

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
August 21, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, IL.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Adduci, Trustees Cargie, Vazquez, Corsini, Henek, Conti and Gibbs

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Clerk Kathleen Brand-White, Village Administrator Palm, Assistant Village Administrator Lisa Scheiner, Management Analyst Jon Pape, Police Chief Greg Weiss, Fire Chief Kurt Bohlmann, 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

None.

4. ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Gibbs congratulated all the students who began school today. He asked motorists to pay attention while driving for student safety.

Trustee Henek announced that the annual LemonAid event will be held September 11, 2017 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the 700 block of Bonnie Brae. Proceeds from the 16th annual event will benefit Kidz Express. She thanked the staff for their assistance and invited anyone who would like a yard sign to contact her.

Trustee Conti congratulated Trustee Henek on the sixteen-year success of the LemonAid event.

Trustee Vazquez complimented the staff on addressing the recent vandalism of a "no parking" sign near his property.

Trustee Corsini congratulated the coaches and players of the boys baseball and girls softball teams on a successful season. She informed the Board that the Finance and Administration Committee will convene a meeting to discuss the drafts of the pension reports. She noted that the Village is looking at a reduction of approximately \$160,000 in revenue as a result of the state's budget.

President Adduci stated that the revenue loss will reportedly impact the Village for the current Fiscal Year but the impact is not expected to go beyond that. She noted that the next Village Board meeting will be held September 11, 2017.

President Adduci stated that she recently met with Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri, members of the West Central Municipal Conference, and officials from other municipalities regarding the State's Attorney's office decision that they will not be prosecuting minor misdemeanors. She said they discussed collective solutions to ensure that these misdemeanors are prosecuted appropriately.

5. RECOGNITIONS

- a. Swearing In - Firefighter/Paramedic Jonathan Buchholz

Fire Chief Bohlmann introduced Firefighter/Paramedic Jonathan Buchholz. Firefighter/Paramedic Buchholz was sworn in by Village Clerk Kathleen Brand-White.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2017
- b. Executive Session Minutes – July 10, 2017
- c. Supplemented Executive Session Minutes – March 9, 2015; April 27, 2015; May 26, 2015; June 22, 2015; August 24, 2015; September 15, 2015; September 28, 2015; October 12, 2015; October 26, 2015; November 9, 2015; November 23, 2015; December 14, 2015; January 11, 2016; January 25, 2016; February 8, 2016; March 14, 2016; May 23, 2016; July 25, 2016; November 7, 2016; November 28, 2016; December 12, 2016; February 27, 2017
- d. Approve Change Order #1 (Final) for the new Fire Engine with W.S. Darley & Co. for \$7,065.00 - Resolution
- e. Award Bid and Contract for 2017 Pavement Crack Sealing to A.C. Pavement Striping, Co. for \$46,004.85
- f. Waive Formal Bidding Process (due to competitive RFP) and Award Bid for a Hydraulic Water Model and System Analysis to Strand Engineering for \$32,100
- g. Waive Formal Bidding Process (due to joint purchasing cooperative) and Award Bid for Building Envelope Improvements at the Public Works Garage and Water Pumping Station to Garland/DBS to Garland/DBS for \$329,523
- h. Approve Surplus Property Disposition for a 2002 International Dump Truck – Ordinance
- i. Amend Title 1 of the River Forest Municipal Code - PSEBA Benefit Administration – Ordinance
- j. Amend Title 8 of the River Forest Municipal Code to Reduce Class 2 Liquor Licenses to Zero (Cancellation of Noodles & Co.) – Ordinance
- k. Monthly Department Reports
- l. Monthly Performance Measurement Report
- m. Accounts Payable – June 2017 - \$1,402,352.65

Trustee Corsini made a motion, seconded by Trustee Vazquez, to approve the Consent Agenda items a. through m. as presented.

Trustee Cargie requested items d. and f. be removed from the consent agenda.

Trustee Corsini amended the motion, seconded by Trustee Vazquez, to approve consent agenda items a. through c., item e., and items g. through m.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Vazquez, Gibbs, Corsini, Conti and Henek

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Trustee Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Trustee Conti, to approve consent agenda items d. and f.

Trustee Cargie stated that he did not understand the public benefit of striping the fire truck. In regard to the water modeling, he questioned whether it is so unique that previous studies could not be used and whether there is a return on investment for that. Trustee Corsini concurred with Trustee Cargie.

Public Works Director Anderson stated that a water modeling and system analysis has not been completed in River Forest. He said that these studies are unique to each community. He described the purpose of the study and how it will help the Village evaluate whether the existing system can support future development. Village Administrator Palm stated that communities that use water from Lake Michigan take water usage and infrastructure for granted.

In response to a question from Trustee Cargie, Public Works Director Anderson stated the analysis will enable Public Works to determine whether a development can be accommodated by existing water mains.

In response to questions from Trustee Corsini, Public Works Director Anderson confirmed that the data will be integrated into the Village's GIS and allow the Village to look forward in regard to water main replacement planning.

In response to a question from Trustee Conti, Public Works Director Anderson stated that the analysis will be performed on the system as it exists now and will make recommendations for the future. Village Administrator Palm added that a developer adding water infrastructure would pay for additional study on the impact to the system. He confirmed that the price includes the add-on fees.

In response to Trustee Cargie's question regarding the striping of the fire truck, Fire Chief Bohlmann stated that the cost is for striping and lettering. He noted the striping and lettering requested matches the striping and lettering on existing Fire Department vehicles. He explained that the striping was not included in the original estimate. Village Administrator Palm confirmed that the striping was not included in the base pricing. Trustee Corsini noted that this is typical of fire and police vehicle purchases.

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Vazquez, Gibbs, Corsini, Conti and Henek

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

- a. Accounts Payable Items Regarding TIF Districts – June 2017 - \$980.00

Trustee Cargie made a motion, seconded by Trustee Henek, to approve the accounts payable for items related to the TIF district in the amount of \$980.

Trustee Vazquez stated that he is recusing himself from this matter because he has a common law conflict due to his law firm's work with School Districts 90 and 200.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Gibbs, Corsini, Conti and Henek

Absent: None.

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS OF BAORDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Traffic & Safety Recommendations
 - i. Chicago Avenue Bump Outs

Trustee Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Trustee Vazquez, to concur with the recommendation for bump outs on Chicago Avenue.

Village Administrator Palm briefly discussed the background of this Ordinance.

Public Works Director John Anderson stated that Bollinger, Lach, & Associates (BLA) studied Chicago Avenue between Thatcher and Harlem and recommended bump outs at Keystone Avenue to calm eastbound traffic approaching Park Avenue. He reported that BLA also recommended bump outs at all four corners of the intersection of Jackson Avenue and Chicago Avenue for pedestrian safety. He said that to address the issue of cars stacking at Bonnie Brae Place and Harlem Avenue, BLA recommended bump outs at the south side of Chicago at Bonnie Brae. He said the Traffic & Safety Commission additionally recommended bump outs at Forest and Chicago to prevent accidents such as a recent accident that happened at that intersection.

In response to a question from Trustee Gibbs, Public Works Director Anderson clarified that in his memo under the Request 2 analysis, the first recommendation should read "Keystone Ave at Bonnie Brae".

In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, Public Works Director Anderson replied that it is a matter of the snow plow operators getting used to the locations of the bump outs.

In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, Fire Chief Bohlmann stated that emergency vehicles typically use Park, therefore he does not see any problems with navigating around the bump outs.

Trustee Corsini commented on how difficult it is crossing Chicago Avenue from northbound Bonnie Brae during rush hour and inquired whether there is a solution for that. Trustee Henek

stated that the Traffic & Safety Commission discussed the possibility of adding striping and or signage at the intersection. She acknowledged that striping could take time and suggested putting signs to keep the intersection clear for traffic and emergency vehicles. Public Works Director Anderson stated that signage would help line of site issues but driver adherence is what really matters.

In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, Village Administrator Palm stated the recommendation for a street sign in the middle of the block on Jackson is not before the Board this evening. He noted that this has come up before but staff does not recommend putting permanent beacons at that location.

In response to a question from Trustee Cargie, Village Administrator Palm stated that resident only parking on the 1500 block of Jackson has been tabled.

In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, Public Works Director Anderson affirmed that there will be striping on Chicago Avenue at the crosswalks at Jackson.

In response to a question from Trustee Cargie, Public Works Director Anderson stated he cannot think of another intersection with a "do not block intersection" sign in town.

Trustee Cargie stated that the signage and striping will only serve to push eastbound traffic further west. In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, Public Works Director Anderson stated that he does not believe other intersections have been studied to the extent this intersection has. Trustee Cargie, Trustee Corsini and President Adduci requested that the striping be studied further before work proceeds. Village Administrator Palm confirmed that the Board is okay with the bump outs and Trustee Cargie agreed.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Vazquez, Gibbs, Corsini, Conti and Henek

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

ii. Grace Lutheran ADA Parking Space -Ordinance

Al Swanson stated his request for additional reserved parking on Sunday is to safely accommodate disabled members of the congregation. He noted that a large number of the congregation signed petitions for the reserved parking.

In response to questions from Trustee Corsini, Mr. Swanson stated that the request is for four parking spaces. In response to a follow-up question from Trustee Corsini, he stated that there currently are no handicapped parking spaces on Bonnie Brae and there is one on Division.

In response to a question from Trustee Cargie, Mr. Swanson stated that they have not spoken directly to the neighbors but two of the people who signed the petition live on the 1100 block of Bonnie Brae. In response to a question from Trustee Cargie, Village Administrator Palm stated that the Village sends out postcards notifying residents on the effected blocks of the upcoming Traffic & Safety Commission meetings. He stated he is not aware of any residents who are in

opposition to this request. In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, Village Administrator Palm stated that the Village would not likely send out a notice for something that only affects residents for a short period on one day per week.

In response to a question from Trustee Conti, Mr. Swanson said enforcement of handicapped parking is up to the Village but he would assume a handicapped plate or placard is required. In response to a follow-up question from Trustee Conti, Mr. Swanson stated there is a wide sidewalk entrance and space in front of it for drop offs.

In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, Public Works Director Anderson confirmed that signage would be required for the designated spaces.

Trustee Conti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cargie, to Amend Title 9 of the Village Code regarding a handicapped parking zone on Bonnie Brae at Grace Lutheran Church.

In response to a question from Mr. Swanson, Public Works Director Anderson stated that it would take approximately one to two weeks to install the signage.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Vazquez, Gibbs, Corsini, Conti and Henek

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Reaffirming the Village of River Forest's Continuing Commitment to Equal, Respectful, and Dignified Treatment of All People Regardless of their Immigration Status and to Remaining an Open and Welcoming Community – Resolution

Anthony Clark, of 906 N. Lombard Avenue in Oak Park, stated he is a special education history teacher at Oak Park River Forest High School and the director of Suburban Unity Alliance, a non-profit based in Oak Park. He said if we fail to look at history we are bound to repeat it and noted that everyone immigrated here from somewhere. He urged the Village Board to be on the right side of history and approve the Resolution.

Reverend Colleen Vahey, 707 Ashland Avenue, stated that she stands with other faith leaders in their common values and their belief in the inherent worth and dignity of all people. She said this Resolution is an opportunity to live this community's values of equity and inclusion. She stated that the Resolution will result in a safer community because there will be the ability to report crimes without fear. Reverend Vahey encouraged the Village Board to approve the Resolution to ensure that River Forest embodies our highest common values.

Rabbi Adir Glick, West Suburban Temple Har Zion, stated that the Resolution is not so much about immigration as it is about creating and modeling a loving community of kindness, unity, and diversity. He identified the faith leaders who live or work in River Forest who signed a petition in support of the Resolution and urged the Board to vote in favor of it.

Erika Bachner, 7208 Le Moyne Street, related her experience in River Forest prior to this meeting

of a person disparaging a blind person of color. She discussed recent incidents involving the defacing Oak Park River Forest High School property and River Forest signs with swastikas or similar symbols as well as stolen pride flags. She stated that the Village needs to say that we stand with the marginalized and we will not use our resources to declare hate, and this Resolution says that. Ms. Bachner stated that this Resolution shows that commitment to diversity and a resolve to stand with River Forest Police and the standards that allow them to do their job.

Deb Wolkstein, 1138 Franklin, stated that it is more important than ever to demonstrate who we are as a Village and the Resolution is connected to what happened in Charlottesville, Virginia and the aftermath. She stated that Peter Simi of Chapman University (an expert on far right extremism) reported that illegal immigration has been a wedge issue that white supremacists use in their recruitment efforts. She said the vast majority of the undocumented community is here searching for a better life and are good, hard working individuals. Ms. Wolkstein discussed her reaction to the rhetoric in Charlottesville. She noted that she can hide her Jewishness but people of color cannot hide in that same way. She commented on how sad and wrong it is that people are never safe simply because of who they are. She stated that she knows none of this is new and our country has a long, shameful history of hate and oppression of many groups. She said it is on the rise again and asked that we don't pretend these forces are not at work in this community. Ms. Wolkstein stated that River Forest is a community that is rich in resources and encouraged it to show it is also a community rich in compassion, tolerance, and empathy. She asked that the Board approve the Welcoming Resolution.

Heidi Kieselstein, 1001 Jackson Avenue, discussed the concept of exporting our ideals. She stated that one of her sons is in the Peace Corps and served in Rwanda. She said that in Rwanda neighbors turned on neighbors and she discussed the devastation genocide had on families. She noted that Germany was a very civilized and educated country before the rise of Hitler and warned that it can happen here. Ms. Kieselstein stated that the task before us is to not allow this to happen on our watch. She said we need to reaffirm that these are the ideals we stand for.

Vanessa Druckman, 546 Lathrop, stated she emigrated from France at ten years of age (her father was American) and lived in various cities in the U.S. She said she chose to live River Forest. She described the International Festival where children can experience a variety of cultures. She stated that she is in favor of the Resolution because it represents the values of River Forest today. Ms. Druckman said by voting 'yes' we will be sending a message that River Forest is a diverse and welcoming community that does not stand for fear.

Trustee Corsini made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gibbs, to approve a Resolution reaffirming the Village of River Forest's continuing commitment to equal, respectful, and dignified treatment of all people regardless of their immigration status and to remain an open and welcoming community, however striking Section 6 of the Resolution.

Trustee Cargie made a motion, seconded by Trustee Henek, to table the motion.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Vazquez, Henek, Cargie and President Adduci.

Absent: None

Nays: Trustees Conti, Gibbs, Corsini

Motion Passes.

Trustee Cargie made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Henek, to approve a Resolution reaffirming the Village of River Forest's continuing commitment to equal, respectful, and dignified treatment of all people regardless of their immigration status and to remaining an open and welcoming community.

Trustee Cargie stated that he approached this issue initially from a legal perspective. He said the first question he had was whether a home rule community has the authority to do this. He reported that Village Attorney Smith confirmed that the Village has this authority. He stated his second question was whether the Village could decide not to cooperate with the other agency. He said he did his own research and found that the Supreme Court stated that the federal government cannot compel states or their subdivisions in the enforcement of federal law. Trustee Cargie said he had a concern that the Department of Justice might withhold grant money if the Resolution is passed. He stated he is comforted by the recent decision in the San Francisco court and his own research that suggests that, in fact, money cannot be withheld because the federal government cannot coerce states to do something that the federal government cannot require them to do constitutionally. He indicated that from a legal perspective he is quite comfortable that everything in the Resolution is appropriate. He stated that the State Legislature passed the Trust Act and paragraph 6 was modeled after this act. Trustee Cargie stressed that he is comfortable that there is nothing illegal with the Resolution. He said he also looked at the issue from the morality perspective. He thanked the residents for their comments. He said he shared the same emotions as expressed by some of the residents in regard to the events in Charlottesville. He stated that the policy this administration is attempting to advocate has nothing to do with law and order. Trustee Cargie said this administration's policy is immoral and impracticable. He discussed the way Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is enforcing policy and the positive economic effect immigrants have on this country.

Trustee Gibbs stated in taking up the topic of this Resolution, he felt that the Board was to take the following conditions for granted: River Forest is unwelcoming; law enforcement is hate; the federal authorities are the bad guys; government is overreaching. He said he does not accept any of these ideas. He reiterated that the elected officials of River Forest (including two lawyers) took an oath to uphold the Constitution. He stated that Section 6, in his view, is repugnant to the Constitution and his oath to support it. Trustee Gibbs said that by definition of this Resolution he and his FBI family members are the enemy. He remarked that a local newspaper accused him of being narrow-minded but he considers himself to be focused. He stated he believes in the legislative process that adopts the federal laws that we are governed by and that he will not welcome anyone who breaks these laws. He said he will always uphold the law and expects his elected officials and law enforcement to do the same. Trustee Gibbs maintained that this is a political exercise. He requested that River Forest not be compared to other towns or to equate it to school districts that are governed by different laws. He indicated the overwhelming public input for this topic has come from non-residents and that in his private contacts with residents he has been encouraged to vote against this Resolution. He suggested that if the laws are unjust, they should be changed by Congress and not municipal governments. He said it is inappropriate to confuse the legislative process with law enforcement. He discussed his experience regarding the requirements of entering other countries. Trustee Gibbs stated he fears that any comparison of this issue to World War II atrocities may trivialize the suffering of that era and embolden the people with those twisted ideas. He said that Board consensus was reached on a resolution similar to that of Forest Park's welcoming resolution and that away from the Board table Section 6 was added.

He maintained that he cannot and will not be associated with the language in Section 6 and any other language that does not provide for full cooperation with all levels of law enforcement. He stressed the importance of interagency cooperation in regard to law enforcement. Trustee Gibbs stated he is not an activist but an elected official governed by federal, state, county and municipal laws his predecessors adopted and it is not his prerogative to choose which laws to uphold.

Trustee Conti said this should be an easy thing: to clarify how we already feel as community and as a board. She stated the Village would officially write down a police directive that they already follow. She discussed her preference to wait a week and see what the State does so that the Village could be compliant with State law. She said that she wished the Resolution would have been posted on the Village's website a week or two ago and communicated in the monthly newsletter so residents could have seen and commented on it. She stated her concerns regarding the language in Section 6 that divides humanity into various differences. Trustee Conti said it has always bothered her that we have to make a long list of why we are all different from one another. She stated she would like to see more inclusive language – that everyone is treated with respect and dignity. She discussed the part of Section 6 regarding detainment and said that she believes there has only been one instance of that in River Forest but the person was released into Chicago. She said she does not believe this has been a problem and does not anticipate that this will become problematic. Trustee Conti discussed her reaction to some of the comments and an incident where students refused to divide themselves in Rwanda. She noted that a perceived superiority preceded the genocide in Germany and Rwanda and suggested that we should look hard at ourselves to make sure we don't go there. She requested that language be added to the end of the Resolution urging the Federal Government to establish sensible immigration policy and provide a path to citizenship for those who wish to become Americans. She said that if the Board is to make a political statement with the Welcoming Resolution then we might as well follow it through to the end so we may no longer have the problems that have been experienced. Trustee Conti stated that she is not thrilled with the language in Section 6 but she will vote in favor of the Resolution.

Trustee Cargie stated that he would like to amend his motion to include Trustee Conti's language to be added to the Resolution. Trustee Henck seconded the motion.

Trustee Vazquez stated he wanted to address the comment made this evening regarding the two lawyers who took an oath to uphold the Constitution. He said he took that oath and he takes it seriously. He stated there are always two sides to an issue and everyone has a right to be heard and a right to their day in court. In regard to deportation without due process he stated that this country stood strongly for due process and believes all the trustees would agree to that. He said he wholeheartedly agrees with Trustee Cargie's comments on this Resolution. Trustee Vazquez noted that he has been consistent with his position on this issue and that these types of resolutions have been passed in many other communities. He stated that we should not be surprised at the language of this Resolution or any of the resolutions. He maintained that the first welcoming resolution presented was not the one that he put forth or based on the principles that he raised before. He said he appreciates that the trustees all have different opinions and respects that. Trustee Vazquez maintained his position that the Village should not expend local dollars on a federal issue. He acknowledged that all countries require passports upon entry and said he does not believe the Village of River Forest should be asking people for their passports. He noted that federal law does not require local entities to enforce immigration laws. He reiterated Trustee Cargie's point that the Supreme Court has already decided this issue when Arizona attempted to pass its own immigration laws. In regard to paragraph 6, Trustee Vazquez stated that it has been taken out of context. He

noted that it states that if there is a valid court order, the Village will abide by that. He clarified that the language says the Village is not going to be enforcing an order that is not enforceable by a judge. He noted that administrative orders do not have a constitutional effect like a court order has. Trustee Vazquez stated that he takes the Federal Constitution seriously and will obey a court order but not anything less than that. He said he does not understand why the Board is struggling with this. He stated that people are asking the Board for a commitment, to claim that River Forest is a welcoming, peaceful community. He said he is in favor of the Resolution and in agreement with the additional language Trustee Conti proposed.

Trustee Henek concurred with previous comments. She said there is a lot to this but at the end of the day it's the right thing to do.

Trustee Corsini related the story of her father's journey to U.S. citizenship. She said she is proud to be an American of Italian descent. She discussed the difficulties immigrants faced throughout history and the opportunities this country offered. She stated that this is a generous country and we welcome over 1,000,000 immigrants each year. She said she is happy to support a resolution that reaffirms our continued commitment that we treat all people equally, respectfully, and lawfully in the delivery of our services. Trustee Corsini stated that she is troubled with Section 6, specifically where it basically says we are going to overlook laws or processes. She indicated it dilutes and confuses the discretion of public safety officers while doing their job and micromanages the process that we are not trained to deal with. She indicated that it explicitly imposes a process which could have unintended consequences with respect to preemptively addressing a situation on how it should be handled before it even occurs. She stated that it creates a solution to a problem that does not exist and creates a slippery slope. Trustee Corsini said the language is confusing and ambiguous and takes a section from a bill that is currently pending signature on the governor's desk and may not pass. She indicated that it will put the Village at risk from potential issues with federal, state, and local agencies that we collaborate and cooperate with. She said there should be one comprehensive policy rather than municipalities creating these laws. She stated that it is not in the Village's purview to regulate immigration. She said the Village cannot pick and choose which laws it follows and noted there is a democratic process for changing those laws. Trustee Corsini suggested that if we are going to teach our children anything we should teach them we live in a democracy and that's how we get things done. She said she realized people are passionate about this issue and encouraged them to write letters and send petitions to our president and our governor to consider reviewing and changing our immigration laws. She listed other actions the Village has taken in regard to advocating for change in legislation through the proper channels. She said we do not know what the federal government will do and whether we have constitutional grounds. Trustee Corsini stated she is not in favor of putting tax payers at risk for potential legal ramifications or jeopardize funding. She acknowledged that it is an emotional issue for many and said it is difficult to reasonably debate issues when emotions are involved. She said she tries to view issues from a practical and pragmatic mindset regardless of her emotions. She stated that from the beginning in her conversations with residents she stressed that the Board is charged with balancing the will of people on humanitarian issues with legal and responsible legislation of matters within our jurisdiction. Trustee Corsini said that she would be remiss if we would not recognize that all of the public comments made at these meetings have been in favor of the resolution and added that she has heard from many residents who are not in favor of it. She stated she feels she has to do what she feels is right. She stated that if Section 6 was removed she feels that it is possible to have unanimous consent on this important matter and if the Board stands together on this issue it will send a powerful message to the community. She

added that it would be unfortunate if the Board cannot reach a compromise on removing that section.

Trustee Cargie stated that at the first meeting regarding this Resolution he stated that he would be in favor of a resolution similar to that of Forest Park if language about the detainers were added. He said that the meat of the issue is the detainer language. He commented that we all talk about how we want to treat everyone equal. He emphasized that the point of Section 6 addresses that a person is free to go under state, federal, and local law. He said ICE has called upon police to hold people simply because they think they are here illegally. Trustee Cargie stated that he believes that ICE uses their position to hold people when there is no legal justification to do so and that it is unconstitutional.

Trustee Vazquez stated that we should make no mistake: we are not making immigration law here. He reiterated that Section 6 states that the Village is not going to be using Village resources towards enforcing immigration laws and that the Village will honor court orders. He asked that there should be no confusion about the Village not following the law, and Section 6 makes that clear.

Trustee Corsini questioned how many federal agencies have given orders and policies that the Village follows and how is this any different. In response, Trustee Vazquez stated that if the Village is not doing it now, why won't the Board say the Village won't continue to do it. He stated that the Board has not heard Police Chief Weiss say that this will stop him from doing his job.

In response to a question from Trustee Gibbs, Police Chief Weiss stated that he is not familiar with one of the forms in question but stated that a form he is familiar with regards probable cause is that the subject is a removable alien. He added that River Forest requires probable cause to make an arrest.

In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, President Adduci stated that if a person committed a crime, that person will go through the criminal justice system.

President Adduci stated that she has spoken to many residents and feels very comfortable with this Resolution. She urged the Village Board to approve the Resolution as proposed. She described the process she undertook to understand the Resolution and stated she fully understands it. She stated that she supports the Resolution because it is a statement of the community's values – that they respect everyone who lives, works, or studies in the Village of River Forest. She discussed the heritage of the Village. She noted that the census tells us we are a diverse nation. President Adduci stated that family is the number one community value and it is unacceptable to even remotely compromise that. She stated emphatically that there is nothing in the Resolution that hinders public safety. She said it helps public safety by providing focus and direction and affirming existing practices. President Adduci stated that it is important that the police focus on the safety and security of all who live, work, and attend schools here regardless of immigration status. She reiterated that the Village will never let someone who committed a crime go free – they will go through the criminal justice system. She concurred with previous comments that the Village should put its current practice in writing. President Adduci discussed resident comments to her regarding taxes. She questioned why the Village should allow the federal agent to commandeer the Police Department to do their work while a resident's home is being broken into.

In regard to Trustee Gibbs' comment concerning confusing legislative action with law enforcement, she said law enforcement is the fiduciary responsibility of elective officials and she takes that very seriously. President Adduci encouraged the Board to vote in favor of this Resolution and commented that the governor is even in favor of it.

Village Attorney Smith clarified that a new Section 10 will be added based on Trustee Conti's request.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Vazquez, Conti, Henek, and Cargie

Absent: None

Nays: Trustees Gibbs and Corsini

Motion Passes.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Consideration of Pre-Hiring Two Police Officers

Trustee Gibbs made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Conti to concur with the staff recommendation and authorize the pre-hiring of two police officers.

Village Administrator Palm stated that there are up to three retirements in the Police Department expected to occur within the next twelve to eighteen months. He noted that it takes up to six months to onboard a police officer and with any sudden retirement the Village is scrambling for a replacement. He stated that knowing there are retirements in the future it would benefit the Village to onboard new police officers sooner to minimize overtime costs. Village Administrator Palm noted that this will not increase staffing.

In response to questions from Trustee Cargie, Village Administrator Palm stated that it is a well-educated assumption that two officers will be retiring. Trustee Cargie inquired whether there could be a requirement for six months' notice to be provided prior to retirement. Village Administrator Palm stated there is nothing in the contract that would require them to do so but we could look at voluntary means incentives. In response to a question from Trustee Cargie, Village Administrator Palm stated it could be incorporated in their contract but they will ask something in return. Trustee Cargie expressed concern that if the officers do not retire there could be no benefit and could pose a risk to the Village. Village Administrator Palm stated that injuries and Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave is not uncommon and other issues come up where the Police Department is short staffed. He stated that at a minimum there should be some overtime savings to the Village.

In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, Chief Weiss stated that it is a minimum of six months from the date of hire before an officer is on the street alone. He noted that when an officer has already completed the academy, there is a three-month training program. In response to a follow-up question from Trustee Corsini, Chief Weiss replied that officers typically retire at 50 years of age and with 20 years of service. Trustee Corsini commented that we can be reasonably sure of impending retirements and if they do stay on they can act as mentors. Chief Weiss stated, in response to a question from Trustee Corsini, that a new eligibility list was created in July, 2017 and hiring would occur from that list.

Village Administrator Palm clarified that additional authority, above that of replacing separated employees, is requested from the Board.

In response to a question from Trustee Henek, Village Administrator Palm confirmed that retirements are expected to occur within the eighteen months but staff could see two within the next six months. Chief Weiss stated that the next hire would not be able to go to the Academy until January. Chief Weiss concurred with Trustee Henek that realistically we are not looking at a long-term over-staffed situation. He added that within the last year the Police Department has not been fully staffed.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Vazquez, Gibbs, Corsini, Conti and Henek

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

b. North Avenue TIF Update

Village Administrator Palm stated that the consultant has completed the majority of the work on the eligibility reports for the North Avenue TIF. He stated that a packet is being assembled that includes a preliminary timeline for the process. He noted that the Village Attorney already suggested some modifications to the timeline but the end date is still early February in terms of approval. He said that before the voluntary meetings the TIF website will be up-to-date, letters will be sent to residents and business owners that will include a frequently asked questions (FAQ) sheet, and separate pre-meetings will be held. Village Administrator Palm noted that one of the criticisms of the Madison Street TIF process was that insufficient time was given to review the information.

Trustee Corsini commented that more communication and involvement at the forefront is always better and she loves the idea of separating the business owners from residents and calming the fears. She said education regarding what the process is and what it isn't is important too.

Trustee Gibbs stated that it is important to give accurate information as quickly as possible to the condominium residents because misinformation can be spread like wildfire through those buildings. He suggested that the Village bring the meeting to the large condominiums to make it more convenient for the elderly residents.

Trustee Corsini stated she believes there is an issue with property owners receiving TIF information but not the tenants. Village Attorney Smith stated that some notices must be given to owners and some must be given to residents. He said that more notice than required can be given and noted that the Village went above and beyond statute requirements. He reported that some of the notices were not delivered to some tenant mailboxes and the Village cannot control that. Village Attorney Smith stated that Trustee Gibbs' suggestion of holding meetings in the condo buildings could help with delivery issues which are not under the Village's control.

Trustee Cargie stated that it sounds like the lessons learned from the Madison Avenue TIF process have been incorporated into the plan. There was a brief discussion regarding the communication

concerning the Madison TIF. President Adduci stated the concern of the residents was eminent domain. Trustee Corsini stated an informal meeting should alleviate that concern.

In response to a question from Trustee Gibbs, Trustee Corsini stated there are townhouses between CVS and Forest. Trustee Gibbs remarked there are a lot of property index numbers (PINs) within the TIF district. Village Attorney Smith noted that Village's consultant has a list of all PINs and addresses.

Trustee Corsini indicated there was uneasiness on the part of residents of that corridor during discussions of the Comprehensive Plans and the communication strategy should alleviate some of that.

- c. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amended and Restated Redevelopment Agreement For Lake Street and Lathrop Avenue

No Action was taken on this item.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:20 p.m. Trustee Cargie made a motion seconded by Trustee Gibbs, to recess to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the acquisition of real property, disposition of real property and personnel.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Vazquez, Gibbs, Corsini, Conti and Henek

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Call to Order/Roll Call Return to Regular Session

The Board returned to Regular Session at 10:05 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were present:

Present: President Adduci, Trustees Cargie, Vazquez, Gibbs, Corsini, Conti and Henek

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Administrator Palm, Assistant Village Administrator Scheiner, Management Analyst Pape and Village Attorney Smith.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cargie made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Vazquez, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees at 10:06 p.m.

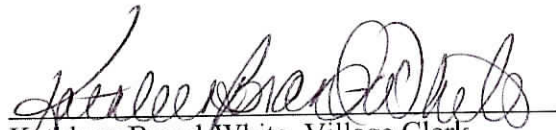
Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Vazquez, Gibbs, Corsini, Conti and Henek

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.



Kathleen Brand White, Village Clerk