



# VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 13, 2019 – 7:00 PM  
Village Hall – 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL 60305  
Community Room

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Citizen Comments
4. Elected Official Comments & Announcements
  - a. Recognition of Monica Affleck – Resolution
5. Recognition of Outgoing Elected Officials Susan Conti, Carmela Corsini and Michael Gibbs
6. Adjournment Sine Die

*Swearing-In of Newly Elected Officials Erika Bachner, Katie Brennan and Robert O'Connell*
7. Call to Order/Roll Call
8. Appointment of Lee Neubecker as Chairperson of the Economic Development Commission
9. Appointment of Julie Moller as Chairperson of the Sustainability Commission
10. Resolution Urging the State of Illinois to Restore the Amount of Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) Revenue Given to Municipalities
11. Adjournment



**Village of River Forest**  
**Village Administrator's Office**

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**MEMORANDUM**

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Date: April 24, 2019

To: Eric Palm, Village Administrator

From: Sara Phyfer, Management Analyst

Subj: Honorary Sign for Monica Affleck - Resolution

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Attached, please find a resolution honoring River Forest resident Monica Affleck. As it indicates, Mrs. Affleck was a revered River Forest resident from 1971 until her passing on March 27, 2019 at age 101. The resolution commemorates Mrs. Affleck and celebrates her life with an honorary street sign designation.

***Recommendation***

It is recommended that the Board make a motion to approve the resolution commemorating Monica Affleck and celebrating her with an honorary street sign designation.

***Attachments:***

- Resolution

## **RESOLUTION NO. 19-**

### **A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF MONICA AFFLECK**

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 1918, Woodrow Wilson was President of the United States, and Monica O'Mara was born; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1942, Monica married Donald Affleck and was married for 68 years until his death in 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Monica and Donald had five children, William, Mary Ellen, Margaret, Jane, and Kevin; and

**WHEREAS**, before retiring, Monica Affleck was a field biologist, a Chicago Public School teacher whose students affectionately called her "Mrs. A"; taught prairie restoration at Triton College and started the school's first prairie, earning her the nickname "Mother Prairie"; and

**WHEREAS**, Monica Affleck nurtured a love for animals and nature in her children, at one time hosting a "praying mantises in a cage and crawfish in the bath tub"; as well as being a great supporter of the Trailside Museum in River Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, Monica Affleck was a resident of the Village of River Forest since 1971 and was a parishioner of St. Luke's Church; and

**WHEREAS**, was a competitive roller skater, ice skater, equestrian, writer, artist, wine maker, skier, animal lover, doll house maker, quilter, seamstress, knitter, swimmer, lifeguard, clock maker and restorer, and played basketball, tennis and volleyball; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Affleck has such an affection for McDonald's ice cream cones, that she was presented with a gift certificate from McDonald's for 100 ice cream cones on her 100th birthday, and was such a valued customer at the McDonald's in River Forest that they hosted a birthday party in her honor; and

**WHEREAS**, February 12, 2018 is known as Monica Affleck Day in the Village of River Forest in honor of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Monica Affleck was 101 when she passed away on March 27, 2019, leaving behind a heartfelt impact on the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois that the Board, for its members and the citizens of the Village of River Forest, honor the life of Monica Affleck, and present this Resolution to her legacy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that:

**SECTION 1.** The 300 block of Ashland Avenue shall have a secondary designation as "Monica Affleck Way."

**SECTION 2.** The Board of Trustees requests that the Village place an honorary street name sign at the intersection of Ashland Avenue and Hawthorne Avenue, which shall reflect the "Monica Affleck" designation.

**SECTION 3.** By this Resolution, the Board of Trustees does not intend to affect any existing or future signage that reflects the secondary designation of Ashland Avenue, with the exception of the honorary sign described in Section 2 of this Resolution.

**SECTION 4:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Passed on a roll call vote of the Corporate Authorities on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

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Catherine Adduci, Village President

**APPROVED** by me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019

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Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk



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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: May 10, 2019

To: Catherine Adduci, Village President  
Village Board of Trustees

From: Eric Palm, Village Administrator

Subj: Local Government Distributive Fund - Resolution

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The Village President has requested that the Village Board of Trustees consider this resolution as it relates to restoring the Village's full share of the Local Government Distributive Fund.

***Recommendation***

It is recommended that the Board make a motion to approve a resolution urging the State of Illinois to restore the amount of the Local Government Distributive Fund revenue given to municipalities.

***Attachment:***

- Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS TO  
RESTORE THE AMOUNT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
DISTRIBUTIVE FUND REVENUE GIVEN TO MUNICIPALITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of River Forest is an Illinois non-home rule municipal corporation (“Village”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Illinois and the Illinois General Assembly are considering legislation to balance the budget of the State of Illinois, in part, by seeking an amendment to the State of Illinois Constitution and the State of Illinois income tax law to allow for a progressive income tax; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Illinois and the Illinois General Assembly should be applauded for exploring opportunities to balance the budget of the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village, like the State of Illinois, must balance its budget, and the Village relies on a variety of revenue sources to fund crucial services provided by the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Distributive Fund (“LGDF”) was created in 1969, when lawmakers from the State of Illinois and local governments agreed that instead of authorizing municipalities to impose individual local income taxes, the State would be the sole collector of income tax and would remit a portion to municipal governments through the LGDF; and

**WHEREAS**, the State remitted back ten percent (10%) of the income tax receipts to the local municipalities, but lowered that threshold to six percent (6%), which created a negative impact on the Village’s budget; and

**WHEREAS**, Village residents pay a great deal of income tax to the State, and the State created the LGDF to balance its need for revenue with that of the Village and other municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village received LGDF revenues in 2018 of One Million Thirteen Thousand Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$1,013,098), accounting for Three and Fifty-Eight Hundredths Percent (3.58%) of the Village’s budget; and

**WHEREAS**, LGDF revenue is necessary to fund essential services provided by the Village, including public safety and public works; and

**WHEREAS**, LGDF revenue has been reduced over the years, with the State keeping the revenues that would have otherwise been distributed to the Village and other municipalities from the LGDF, which caused the Village and other municipalities to

rely on other revenues in place of LGDF revenue, leading to stresses on municipalities' finances; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Village's residents to fully restore LGDF revenue of 10% to the Village immediately, in order to ensure that the Village is able to fund its essential services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the will of the Village's residents to immediately and fully restore LGDF revenue to the Village during this State's budget year to the promised 10% level;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** Each Whereas paragraph above is incorporated by reference into this Section 1 and made a part hereof as material and operative provisions of this Resolution.

**SECTION 2:** The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of River Forest urge the Illinois General Assembly to fully restore LGDF revenue to the Village in the State of Illinois budget, in order to meet the intent and purpose of the LGDF. Once fully restored, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of River Forest urge the Illinois General Assembly to maintain full restored LGDF revenues of 10% to the Village in future State of Illinois budgets.

**SECTION 3:** The Village Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Senator and Representative in the Illinois General Assembly which represent the Village, and to the Governor of the State of Illinois.

**SECTION 4:** This Resolution shall be effective immediately from and after its passage and approval.

**ADOPTED** this 13th day of May, 2019, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED** this 13th day of May, 2019, by the Village President of the Village of River Forest, and attested by the Village Clerk, on the same day.

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Catherine Adduci, Village President

**ATTEST:**

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Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk