

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
March 13, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:03 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 7:03 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Adduci, Trustees Conti, Corsini, Dwyer, and Gibbs
Absent: Trustees Colwell-Steinke and Cargie
Also Present: Village Clerk Sharon Halperin, Village Administrator Eric Palm, Assistant Village Administrator Lisa Scheiner, Management Analyst Jon Pape, Police Chief Greg Weiss, Fire Chief Jim Eggert, Finance Director Joan Rock, Public Works Director John Anderson, Village Attorney Greg Smith

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Adduci led the pledge of allegiance.

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

4. ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Corsini reported that she attended the Oak Park River Forest Community Council meeting at which there were presentations regarding technology and special education initiatives. She encouraged community members to attend the last of Dr. Pruitt-Adams' Oak Park River Forest High School (OPRFHS) listening tour scheduled for Saturday, March 18 at 9:30 a.m. at Roosevelt Middle School. She stated that OPRFHS sent out a mailer to every Oak Park and River Forest resident inviting participation in a work group to look at long term facility and strategic planning. She suggested that River Forest residents who did not receive the mailer visit their website (<http://www.oprfhs.org/about/Imagine-OPRF-Work-Group.cfm>) for details. She strongly encouraged River Forest resident participation.

Trustee Corsini thanked Public Works for installing a sign at Greenfield and Thatcher. She requested that the Village make a public service announcement about coyotes in the area and recalled a recent incident between a coyote and a resident's pet. Village Administrator Palm stated that coyote information has been posted on the Village's website.

In response to a request from Trustee Corsini, Village Administrator Palm reported that he represented the Village at the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC). He said the one substantive item was a vote for another Fly Quiet test rotation which is an effort by the ONCC to spread the nighttime airplane arrivals and departures amongst the different towns. He stated that he voted 'no' on this item for two reasons: 1) test rotation continues to send some of its flight traffic over River Forest; and 2) the test rotation includes runway 15-33 which sends departures over River Forest and is scheduled to be decommissioned next year. He noted that it

does not make much sense to utilize a runway in a test consideration for a permanent solution when it's going to be shut down in 2018. He reported that the measure ultimately passed (36 to 10) by the ONCC and runway 15-33 will be used for another three months.

President Adduci reported that she attended the One Earth Film Festival and recognized River Forest residents Jaxon and Miles Toppen who won the Elementary/Middle School category. She congratulated Sue Crothers-Gee who is one of the founding members of the festival. In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, President Adduci said that the Village could invite the winners to attend a Board Meeting and screen the movie for the Board.

President Adduci mentioned that a small dog was taken by a coyote at the Priory. She stated that it is mating season and coyotes are traveling in packs at dusk and dawn. She reminded residents to keep their pets leashed and provided other safety tips that will be posted on the Village's website. She denounced the vandalizing of signs that were posted on private property for one of the candidates running for Village Trustee.

Trudy Goggin, Dean of Students at Dominican University, encouraged River Forest to be a Welcoming Village and to pass a welcoming village resolution. President Adduci described the process the Board would utilize and noted the resolutions differed from community to community. Ms. Goggin stated the University appreciates being neighbors in the community and wants the community to know about the richness and diversity of their campus.

Claire Noonan, Vice President of Mission and Ministry at Dominican University, presented a draft welcoming community resolution for the Board to consider using as a template. She briefly discussed the history of diversity on the campus and contributions undocumented and alternatively documented students bring to the University.

Carolina, a student at Dominican University, stated she founded a student-led organization called the Dominican Immigrant Student Collective (DISC) which has been working hard to raise awareness and support immigrant students. She briefly discussed what it would mean to these students and their families if the resolution were passed.

Alzimba, a senior resident assistant at Dominican University, discussed how the current political climate has affected immigrant students regardless of their status. She encouraged the Village Board to pass a welcoming village ordinance.

Trustee Corsini added that this last Saturday the Dominican Ball and Gala was held and she congratulated the University on the event. She said she appreciates the students being a part of the River Forest community.

Trustee Gibbs commented that he was also in attendance at the Dominican University gala. He commented that his mother graduated from the University and his brother-in-law is currently on the board, but he also has family members who are FBI agents. He stated that he took an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. Trustee Gibbs said he is uncomfortable that law enforcement is portrayed as the "bad guys" in this situation. He said he would support any agency representative to uphold the laws that have been passed by the Federal Government. He thanked the speakers for attending but noted he took umbrage with a representation of River Forest as an unsafe community.

President Adduci stated that she appreciated the discussion and said there will be further discussions where there will be input from all trustees on this topic.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2017
- b. Executive Session Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2017
- c. Designation of Jonathan Pape as Alternate Representative for IRMA
- d. Approval of Village Attorney Invoice for January 2017 - \$16,282.94
- e. Waive Formal Bid Procedures and Award Purchase for Microsoft Software Licensing to CDW-G for \$27,477.48
- f. Award Bid and Award Contract for the 2017 Tree & Stump Removal Program to Homer Tree Care, Inc. for \$35,304
- g. Award Bid and Award Contract for 2017 Tree Trimming Program to Davis Tree Care & Landscaping, Inc. for \$34,722
- h. Amend Title 9 of the Village Code – ADA Parking Space Request at 11 Ashland Avenue – Ordinance
- i. Authorize the Execution of a Grant of Storm Water Easement for St. Vincent Ferrer Church (1530 Jackson Avenue)
- j. Monthly Department Reports
- k. Monthly Performance Measurement Report
- l. Village Administrator's Report

Trustee Corsini made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dwyer, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Corsini congratulated the Village staff on the use of the Geographic Information System in its tree trimming program.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Gibbs, Corsini, Dwyer, and Conti
 Absent: Trustees Colwell-Steinke and Cargie
 Nays: None

Motion Passes.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Amend Title 3 of the Village Code Regarding Conflicts with Certain Home Rule County Ordinances (Cook County Minimum Wage and Paid Sick Leave Ordinances) – Ordinance

Trustee Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Trustee Corsini, to adopt an ordinance amending Title 3 of the Village Code with regard to conflicts with certain home rule ordinances (Cook County Minimum Wage and Paid Sick Leave Ordinances).

President Adduci briefly discussed this Ordinance and noted a “yes” vote is to opt out.

Village Attorney Smith discussed the discrepancy between federal, state and local governments in regard to minimum wage and stated this Ordinance will supersede the Cook County ordinances in regard to minimum wage and paid sick leave within the boundaries of River Forest. He noted that the Cook County ordinances are to take effect on July 1, 2017.

In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, Village Attorney Smith discussed the applicability of county ordinances to economic development projects that are receiving county tax incentives. He stated he will take a look at the specifics and touch base with the Board.

President Adduci noted that businesses are free to pay higher wages and the State is still negotiating the minimum wage.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Gibbs, Corsini, and Conti
Absent: Trustees Colwell-Steinke and Cargie
Nays: None

Motion Passes.

- b. Waive Formal Bidding Procedures and Authorize Agreement for Consulting Services with Ehlers and Associates for the Redevelopment of the Lake Street and Park Avenue Project

Trustee Corsini made a motion, seconded by Trustee Conti, to waive formal bidding procedures and authorize an agreement for consulting services with Ehlers and Associates for the redevelopment of the Lake Street and Park Avenue Project.

Village Administrator Palm stated that considering all the false starts at this location it is important to have a consultant who is more engaged in the process than has occurred previously and who can look at the project with fresh eyes.

President Adduci asked the Board Members if they had had an opportunity to review the process Village Administrator Palm put together and complimented Village Administrator Palm on the document.

Trustee Corsini stated that Ehlers and Associates are highly qualified and she is happy to see them working with the Village. She thanked Village Administrator Palm for making the recommendation and for setting up expectations for the process and the project.

President Adduci noted that the scope of work includes three requests for proposals (RFPs) and she hopes the Village will receive more than three responses to the RFP. She asked that they consider reviewing a greater number. She also encouraged the Board to take action and noted Ehlers' prices will increase as of December 31, 2017.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Gibbs, Corsini, and Conti

Absent: Trustees Colwell-Steinke and Cargie
Nays: None

Motion Passes.

- c. Authorize participation in the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch (WSCDC) Center Joint Emergency Telephone Systems Board and authorize dissolution of the River Forest Emergency Telephone Systems Board – Ordinance

Trustee Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Trustee Corsini, to adopt an ordinance approving participation in the WSCDC Joint Emergency Telephone Systems Board, and authorizing the dissolution of the River Forest Emergency Telephone Systems Board (ETSB).

Village Administrator Palm stated as part of the consolidation efforts by the State of Illinois regarding 911 entities, Forest Park is coming on board. He indicated that River Forest is essentially its own ETSB and discussed Fire Chief Eggert's role in this regard. He stated that once the consolidation is executed by the State, the Village's contribution to the WSCDC will be reduced. Village Administrator Palm noted that the budget reflects the full amount since the consolidation has not been executed. He said there will be little impact on the Village but this should reduce paperwork for Chief Eggert.

In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, Village Administrator Palm stated this board will operate essentially the same as the ETSB.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Gibbs, Corsini, and Conti
Absent: Trustees Colwell-Steinke and Cargie
Nays: None

Motion Passes.

In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, Village Administrator Palm stated that the earliest effective date for this will be April 1, 2017.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Corsini suggested that the Finance and Administration Meeting Minutes be included on the next Village Board Meeting agenda. Village Administrator Palm affirmed that the minutes will be included and noted that there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6 p.m. on April 3, 2017.

Trustee Dwyer made a motion seconded by Trustee Gibbs, to adjourn the regular Village Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Conti, Dwyer, Gibbs, and Corsini
Absent: Trustees Colwell-Steinke and Cargie
Nays: None

Motion Passes.



Sharon Halperin, Village Clerk