

VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
April 24, 2017

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 24, 2017 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 7:01 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Adduci, Trustees Cargie, Colwell-Steinke, Conti, Corsini, and Gibbs

Absent: Trustee Dwyer

Also Present: Village Clerk Sharon Halperin, Village Administrator Palm, Assistant Village Administrator Lisa Scheiner, Police Chief Greg Weiss, Fire Chief Jim Eggert, Finance Director Joan Rock, Assistant Finance Director Cheryl Scott, Village Engineer Jeff Loster, Village Attorney Greg Smith

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Adduci led the pledge of allegiance.

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

4. ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Presentation – One Earth Film Festival Award Winners
- b. Police Officer of the Year Award

Trustee Gibbs thanked the police officers for their service.

Trustee Corsini congratulated the Police Officer of the Year award recipient and also thanked the police officers for their service. She stated that she did not attend the Oak Park River Forest High School Community Council meeting last month but noted that the report from the presentation stated that they are looking at how to create additional opportunities for students to get into the advanced placement classes. She reported that Celebrating Seniors Week is May 18th through the 25th and encouraged all to check the River Forest Library's and Community Center's websites for the activity calendar. Trustee Corsini recognized the professionalism of the firefighters who were called to a fire that resulted in a death.

Trustee Corsini expressed her condolences to the family of Joe Madden who was a long-time River Forest resident. President Adduci also expressed her condolences to the family of Joe Madden.

President Adduci announced that there will be a collaboration effort between School Districts 90, 97 and 200 on May 1st in the form of a town hall meeting regarding inclusivity and equity issues. She encouraged residents to attend. She stated that she will be attending the Illinois Municipal

League Conference in Springfield on April 26th and 27th on behalf of the Village and Board and will report back on the interesting issues in state government.

Sue Crothers, a founding member of the Young Filmmakers Contest (a part of the One Earth Film Festival), described the festival noting the contest was opened to youth worldwide. She introduced Jaxon and Miles Toppen, the winners of the Elementary/Middle School category, and noted that they donated their cash prize and grant to The Turtle Hospital in Florida. Their film was shown.

President Adduci presented a certificate of achievement to Jaxon and Miles for their film, and the trustees congratulated them. Jaxon and Miles discussed how their prize money and grant is being used and updated the Board on the turtles featured in their film.

Police Chief Weiss introduced the 2016 Office of the Year Award winner, Officer Daniel Szczesny. He discussed Officer Szczesny's accomplishments, skills, and dedication. President Adduci presented Officer Szczesny with the award and congratulated him.

Village Administrator Palm announced that the Village will be receiving a national award for the Northside Stormwater Management Project (NSMP) in addition to the local award already received. He stated that Public Works Supervisor Anderson will be attending the American Public Works Association (APWA) National Conference and accepting the award on behalf of the Village. President Adduci reminded the audience of the significance of the NSMP to the community and noted it was on time and on budget. On behalf of the Board and herself, she congratulated and thanked all involved in that project for all their hard work.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2018 ANNUAL OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET

Village Administrator Palm called the Public Hearing to order at 7:27 p.m. He said pursuant to 65ILCS 5/8.2.9.9, the Village is required to have a public hearing in regard to the annual budget. He reported that notice was posted in the appropriate newspaper and that the budget has been available online and at Village Hall for public inspection for the required period of time. He stated the budget projects \$28,330,551 in revenue and \$29,470,785 in expenditures. Village Administrator Palm noted that the budget includes the Library whose revenue is \$1,293,000 and expenditures are \$1,500,000. He invited public comment. No comments were made.

Trustee Corsini made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gibbs, to close the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Capital Budget. All were in favor and the motion passed on a voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2017
- b. Executive Session Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2017
- c. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2017
- d. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2017
- e. Finance & Administration Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2017
- f. Village Attorney Invoice – February 2017 - \$12,840.98
- g. Award Bid & Contract for the 2017 Sewer Lining Project to Visu-Sewer of Illinois LLC for \$121,589.80

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- h. Award Bid & Contract for the 2017 Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Program to Norvilla, LLC for \$54,745.00
 - i. Award of Bid & Contract for the 2017 Street Patching Program to Schroeder Asphalt Services for \$44,970.65
 - j. Award of Bid & Contract for the 2017 Street Improvement Project to R.W. Dunteman, Co. for \$250,897.54
 - k. Approval of Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for 2017 Street Improvement Project
 - l. Waiver of Formal Bid Procedures and Award of Contract for Chicago Avenue Resurfacing Project Phase 1 & 2 Engineering to Bollinger, Lach & Associates, Inc. for \$78,470.01
 - m. Waiver of Formal Bid Procedures and Purchase of a 2018 Freightliner Dump Chassis from Truck County of Wisconsin for \$81,938.22 and the Dump Body, Plow and Hydraulics from Monroe Truck Equipment for \$52,384
 - n. Approval of FY 2018 Compensation Plan – Ordinance
 - o. Amend Title 5 of the Village Code – Adjustments to Water & Sewer Rates – Ordinance
 - p. Approval of Post-Employment Consulting Agreement with James Eggert
 - q. Monthly Department Reports
 - r. Monthly Performance Measurement Report
 - s. Approval of Accounts Payable – February 2017 - \$1,864,861.55
 - t. Approval of Accounts Payable – March 2017 - \$2,070,665.04
 - u. Village Administrator's Report

Trustee Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Trustee Conti to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Colwell-Steinke, Gibbs, Corsini, and Conti

Absent: Trustee Dwyer

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

7. BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS

- a. Appointments – Sustainability Commission
 - i. Kathleen Brennan, Chairperson – 4 Year term (5/1/17-4/30/21)
 - ii. Julie Moller – 4 Year term (5/1/17-4/30/21)
 - iii. Eric Simon – 4 Year term (5/1/17-4/30/21)
 - iv. Mary Susan Chen – 4 Year term (5/1/17-4/30/21)
 - v. Sue Crothers Gee – 2 Year term (5/1/17-4/30/19)
 - vi. Mindy Credi – 2 Year term (5/1/17-4/30/19)
 - vii. Mary Masella – 2 Year term (5/1/17-4/30/19)

President Adduci explained that the Commission terms are four year terms but in order to maintain a rotation, three of the commissioners will begin with two year terms. She reviewed the process of board, committee, and commission appointments. She said she was overwhelmed by the number and quality of applicants for the Commission.

Trustee Cargie made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gibbs, to concur with and consent to the 7.a.i to 7.a.vii appointments to the Sustainability Commission to be effective beginning May 1, 2017.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Colwell-Steinke, Gibbs, Corsini, and Conti

Absent: Trustee Dwyer

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

b. Appointments of Lake & Park Redevelopment Project Work Group

- i. Susan Conti, Carmela Corsini, Timothy Brangle, Robert O'Connell, Eric Palm

Trustee Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cargie, to concur with and consent to the recommendation of the Village President for appointments for the Lake & Park Redevelopment Project Work Group effective May 1, 2017.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Colwell-Steinke, Gibbs, Corsini, and Conti

Absent: Trustee Dwyer

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of the Annual Operating & Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 – Ordinance

Trustee Corsini made a motion, seconded by Trustee Conti, to pass an Ordinance adopting the Annual Budget for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of May, 2017 and ending on the 30th day of April, 2018 for the Village of River Forest, Illinois.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Colwell-Steinke, Gibbs, Corsini, and Conti

Absent: Trustee Dwyer

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Trustee Corsini thanked Finance Director Rock, Village Administrator Palm, Assistant Village Administrator Scheiner, all department heads and staff who spent a considerable amount of time putting this fiscally responsible budget together. President Adduci concurred.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 p.m., Trustee Corsini made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gibbs, to adjourn to executive session to discuss acquisition of real property, the collective bargaining agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineering Local 150, and pending probable or eminent

litigation.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Colwell-Steinke, Gibbs, Corsini, and Conti

Absent: Trustee Dwyer

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Trustee Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Trustee Corsini, to return to Regular Session at 8:33 p.m.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Colwell-Steinke, Gibbs, Corsini, and Conti

Absent: Trustee Dwyer

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

11. ITEMS TO BE APPROVED AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineering, Local 150 (Public Works) for May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2019

Trustee Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Trustee Corsini, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineering, Local 150 (Public Works) for May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2019.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Cargie, Colwell-Steinke, Gibbs, Corsini, Dwyer, and Conti

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

President Adduci called attention to the launch of the Village Facebook site.

Village Administrator Palm stated that he attended the ground breaking for the 3rd Metra track. President Adduci inquired if Metra is going to fix the retaining walls. Village Administrator Palm stated that 43 spots were identified for repairs. He said Union Pacific handles these repairs with one in-house crew for the entire line. He reported that this crew finished repairs in Oak Park and will begin repairs in River Forest beginning with Lathrop and Hawthorn, Ashland and Central, and Keystone and Central. In response to a question from Trustee Corsini, Trustee Gibbs stated that Union Pacific's position regarding the underpasses is that it is the Village's responsibility to maintain and repair them. In response to a follow up question from Trustee Corsini, Village Administrator Palm stated that the Village can power wash them but painting can be a very costly undertaking. There was a discussion regarding the condition of the stairs at the Metra station. Trustee Gibbs suggested that it would be a great Eagle Scout project. Village Administrator Palm stated the Village is on Metra's capital program for redoing the commuter platforms. He noted that the public works department is reluctant to do any work there because

it is not the Village's property. Trustee Gibbs stated that the condition of the Metra station reflects poorly on the Village.

Trustee Corsini expressed her condolences to Oak Park and River Forest High School Superintendent Joylynn Pruitt-Adams and her family on the death of her grandson.

Trustee Corsini stated she attended the opening of Community Bank along with Trustee Gibbs and President Adduci. She said they did a beautiful job on the renovations and wished them luck.

Trustee Corsini reported that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) sent notices regarding the removal of medications from the water system. She noted that the Village has a medication disposal in the lower level of Village Hall (near the elevator) and suggested posting about that on Facebook. Village Administrator Palm stated the Village is now recycling AA and AAA batteries (which was posted on Facebook) and noted that batteries can be dropped off at the Front Desk (second floor at Village Hall).

Trustee Corsini reported that the River Forest Service Club is having discussions of whether to continue its existence, change the name and/or focus, or reinvigorate the club. She encouraged attendance and additional membership.

Trustee Gibbs discussed the liability issues related to unlicensed landscape contractors working in the Village. He requested a Facebook post to alert residents to the dangers of hiring unlicensed contractors and to encourage them to hire only River Forest licensed contractors. He added that it is not fair to the licensed contractors if the Village does not enforce Village Code in this regard. In response to a question from President Adduci, Village Administrator Palm stated that the police department; Mark Kaniecki, the Village's community service officer; and Village Code Enforcement, Tim Vaclav, all have access to the licensed contractor database. President Adduci concurred with Trustee Gibbs that contractor licensing laws should be enforced.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cargie made a motion seconded by Trustee Gibbs, to adjourn the regular Village Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Motion Passes.


Sharon Halperin, Village Clerk