VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
November 27, 2023

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 27, 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 7:02 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Adduci, Trustees Vazquez, Brennan, Johnson, Gillis, O'Connell, Bachner, Village Clerk Keller
Absent: None
Also Present: Fire Chief Thomas Gaertner, Police Chief James O'Shea, Assistant Finance Director Keke Boyer, Village Attorney Lance Malina, Human Resources Manager Trish Ivansek, Assistant Village Administrator Jessica Spencer, Village Administrator Matt Walsh, Deputy Clerk Luke Masella

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Adduci led the pledge of allegiance.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

4. ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee O'Connell had no comments.

Trustee Johnson wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Trustee Brennan reminded everyone about the leaf pickup protocols and schedule.

Trustee Brennan also acknowledged a resident, Anja Hermann, who was invited to the White House for the Girls Leading Change Event for her work as a disability rights activist and an advocate for equity and inclusion.

Village Clerk Keller had no comments.

Trustee Vazquez reminded everyone that the Kiwanis Light Up the Night Event is on Saturday, December 16th weather permitting.

Trustee Gillis reminded everyone about the Kiwanis Light Up on Saturday, December 16th. She also noted that the holiday light recycling bin has been placed behind Village Hall on Central Avenue.

Trustee Bachner began her comments with a Land Acknowledgement. She wished everyone a happy holidays and also recognized Anja Herman for her trip to The White House.

President Adduci noted that the Village had previously highlighted Ms. Hermann in the Village newsletter and on social media and will continue to do so. She asked that staff invite Ms. Hermann to come before the Village Board for recognition.

The Board addressed a group of students who had attended the meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

   a. Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2023
   b. Administration Department Report
   c. 2024 Renewal Agreement with Municipal GIS Partners
   d. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment – Ordinance
   e. Approval of Purchase – Public Works 2024 Ford F-350 & Plow – Sutton Ford & and Regional Truck Equipment – $56,001.00

MOTION by Trustee Johnson to approve Consent Agenda Items A - E. Seconded by Trustee O'Connell.

Roll call:
Ayes: Trustees Vazquez, Johnson, Gillis, O'Connell, Brennan, Bachner.
Absent: None
Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Village Attorney Malina provided background information on municipal board meetings to the students in the audience and directed them to utilize the Board Packet to help write their assignments.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

None

7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Training - PR 101 for Elected Officials & Staff – No Action

President Adduci informed the Board that Vicarious Multimedia would not be able to present the training this evening and would provide the training at a later date.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Trustee Vazquez to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss: probable and imminent litigation, 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 Vazquez, Johnson, Gillis, O'Connell, Brennan, Bachner.
Absent: None
Nays: None

Motion Passes at 7:13pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn by Trustee O'Connell. Seconded by Trustee Vazquez.

Roll call:
Ayes: President Adduci, Trustees Vazquez, Johnson, Gillis, O'Connell, Brennan, Bachner.
Absent:
Nays: None

The Village Board of Trustees Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jonathan Keller, Village Clerk

Date: 12/18/23