

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Monday, October 24, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 24, 2022, 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 Bachner, Gillis, Vazquez, Johnson, Brennan, Village Clerk Keller

Absent: Trustee O’Connell

Also Present: Village Administrator Brian Murphy, Management Analyst Seth Jansen, Fire Chief Thomas Gaertner, Police Chief James O’Shea, Finance Director Rosemary McAdams, Director of Public Works and Development Services Jeff Loster, Village Attorney Greg Smith.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Adduci led the pledge of allegiance.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Bachner began her comments with a land acknowledgement and wished everyone a Happy Halloween. Trustee Bachner stated that she had attended the gala for OPALGA+, the Oak Park Area Lesbian & Gay Association and that there was a good turn-out at that event.

Trustee Gillis wished the best to all who celebrate Diwali.

Trustee Vazquez wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Clerk Keller had nothing to add to the permanent record.

Trustee Brennan stated that she had attended the 10th Annual Casket Races in Forest Park and encouraged everyone to attend in the future. Trustee Brennan also mentioned the Juneteenth Committee is holding a coat drive and asked for a flier to be posted at Village Hall. It will start 10/28 and run several weeks.

Trustee Johnson also wished everyone Happy Halloween.

President Adduci stated that trick or treating hours would be held from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. President Adduci also stated that she had attended an Illinois Municipal League orientation in Springfield and has attended planning meetings with Trustee Gillis for the 2023 GreenTown Advisory Committee event. President Adduci also encouraged residents to register for a WaterSmart software account.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2022
- b. Village Board of Trustees Executive Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2022
- c. A Right-of-Way Encroachment Waiver and Agreement for an Irrigation System in the Public Right-of-Way with the Property Owners at 547 William Street
- d. Approval of Service Provider Contract Renewal Agreement with Municipal GIS Partners in the amount of \$44,550.00.
- e. Monthly Financial Report – September 2022
- f. Village Administrator’s Report

MOTION by Trustee Johnson to approve consent agenda items A-F. Second by Trustee Bachner.

Roll call:

Ayes: Bachner, Gillis, Vazquez, Brennan, Johnson,

Absent: O’Connell

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

None

7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of a Contract with Thomas Engineering for a Village-wide Traffic Study for a not-to-exceed cost of \$98,644.00 and Authorize the Village Administrator to Execute the Contract.

MOTION by Trustee Vazquez to approve a contract with Thomas Engineering for a not-to-exceed cost of \$98,644.00 and authorize the Village Administrator to execute the contract. Second by Trustee Gillis.

Director Loster provided a brief history of the process for seeking a Village-wide traffic study. Director Loster explained that due to budgetary constraints the study will not include exploration of the IDOT jurisdictional transfer of a portion of Thatcher Avenue, and a study to investigate stops signs more frequently than every two blocks. The jurisdictional transfer would be covered by the overall study, so taking ownership of that stretch of road did not make sense. A public survey will also be used to help with the study, which has been very helpful in past studies. Loster further detailed the scope of the proposed study.

Trustee Vazquez asked about the cost to study additional locations. Director Loster responded there are several methods to achieve this, but the amount would be minimal.

Trustee Brennan first asked if the north east stretch of Thatcher is still planning on having a bike lane?

Director Loster replied “yes”, and that is planned with the Des Plaines River Trail project with other communities. That should kick off in a year or so.

Secondly, Ms. Brennan asked if the study would be impacted by the Des Plaines River Trail, and Director Loster responded that was a consideration for removing the Thatcher Avenue jurisdictional transfer study.

Trustee Brennan stated that the proposal from Thomas Engineering showed a good understanding of the Village’s traffic challenges. Director Loster agreed and mentioned that Thomas has performed different engineering services for the Village in the past.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the project schedule. Director Loster clarified the project should take ten months from start to finish, with an approximate completion in mid-Summer 2023.

President Adduci mentioned that the Village can still advocate for improvements on Thatcher even if the Village does not acquire jurisdictional ownership.

Clerk Keller asked whether concerns on Thatcher had been shared with IDOT in the past.

Director Loster responded that there have not been specific conversations about the concerns to this point.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Vazquez to Adjourn. Second by Trustee Bachner.

Roll call:

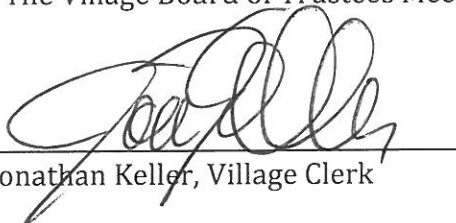
Ayes: Bachner, Gillis, Vazquez, Brennan, Johnson

Absent: O'Connell

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

The Village Board of Trustees Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Keller", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jonathan Keller, Village Clerk