

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on December 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Brennan, Gillis, Keskitalo, Vazquez, O'Connell, and Village Clerk Castellano  
Absent: Trustee Bachner  
Also Present: Village Attorney Lance Malina, Village Administrator Matt Walsh, Assistant Village Administrator Jessica Spencer, Fire Chief Tom Gaertner, Deputy Fire Chief Dave Bochenek, Director of Public Works and Engineering Jack Bielak, Police Chief Jim Greenwood, Deputy Police Chief Michael Swierczysnki, HR Manager Trish Ivansek, and 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 Gillis reminded everyone about the upcoming Light Up The Night event hosted by the local Kiwanis Club. She also reported attending Planet Green's annual meeting and expressed enthusiasm for the community-focused sustainability efforts underway.

Trustee Vazquez wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Trustee Brennan wished everyone a happy holiday season and congratulated Fire Marshal Kevin Wiley on his upcoming retirement, noting her appreciation for the thorough monthly reports he provided for the Board packets.

Trustee Keskitalo opened her comments with a Land Acknowledgment, then recognized the recent shootings in Australia, condemning the hate and violence surrounding the event. She also highlighted the Menorah displayed in front of River Forest Village Hall and thanked those who helped place it. She concluded by wishing everyone a happy holiday season.

Trustee O'Connell thanked Village Staff for their work and then wished everyone a happy holiday season.

President Adduci echoed Trustee O'Connell's remarks about staff and acknowledged the Menorah displayed in front of Village Hall, thanking those involved in its placement. She then read a statement addressing recent criticism directed at some volunteer board and commission members.

## **5.CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- b. Village Board of Trustees Executive Session Meeting Minutes – November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- c. Administration Department Report
- d. Monthly Department Reports
- e. Account Payable – November 2025 – \$3,368,167.14
- f. November 2025 Financial Report
- g. Schedule of Boards and Commissions Meetings – Calendar Year 2026
- h. Award of Contract – 2026 Street Patching Program – Schroeder Asphalt Services – \$75,000.00
- i. Award of Contract – 2026 Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Program – Schroeder Asphalt Services – \$250,000.00
- j. Award of Contract – 2026 Asphalt Pavement Crack Sealing Project – SKC Construction, Inc – \$35,000.00
- k. Contract Approval – G.I.S Services – Municipal GIS Partners – \$53,160.00

- l. Approval of the 2025 Property Tax Levy – 1.90%
- m. Authorization to Donate Excess Electronic Property – Ordinance
- n. Purchase Approval – Microsoft 365 Renewal – \$34,415.60
- o. Purchase Approval – Axon Taser 10 Devices – Axon Enterprise – \$21,600.00
- p. Proclamation Celebrating Fenwick High School's 2025 State Title

**MOTION** by Trustee O'Connell to approve consent agenda items A through P. Seconded by Trustee Gillis.

**Roll call:**

Ayes: Trustee Vazquez, Gillis, O'Connell, Brennan, and Keskitalo

Absent: Trustee Bachner

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION**

None.

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

None.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** by Trustee Vazquez to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)(11) to discuss Collective negotiating matters between the

public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and discuss pending 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: Trustee O'Connell, Brennan, Gillis, Vazquez and Keskitalo

Absent: Trustee Bachner

Nays: None

Motion Passes and the Village Board entered executive session at 7:12pm.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn by Trustee O'Connell, Seconded by Trustee Keskitalo.

**Roll call:**

Ayes: Trustee Vazquez, Gillis, Brennan, O'Connell, and Keskitalo

Absent: Bachner

Nays: None

The Village Board of Trustees Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

  
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Rosa Castellano, Village Clerk

Date: 01/12/26