

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES  
September 11, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 11, 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 7:05 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Adduci, Trustees Cargie, Vazquez (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Corsini, Henek (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), 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, Deputy Police Chief James O'Shea, 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**

- a. Presentation of National APWA Award for the Northside Stormwater Management Project – Phase 1

Public Works Director Anderson stated that he accepted, on behalf of the Village of River Forest, the National Project of the Year Award in the \$5-25 million category from the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the Northside Stormwater Management Project (NSMP). He presented the Award to the Village President and Board of Trustees.

Trustee Gibbs extended his congratulations for the APWA award. He said 16 years ago thousands of Americans lost their lives in the attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon and over the fields of Pennsylvania. Many of those lost were brave men and women who chose to run into those buildings to serve their fellow citizens. He stated that it was fitting that the Village accepted delivery of a new fire engine today and that it should always stand as a symbol of the courageous souls that were lost 16 years ago, and as a commitment to first responders that the Village thanks them for their continuous dedication to the safety and well-being of its residents.

Trustee Conti congratulated the Village on the APWA award and echoed Trustee Gibbs's statements regarding September 11. Trustee Conti congratulated Trustee Henek for a successful

LemonAid event. She stated that she attended a subcommittee meeting regarding Lake and Park with Trustee Corsini, Tim Brangle, Bob O'Connell, and Village Administrator Palm.

Trustee Cargie recalled the experience and sacrifices of first responders on 9/11 in New York and commended first responders for their bravery. He stated that he was at a block party over the weekend and there was a lot of discussion regarding traffic and accidents at the corner of William and Iowa. Trustee Cargie requested that Police Chief Weiss provide accident report data for that intersection. Trustee Cargie stated that previous enforcement attempts had been successful but not lasting. He mentioned that neighbors reported that Thatcher Avenue has become a thoroughfare and motorists are exceeding the posted 25 miles per hour speed limit. Trustee Cargie said he has also heard reports that the right turn lane at the corner of Thatcher and North is being used to get a jump on traffic. Chief Weiss affirmed that the Village has jurisdiction at that location. He stated that they have conducted enforcement efforts at that intersection and he would follow-up.

Trustee Corsini recalled her experience on September 11 and extended her thoughts and prayers to those affected. She thanked first responders for their role in responding to emergencies every day. She said she appreciates the community's emergency preparedness with the Citizens Corp. She extended her thoughts and prayers to those affected by recent hurricanes. Trustee Corsini stated she wanted to correct a statement made at a previous meeting: approximately 2% of the non-home rule sales tax that has been permanently reduced since the state is now charging a 2% fee for administering collection of sales tax.

President Adduci echoed previous trustee comments regarding September 11 and first responders. She stated she is thankful for the police chief, fire chief, and first responders that serve the Village. She also thanked staff that were involved in the NSMP and congratulated them on the success of the project. She said she receives a lot of positive feedback from the community for the project. She acknowledged the receipt of the new fire engine. She congratulated Trustee Henek on the success of the 2017 LemonAid event. She agreed with Trustee Cargie that traffic appears to be a growing issue in River Forest and suggested the Board think about a comprehensive plan to improve public safety.

Trustee Henek thanked Village staff for their help and support for the LemonAid event. She said she attended the Village's 9/11 ceremony.

Village Administrator Palm congratulated the Village of Elmwood Park on their award for the work they did on stormwater management improvements.

In response to a request from Trustee Gibbs, Chief Bohlmann recapped the morning's September 11<sup>th</sup> remembrance ceremony at the Village Hall.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2017
- b. Executive Session Minutes – August 21, 2017
- c. Authorize Donation of Surplus Property Bicycles – Ordinance
- d. Waiver of Formal Bid (Due to Competitive RFP Process) and Award Bid for Lake Street Camera Replacement Project to Griffon Systems, Inc. for \$24,285
- e. Waiver of Formal Bid and Purchase of One 2018 Dodge Charger through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative from Napleton Fleet Group for \$23,720
- f. Authorization to Sell Via Auction Police Seized Vehicle – Ordinance



- g. Monthly Department Reports
- h. Monthly Performance Measurement Report
- i. Accounts Payable – July 2017 - \$1,460,488.20

Trustee Corsini requested that item a. be removed from the consent agenda.

Trustee Corsini made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gibbs, to approve the Consent Agenda items b. through i.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Vazquez

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Trustee Cargie made a motion, seconded by Trustee Corsini, to approve the Consent Agenda item a. as amended.

Trustee Corsini suggested a change to the August 21 minutes on page 3 to clarify that she wanted Public Works Director Anderson to discuss the positive benefits of the water study.

Trustee Cargie suggested another change to the minutes in the same paragraph to clarify that he did not oppose striping the fire truck.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Vazquez

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

## **6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION**

- a. Approve Payment to Anderson Elevator - \$601.99

Trustee Gibbs recused himself from the vote.

Trustee Cargie made a motion, seconded by Trustee Conti, to approve payment to Anderson Elevator in the amount of \$601.99.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Vazquez

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

- b. Approve North Avenue TIF Vendor Payments - \$4,125.30

President Adduci noted that Trustee Vazquez, who has a conflict of interest regarding this item, was not present.

Trustee Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Trustee Corsini, to approve payment to Kane McKenna and Associates and Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins in the amount of \$4,125.30.

Roll call:

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

Absent: Trustee Vazquez

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF BAORDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

### **a. Sustainability Commission - PlanItGreen Report**

Gary Cuneen, Founder and Executive Director of Seven Generations Ahead, explained the purpose of the PlanItGreen report. He discussed the goals that were and were not met this year related to energy, transportation, education, waste, water, food, community development, economic development and open space, and ecosystems. He praised the Village of River Forest for the establishment of the Sustainability Commission and for the Green Alleys project. Mr. Cuneen stated that it isn't a question of if but a question of when community solar is coming. He thanked the Village Board for their leadership and praised the impact their leadership is having on other institutions and the community.

In response to a question from Trustee Cargie, Mr. Cuneen explained that community solar is a term that describes institutions or groups of residents that buy into/invest in an off-site solar development. He stated that the Future Energy Jobs Act encourages these investments through solar renewable energy credits and this could become a "wild west" scenario where investors are vying for these dollars. He explained Seven Generations Ahead's role in educating and coordinating community solar efforts. In response to a question from Trustee Cargie, Mr. Cuneen stated that federal renewable energy credits are still in place and that is why the "wild west" scenario will occur for a short period of time. In response to a follow-up question from Trustee Cargie, Mr. Cuneen said it would require new legislation to end the federal renewable energy credits.

Julie Moller complimented Mr. Cuneen on his efforts and thanked him for the time he puts into these efforts.

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:46 p.m. Trustee Corsini made a motion seconded by Trustee Gibbs, to recess to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the Village, including whether a particular parcel should be acquired, and the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the Village.

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 8:34 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.

### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cargie, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees at 8:35 p.m.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Vazquez, Gibbs, Corsini, Conti and Henek  
Absent: None  
Nays: None  
Motion Passes.

  
Kathleen Brand-White, Village Clerk