

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
September 23rd, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 23rd, 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 Gillis, Vazquez, O'Connell (Virtual), Brennan, Bachner, Johnson, Village Clerk Keller

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Attorney Lance Malina, Village Administrator Matt Walsh, Assistant Village Administrator Jessica Spencer, Police Chief James O'Shea, Village Finance Director Rosemary McAdams, Fire Chief Tom Gaertner, Director of Public Works and Engineering Jack Bielak, Deputy Police Chief James Greenwood, Deputy Fire Chief David Bochenek, Police Commander Michael Swierczynski, Human Resources Manager Trish Ivansek, and Deputy Clerk Luke Masella

MOTION by Trustee Vazquez to allow Trustee O'Connell to participate remotely. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

Roll call:

Ayes: President Adduci, Trustees Johnson, Brennan, Vazquez, Gillis, Bachner

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

2.PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Adduci led the pledge of allegiance.

3.SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None.

4.CITIZEN COMMENTS

The members of the audience who wish to give public comment agreed to make public comment when Agenda Item 8.A was discussed.

5.ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Bachner began her comments with a Land Acknowledgement. She also highlighted a recent kayak event at the Trailside Museum.

She then highlighted a recent writing workshop event at Dominican University.

Trustee Gillis congratulated Trinity Highschool for their recent walking event. She then gave thanks to Village's volunteers on the many Boards and Commissions.

Trustee Vazquez apologized for missing the last board meeting and also reported attending the recent Illinois Municipal League Conference.

Village Clerk Keller had nothing to add to the record.

Trustee Brennan reported attending the Illinois Municipal League Conference as well. She then gave a shoutout to the One Earth Film Festival.

Trustee Johnson supported the comments made by Trustee Gillis.

Trustee O'Connell reminded everyone about upcoming construction on Madison Street.

6.CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – September 9th, 2024
- b. Monthly Department Reports
- c. August 2024 Financial Report
- d. Administration Department Report
- e. Authorization to Donate Surplus Property – Bicycles – Ordinance
- f. Change Order – 2024 Curb and Sidewalk Project
- g. Award of Contract – FY 2025 Tree Trimming Program
- h. Purchase Approval – Street Camera Server – Avigilon – \$80,000.00

Trustee Vazquez requested that Consent Agenda Item 6.a be pulled as he was not in attendance at the last meeting and thus cannot vote on the item.

MOTION by Trustee Johnson to approve Consent Agenda Items B-H. Seconded by Trustee Gillis.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Johnson, Brennan, Gillis, O'Connell, Vazquez

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

7.CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

- a. Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – September 9th, 2024

Trustees Vasquez and O’Connell abstained from the vote as they were not present at the meeting.

MOTION by Trustee Gillis to approve Consent Agenda Item A. Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – September 9th, 2024. Seconded by Johnson.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Johnson, Brennan, Gillis,

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

8.RECCOMENDATIONS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

- a. Traffic and Safety Commission Recommendations – Ordinance Amending Parking Regulation on 1200/1300 Park Avenue

MOTION by Trustee Vazquez to approve an Ordinance adding parking restrictions on Park Avenue, West side, from Division Street to Greenfield Street between the hours of eight o'clock A.M. and four o'clock P.M on school days. Seconded by Bachner

Gerri Humbert made public comment in support of the proposed changes.

Michael Anderson made public comment in support of the proposed changes.

The Board discussed which days the street parking should be limited and how to define said days in the ordinance.

Trustee Brennan raised concerns about some of the language in the ordinance regarding Park Avenue and which areas the regulations will cover.

The Board discussed parking regulations along Thatcher Avenue.

Trustee Brennan invited representatives from Dominican University to speak on the parking issues and they declined.

Village Clerk Keller suggested the ordinance should use the language, “Monday through Friday.”

Trustee Vazquez amended his motion as follows

MOTION by Trustee Vazquez to approve an Ordinance adding parking restrictions on Park Avenue, West side, from Division Street, North to the South end of the Dominican University driveway, to between the hours of eight o'clock A.M. and four o'clock P.M, Monday through Friday. Seconded by Bachner

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Johnson, Brennan, Gillis, Vazquez, O'Connell

Absent: None

Nays: None

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn by Trustee Vazquez. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

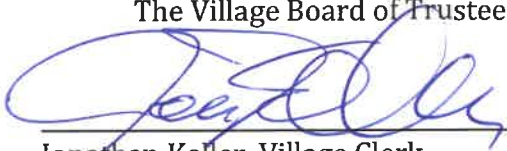
Roll call:

Ayes: President Adduci, Trustees Vazquez, O'Connell, Bachner, Johnson, Brennan, Gillis

Absent: None

Nays: None

The Village Board of Trustees Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Jonathan Keller, Village Clerk

Date: 10/28/24