

VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2011

A meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011, in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Rigas, Trustees Corsini, Winikates, Adduci, Conti, Gibbs and Horrigan

Absent: Village Clerk Roma Coldwell-Steinke

Also Present: Village Administrator Eric Palm, Assistant Village Administrator/Deputy Village Clerk Michael Braiman, Village Attorney Lance Malina, Village Attorney Gregory Smith, Fire Chief James Eggert, Police Chief Gregory Weiss, Deputy Police Chief Craig Rutz, and Finance Director Joan Rock

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rigas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

4. ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Gibbs acknowledged the passing of Nancy Dillon and all of the hard work she put forth in building our community.

Trustee Conti also acknowledged the passing of Nancy Dillon who was a fabulous trustee and person.

President Rigas stated he spent 8.5 years serving with Nancy Dillon and she will be missed by everyone.

Deputy Village Clerk Michael Braiman swore-in Police Officer Peter Eberling, Police Sergeant Edith Buckner, Police Patrol Commander James O'Shea, Firefighter/Paramedic Quentin Boyd, and Fire Lieutenant Kurt Bohlmann.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Winikates stated that the Village Board had requested that the size of the financial report be reduced. The detailed financial statements which were 22 pages were eliminated while the listing of

payments was retained so the Board knows what the Village is spending on a monthly basis. More detailed reports are available from the Finance Director.

Trustee Winikates made a motion seconded by Trustee Gibbs to approve the Consent Agenda as follows.

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes – 11/14/11
- b. Village Attorney Invoice – November 2011
- c. Proclamation: National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month
- d. Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Oak Park – IT Services
- e. Contract with B & F Technical Code Services – Plan Review & Inspections
- f. Amend Title 5 & 6 of the Village Code -- Chicago Water Rate Increase & Utility Penalties – Ordinance
- g. Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with the River Forest Park District
- h. Authorize Purchase of a 2013 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD
- i. Authorize Sale of Seized Vehicles – Ordinance
- j. Abatement of 2008 B Bonds – Ordinance
- k. 2012 Meeting Schedule
- l. Monthly Department Reports
- m. October 2011 Finance Report
- n. Village Administrator's Report

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Winikates, Adduci, Conti, Gibbs, Horrigan and Corsini

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE

- a. Zoning Variation – 1034 Forest – Ordinance

President Rigas stated the variation passed the ZBA with a 6-0 recommendation. The application is to take the roof off, add some eaves which would make the roof noncompliant with setbacks.

Trustee Corsini asked if the entire roof will be reconstructed? The applicant's architect stated that the roof would be reconstructed.

Trustee Conti made a motion seconded by Trustee Adduci to pass an ordinance granting the requested variations to Section 10-9-7 of the zoning code at 1034 Forest Avenue.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Adduci, Conti, Gibbs, Horrigan, Corsini and Winikates

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

- b. Village Compensation Study – Discussion

Trustee Winikates stated the goal of the study is to come up with pay grades and salary ranges for non-union positions and summarized the process of the compensation study to date. The Finance Committee

discussed the 15 comparables with the Village's consultant to better understand how the comparables were selected.

There was consensus amongst the Village Board that the Village set its compensation philosophy at the 75% of the prevailing market.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Approval of the 2011 Village & Library Property Tax Levy

Finance Director Joan Rock stated there were no changes to the tax levy ordinance since it was presented at the last Village Board meeting.

Trustee Winikates made a motion seconded by Trustee Gibbs to pass an ordinance levying taxes for corporate purposes for the current fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of May, 2011 and ending on the 30th day of April, 2012 for the Village of River Forest.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Gibbs, Horrigan, Corsini, Winikates, Adduci, and Conti

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

b. Discussion/Paperless Board Agendas

Trustee Adduci stated that she thinks the Village should consider paperless agendas to reduce paper waste. The tablets would be for Village use and could also be utilized by other Boards and Commissions.

The Board discussed various options and decided that the current process is sufficient and that Board members can opt out of the paper process if they so desire and utilize their own laptops or devices.

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

There was no new business to come before the Village Board.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Winikates made a motion seconded by Trustee Corsini to adjourn the regular Village Board of Trustee Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Conti, Gibbs, Horrigan, Corsini, Winikates, and Adduci

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Village Clerk