trustees.

Trustee Gibbs encouraged everyone to remember that despite disagreements, they are all still neighbors. He urged the new trustees to be decisive and not to overanalyze decisions. He echoed the sentiments of the other trustees and noted that politics is not all or nothing, but rather an exchange of ideas. He thanked his supporters, Staff, and his family.

**6. ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE**

Trustee Corsini made a motion seconded by Trustee Conti, to adjourn the regular Village Board of Trustees Meeting Sine Die at 7:58 p.m.

Village Clerk Brand-White administered the Oath of Office to newly elected officials Erika

Bachner, Katie Brennan and Robert O'Connell.

## **7. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Adduci, Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Henek, O'Connell, Vazquez, and Cargie

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Clerk Kathleen Brand-White, Village Administrator Eric Palm, Assistant Village Administrator Lisa Scheiner, Assistant to the Village Administrator Jonathan Pape, Management Analyst Sara Phyfer, Police Chief James O'Shea, Police Commander James Greenwood, Public Works Director John Anderson, Finance Director Rosemary McAdams, Village Attorney Greg Smith

Trustee Bachner thanked everyone for welcoming the new trustees. She stated she was impressed by Village Administration and felt confident the Village is in good hands. She thanked her supporters and maintained she would be a voice for every person in River Forest.

Trustee Brennan stated she was thrilled to be joining the Board. She thanked her supporters and the past Board members. She thanked Roy Strom, the Public Works employees, and volunteers for their assistance with the Recycling Extravaganza, noting that it was "not biggest car year but biggest stuff year." She announced the Village was recently awarded the SolSmart bronze designation and stated that their next step is to map all the solar locations in the Village. She provided details for the River Forest Tree Walk on Sunday, May 19, and the Sustainable River Forest Tour for eighth graders at Roosevelt. Lastly, she noted that members of the Sustainability Commission would be attending a lunch and learn session sponsored by PlanItGreen on May 22.

Trustee O'Connell thanked the residents who supported him and noted that in listening to everyone's remarks, he realized the enormity of this role and the shoes to fill. He stated he is looking forward to working with the team.

## **8. APPOINTMENT OF LEE NEUBECKER AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Trustee Henek made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cargie, to concur with the recommendation of the Village President to appoint Lee Neubecker to the Economic Development Commission to serve as Chairperson for the remainder of the term ending April 30, 2020.

President Adduci stated that Lee has been on the Commission for some time and that he is the best candidate for the job.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Cargie, Henek, O'Connell, Vazquez  
Absent: None  
Nays: None  
Motion Passes.

**9. APPOINTMENT OF JULIE MOLLER AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

Trustee Vazquez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Brennan, to concur with the recommendation of the Village President to appoint Julie Moller to the Sustainability Commission to serve as Chairperson for the remainder of the term ending April 30, 2021.

Roll call:  
Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Cargie, Henek, O'Connell, Vazquez  
Absent: None  
Nays: None  
Motion Passes.

**10. RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS TO RESTORE THE AMOUNT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE FUND (LGDF) REVENUE GIVEN TO MUNICIPALITIES**

Trustee Cargie made a motion, seconded by Trustee Vazquez, to approve a Resolution Urging the State of Illinois to Restore the Amount of Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) Revenue Given to Municipalities.

President Adduci summarized the intent of the Resolution, stating the local government distributive fund, which remits a portion of State income tax revenues to municipalities, is currently only at 6%, as opposed to the full 10% of income tax receipts. She noted that the LGDF is a statutory requirement from 1969, and this resolution urges the State to balance the budget but not on the backs of taxpayers.

Roll call:  
Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Cargie, Henek, O'Connell, Vazquez  
Absent: None  
Nays: None  
Motion Passes.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Cargie made a motion seconded by Trustee Henek, to adjourn the regular Village Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Roll call:  
Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Cargie, Henek, O'Connell, Vazquez  
Absent: None

Nays:           None  
Motion Passes.

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Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk