

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

A special meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, November 12, 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 Bachner, Brennan, Cargie, Henek, O’Connell (*by telephone*), Vazquez

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Clerk Kathleen Brand-White, Village Administrator Eric Palm, Assistant to the Village Administrator Jonathan Pape, Police Chief James O’Shea, Fire Chief Kurt Bohlmann, Finance Director Rosemary McAdams, Public Works Director John Anderson, Village Attorney Greg Smith

- a. Authorization to Allow Trustee O’Connell to Participate Telephonically due to traveling for business.

Trustee Brennan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cargie to allow Trustee O’Connell to participate telephonically.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Cargie, Henek, Vazquez

Absent: Trustee O’Connell

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Adduci led the pledge of allegiance.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Phyllis Rubin, 411 Ashland #6B. Ms. Rubin spoke about a recently signed executive order that, she summarized, would require local governments to opt-in to being a community that will resettle refugees. She encouraged Village officials to write a letter to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and publish it so that the Village is on record.

President Adduci stated she has spoken with the Village Attorney and that he will review the letter being prepared.

Village Attorney advised that the State would also need to opt-in in order for the Village to comply with the executive order.

Daniel Lauber, 7215 Oak. Mr. Lauber encouraged the Board to adopt the minor amendment but with the caveat that McDonald's Restaurant be required to comply with their existing conditions related to providing off-site parking for staff. He suggested McDonald's be required to provide Staff with their parking agreement for leased spaces. He expressed appreciation for tabling this matter to allow residents to discuss their concerns with McDonald's.

4. ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Bachner read a statement to acknowledge that this land was once inhabited by indigenous people and stated that River Forest continues to be a place that people from diverse backgrounds live and gather. She wished a Happy Veterans Day to everyone in the community. She reported she attended a women's leadership conference, which centered on intentional decision-making and considering the impacts of the decisions, and she encouraged the Board to keep that in mind with their work. Additionally, she stated that through the Rotary Club, she met with six eastern European women who are working in their countries on various topics such as domestic violence, gender equity, children's work, and LGBTQ issues. Trustee Bachner stated it was an opportunity to discuss how to get things done through governmental actions.

Trustee Vazquez reported that the Age-Friendly Communities Collaborative (through the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus) was awarded a \$39,000 grant from the Kott Foundation to help fund their activities. He also announced that Sustainability Commission Chair Julie Moller will be presenting on the Climate Crisis on November 20 from 5:30-7pm at the Sugar Beet Building in Oak Park.

Trustee Brennan stated she also attended the leadership conference and participated in a mock-interview process for a business class at Dominican University. She stated she is impressed with the students and the local business community for volunteering their time to participate.

Trustee Henek requested adding to a future agenda a discussion about the timeframe of agendas being made public.

President Adduci said the Board could discuss it and take the direction of the majority of the Board.

Trustee O'Connell stated he and President Adduci met with Dr. Mary Ann Bender and Liz Holt from the Chamber of Commerce. He stated they discussed how to get more businesses to participate in the Chamber, build their base, and sponsor community-based activities.

President Adduci stated she and Administrator Palm met with the owners of the former rehab institute building on Thatcher. She stated they discussed potential development opportunities at that site. She also wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day.

a. Acknowledgement of the Passing of former Village President Robert Jones

Administrator Palm stated that Robert Jones was the Village President from 1989-1993, also involved in the Service Club and River Forest Tennis Club, and he passed along the Village's condolences to his family.

Trustee Cargie stated he Mr. Jones lived nearby and he enjoyed getting to know him. He stated Mr. Jones was proud of his service to the Village and that they were lucky to have had him.

President Adduci expressed her condolences for Mr. Jones' family and thanked them for their time given to the community.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2019
- b. Executive Session Village Board Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2019
- c. Waiver of Formal Bids and Award of Purchase through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative a 2020 Ford F-550 Chassis from Sutton Ford for \$40,041.00 and Stainless Steel Dump Body and Plow from Regional Truck Equipment for \$26,274.00 (total cost of \$66,315.00)
- d. Monthly Department Reports
- e. Performance Measurement Report
- f. Village Administrator's Report

Trustee Henek made a motion, seconded by Trustee Vazquez to approve the Consent Agenda items A-F.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Cargie, Henek, O'Connell, Vazquez

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

None.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Update Related to Guest Parking on 1500 Block of Ashland Avenue.

Director Anderson summarized this issue and stated that upon Staff review, there was no recommendation to change the parking restrictions in this area for residents' guests because parking was available along North Avenue and other adjacent streets.

In response to a question from Trustee Cargie about calling in to allow a guest to park instead of requiring a pass, Administrator Palm stated there are no waivers for that.

In response to a question from Trustee Henek, Director Anderson clarified that parking is available on North Avenue between Ashland and Franklin.

Donna Marcuccilli, 1554 Ashland. Ms. Marcuccilli expressed frustration about not being able to call in for her guests to allow them to park in front of her building.

Administrator Palm stated that over the years, there have been discussions regarding public safety concerns about access for vehicles around the Loyola clinic, which resulted in the current parking restrictions. He further stated that while this may not be the solution those residents are looking for, there is parking capacity on nearby streets.

In response to question from Trustee Brennan, Ms. Marcuccilli stated her requested is only related to daytime parking.

In response to a further question from Ms. Marcuccilli about calling in for her guests, Administrator Palm stated that is not what the regulation allows. He explained that when Staff looked into the issue, they determined there was adequate capacity on North Avenue and Franklin that it was not necessary to change the policy. He advised that an alternative is to change the parking restriction so that it is not resident only and that the Village Board could remand the issue to the Traffic and Safety Commission again.

In response to a question from Trustee Henek about whether other residents have this concern, President Adduci stated the issue at question is whether to change the policy on resident only parking throughout the Village.

In response to questions from Trustee Bachner, Administrator Palm stated the parking study will examine parking in this area, and that Staff would have to look into the implementation of the "Chicago model" of having guest parking passes.

The Village Board further discussed the history of the parking issue on this block and accepted Staff's recommendation.

Brian Tideman, 1548 Ashland. Mr. Tideman how he can be more involved in speaking about this issue.

President Adduci referred him to the Traffic and Safety Commission. Administrator Palm added that he is welcome to speak with Staff individually as well.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. McDonald's Restaurant Request for Minor Amendment to their Planned Development for Electronic Outdoor Menu Boards

Trustee Cargie made a motion, seconded by Trustee Henek to direct the Village Administrator to process the McDonald's Restaurant request for a minor amendment to their planned development permit for electronic outdoor menu boards.

President Adduci concurred with Mr. Lauber's recommendation and directed Staff to ensure compliance with the planned development's conditions, specifically related to the staff parking issue. However, she stated this can be managed administratively and separately rather than in concert with this minor amendment.

In response to questions from Trustee Vazquez and Bachner, President Adduci confirmed the Village already has the authority to enforce this through the ordinance that is in place.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Cargie, Henek, Vazquez

Absent: None

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee O'Connell

Motion Passes.

- b. Dominican University Request for Minor Amendment to their Planned Development for the Crown Library Terrace Enclosure

Trustee Vazquez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Bachner, to direct the Village Administrator to process the Dominican University request for a minor amendment to their planned development permit for the Crown Library Terrace Enclosure.

Administrator Palm briefly reviewed the project and affirmed it does qualify for a minor amendment.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Cargie, Henek, O'Connell, Vazquez

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

- c. Amend Title 9-2-20 of the Village Code Related to Village Parking Lots – Ordinance

Trustee Cargie made a motion, seconded by Trustee Vazquez to approve an Ordinance amending Title 9-2-20 of the Village Code to designate 418 Franklin as a Village Parking Lot with eight designated 24-hour parking permit spaces and twenty free 3-hour time limit spaces.

Administrator Palm summarized Staff's recommendation, stating the northern spaces in the 418 Franklin lot would be consistent with the parking restriction in the central business district and the parallel spaces would be available for 24-hour resident permits. He noted that there are residents inquiring about using these spaces.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Cargie, Henek, O'Connell, Vazquez

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cargie made a motion, seconded by Trustee Brennan, to adjourn the special Village Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Cargie, Henek, O'Connell, Vazquez

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk