

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES  
Monday, May 9, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 9, 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 7:05 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Adduci, Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Gillis, Johnson, Vazquez, O’Connell, Village Clerk Keller

Absent: None

Also, Present: Village Administrator Brian Murphy, Assistant to the Village Administrator Matthew Walsh, Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk Elijah Bebora, Fire Chief Thomas Gaertner, Police Commander James Greenwood, Assistant Finance Director Keke Boyer, Director of Public Works and Development Services Jeff Loster, Village Attorney Greg Smith.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Gillis, Johnson, Vazquez, O’Connell

Absent: Brennan

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Adduci led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**4.ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. Police Officer of the Year 2021 Presentation for Ofc. Sean Heneghan

Police Commander James Greenwood stated that Officer Heneghan grew up and still resides in Chicago. He remarked that he attended Notre Dame Prep in Niles where he wrestled for all four years. He commented that Officer Heneghan attended Iowa State University and graduated in three and a half years with a degree in criminal justice

and sociology. He remarked that Officer Heneghan joined the River Forest Police Department in January 2018. He commented that he is proud that Officer Heneghan has been named Officer of the Year for 2021. He stated that Officer Heneghan is described as self-motivated and consistently displays high performance. He remarked that Officer Heneghan is seen as a mentor to new Police Officers, displays good leadership, and performs his duties with integrity. He commented that Officer Heneghan is an asset to the Police Department and community.

Officer Heneghan was awarded the Officer of the Year award by Police Commander James Greenwood and was congratulated by the Village Board.

#### b. Elected Official Comments and Announcements

Trustee O'Connell stated that he had no comment.

Trustee Johnson stated that he attended an event and tour at the ComEd facility in Maywood. He stated that at the facility, they perform testing on different things for the future of energy. He stated that at the facility, there is a microgrid that is used to test the power to ensure that there are no issues with the power supply. He commented that the facility also performs forensic testing when issues arise with the power lines. He stated that they are also researching the best-case scenarios for electric vehicles and charging stations.

Village Clerk Keller stated he has nothing to add to the record.

Trustee Vazquez stated that he hopes that everyone had a good Mother's Day. He remarked that some Hispanic countries celebrate Mother's Day on May 10. He commented that he wishes all mothers who celebrate on May 10, a happy Mother's Day.

Trustee Gillis stated that she would like to congratulate all who graduated from Dominican University this past Sunday.

Trustee Bachner began with a land acknowledgment, stating that this land was once and still is inhabited by Indigenous people and that River Forest continues to be a place where people from diverse backgrounds live and gather. She commented that she would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to everyone. She remarked that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Group met last week and continued with education around Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. She stated that last week she attended a social justice summit. She remarked that the topics discussed were how to connect communities and create relationships.

President Adduci stated she attend a West Central Municipal Conference meeting with Oak Park Village President Scaman. She commented that Broadview President Thompson gave a presentation on C4, which is a collaboration on climate change between municipalities. She stated that the collaboration is named C4 to represent

the collaboration of all the communities in the western suburbs. She commented that the goal is to get as many municipalities as possible to join the collaboration. She remarked that on June 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a C4 Memorandum of Understanding event that will take place at Triton College on communities being more watchful of the climate.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - April 25, 2022
- b. Juneteenth – Resolution
- c. LGBTQ+ Pride Month – Resolution
- d. Amendment to Title 5, Chapter 10, “Village Waterworks and Sewerage System” of the River Forest Village Code in Regard to Water and Sewer Rates – Ordinance
- e. Approval of a Payment in the Amount of \$42,445.00 to Air One Equipment, Inc. for a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Air Compressor.
- f. Renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Oak Park and River Forest Townships, the Village of River Forest, and the Northwest Housing Partnership for a Home Repair Program Partnership
- g. Accounts Payable - April 2022 - \$1,576,838.18
- h. Monthly Department Reports
- i. Village Administrator’s Report

Motion by Trustee Bachner to approve consent agenda items A - I. Second by Trustee O’Connell.

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

Motion Passes.

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION**

None

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

None

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Vazquez, Seconded by Trustee Johnson. The Village Board of Trustees Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Brennan

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

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Jonathan Keller, Village Clerk