

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
MEETING OF THE JOINT REVIEW BOARD  
NORTH AVENUE TIF DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 28, 2024**

A special meeting of the Village of River Forest Joint Review Board – North Avenue TIF District was held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, IL. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by River Forest Village Administrator Matt Walsh at 6:22 p.m.

Administrator Walsh asked for motion to nominate Dean Politis as the new public member. MOTION made by Anthony Cozzi, District 90, Seconded by Tony Arbogast, District 200. Motion passed Unanimously.

**II. ROLL CALL OF JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Upon roll call, the following persons were:

**Present:** Matt Walsh, Village of River Forest, John Becvar, River Forest Township; Anthony Cozzi, River Forest Public School District 90; Tony Arbogast Oak Park River Forest Consolidated High School District 200; Public Member, Dean Politis

**Absent:** Triton Community College District 504, County of Cook, Public Member, River Forest Park District;

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JOINT REVIEW BOARD SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

MOTION by Tony Arbogast, District 200, seconded by Anthony Cozzi, River Forest Public School District 90, to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023 Joint Review Board Special Meeting.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY on Voice Vote.

**IV. OVERVIEW OF THE TIF ANNUAL REPORT AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE TIF DISTRICT BY VILLAGE STAFF**

Administrator Walsh reviewed the annual TIF report and explained the expenditures during Fiscal Year 2023, highlighting engineering design for a streetscape project. Supervisor Becvar asked when the next annual report would be prepared and presented, and then asked about how information is communicated to residents within the TIF districts. Administrator Walsh stated the Village would consider different ways to communicate proactively.

Member Politis asked for the timeline for the streetscape project. Administrator Walsh explained that there are some challenges in securing grant funding that is delaying the project. Member Politis asked if the streetscape would address safety and traffic concerns. Administrator Walsh stated that is a

priority but would need to work with IDOT.

## **V. JOINT REVIEW BOARD QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

There were no questions.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Margie Cekander suggested more regular scheduling of Joint Review Board meetings, and asked when Member Politis was selected. Administrator Walsh noted that member Politis was invited last month. There was additional discussion about communication, and Administrator Walsh agreed with the comment regarding the future meeting schedule.

## **VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be January 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION made by Dean Politis adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Anthony Cozzi, School District 90.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY on Voice Vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

  
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Matt Walsh, Chairperson