



REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, August 24, 2016
Village of Norridge
4000 N. Olcott Avenue, Norridge, IL 60706
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Chmura

Clerk Budnik called the roll.

Present:

President Chmura
Clerk Budnik
Trustee Kucharski
Trustee Tannhauser
Trustee Sulimowski
Trustee Falagario
Trustee Gregorio
Trustee Gelsomino

Also Present:

Mark Chester, Village Attorney
Brian Gaseor, Village Engineer
David Disselhorst, Chief of Police
Joanna Skupien, Village Administrator
Village Residents

Declaration of Quorum.

President Chmura asked all to stand and pledge allegiance to the flag.

Motion by Gelsomino, seconded by Tannhauser to approve and adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2016 as presented.

President Chmura did not have any items to report.

FINANCE, LICENSES & CONTRACTS, *Trustee Gregorio:*

Trustee Gregorio had no discussion items. She asked if there were any questions in regards to her consent agenda. There were none.

Motion by Gregorio, seconded by Kucharski to:

- (a) Accept General Fund, Motor Fuel Tax Fund and Wireless 911 Fund Financial Report for the month ending July 31, 2016.
- (b) Accept the General Fund Accounts Payable Check Register for the month of July, 2016.
- (c) Accept the quarterly report from Frank J. Baker & Company, Ltd., Certified Public Accountants, 950 Lee Street, Des Plaines IL 60016, for the three months ended July 31, 2016.
- (d) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated July 07, 2016, in the amount of \$4,888.78 for the Village's share of Personal Property Replacement Tax.
- (e) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, July 18, 2016, in the amount of \$28,665.16 for the Village's share of Use Tax.

- (f) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated July 28, 2016, in the amount of \$95,008.42 for the Village's share of Income Tax.
- (g) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated August 08, 2016, in the amount of \$344,794.61 for the Village's share of Sales Tax.
- (h) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated August 08, 2016, in the amount of \$362,508.68 for the Village's share of Home Rule Sales Tax.
- (i) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated August 09, 2016, in the amount of \$569.13, for the Village's share of Personal Property Replacement Tax.
- (j) Accept Check #113228333 from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated July 19, 2016, in the amount of \$1,723.58 for the Village's share of Pull Tabs and Jar Games Tax and License Fees.
- (k) Accept ACH Transaction Report from the Illinois Department of Transportation, dated August 04, 2016, in the amount of \$33,338.75 for the Motor Fuel Tax Allotment.
- (l) Accept Check #520366646 dated August 03, 2016 from Comcast for Cable Franchise Fees covering the period April 01, 2016 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$36,690.94.

Kucharski, Tannhauser, Sulimowski, Falagario, Gregorio, Gelsomino Yea. Nays none.
Motion carried.

LAW & ORDINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, *Trustee Falagario:*

Trustee Falagario had no items for discussion. He asked if there were any questions in regards to his consent agenda. There were none.

Motion by Falagario, seconded by Tannhauser to:

- (a) Refer the petition of Harlem Irving Companies dated August 18, 2016, requesting a rezoning to B-3, General Business District, of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Norridge – 1962 for property located at 4050-4230 North Harlem Avenue, to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Public Hearing on October 3, 2016 and their recommendation to the Village Board.
- (b) Refer the matter of a Village initiated text amendment to the B-5 Retail Business District the purpose of which is to amend the current B-5 Retail Business District permitted retail uses, special uses, prohibited uses and required conditions in that zoning district to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- (c) Refer the matter of a Village initiated map amendment for the parcel fronting on Harlem Avenue consisting of the Harlem Agatite Planned Unit Development to change the underlying zoning for the area constituting the Harlem Agatite Planned Unit Development from the current M Restricted Light Manufacturing District to the B-5 Retail Business District (as amended) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- (d) Refer the petition of Tom Brown, dated August 19, 2016, requesting variations from the requirements of Article IV, R-1 Single Family Residence District, Section 2-Height Requirements and Section 3.4-Side Yard of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Norridge – 1962 for the purpose of construction of rear and second floor additions on the property located at 4019 North Oketo Avenue, to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Public Hearing on October 3, 2016 and their recommendation to the Village Board.

Kucharski, Tannhauser, Sulimowski, Falagario, Gregorio, Gelsomino Yea. Nays none.
Motion carried.

WATER, UTILITIES, IT, CELL PHONES, CELL SITES and ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION, Trustee Sulimowski:

Trustee Sulimowski had no discussion items. He asked if there were any questions in regards to his consent agenda. There were none.

Motion by Sulimowski, seconded by Tannhauser to:

- (a) Accept the Water Fund Accounts Payable Check Register for the month of July, 2016, as published.
- (b) Accept Coliform Results report from Suburban Laboratories, Inc. as required by the IEPA Community Water Supply Testing Fund Program, of water sample analysis performed August 01, 2016 covering locations listed.
- (c) Accept Coliform Results report from Suburban Laboratories, Inc. as required by the IEPA Community Water Supply Testing Fund Program, of water sample analysis performed August 15, 2016 covering locations listed.
- (d) Accept Water Fund Monthly Financial Report for the month ending May 31, 2016 as published.
- (e) Accept renewal from and enter into contract with Call One for telecommunications service for standard phone lines at Public Works, the Police Garage, Village Hall, Police Department and Estelle Sieb Center as well as circuits for the radio communication at the Police Department.

Kucharski, Tannhauser, Sulimowski, Falagario, Gregorio, Gelsomino Yea. Nays none.
Motion carried.

POLICE, Trustee Kucharski:

Trustee Kucharski had no discussion or agenda items.

VILLAGE PROPERTIES, HR, INSURANCE and ENVIRONMENT, Trustee Gelsomino:

Trustee Gelsomino asked Joanna Skupien the village administrator to speak on behalf of the garbage cart program. Joanna reported letters regarding the cart program were mailed to all residents. The letter is to provide guidance as to how the program will work and how residents can choose the cart best for them. Carts are also available in the lobby of Village Hall for anyone to view and test. A post card has also been sent with the letters. Residents are asked to mark on the post card which cart they prefer. Once cans have arrived we will determine how they will be distributed and notify each resident.

Trustee Gelsomino had no other discussion or consent agenda items.

PUBLIC WORKS, TREE PROGRAM, PARKING, VILLAGE BUS SERVICE, STREET LIGHT CABLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Trustee Tannhauser:

Trustee Tannhauser had no discussion or consent agenda items.

GENERAL, Clerk Budnik:

Clerk Budnik read President Chmura's Proclamation proclaiming August 25, 2016 as Norwood Park Fire Protection District Day in the Village of Norridge.

Motion by Kucharski, seconded by Sulimowski to concur with the President's Proclamation

Kucharski, Tannhauser, Sulimowski, Falagario, Gregorio, Gelsomino Yea. Nays none.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

President Chmura mentioned an exception would be given today in regards to public comments. Due to the proposed referendum by District 80 Schools a large number of residents were present for and against the referendum. Each group was asked to take a few minutes to elect one spokesperson for their support of or against the referendum. Groups would each be given 15 minutes to speak after the board heard any comments in regards to municipal business of the Village of Norridge.

Trustee Gelsomino mentioned that the board has attempted to meet with District 80 parents however the meetings have been canceled. The board is open to meet with parents at any time in the future. At this time, the board is not prepared to give its support for or against the referendum.

President Chmura opened the floor to village business.

Janet Horn

Ms. Horn spoke in regards to the parking ban on Crescent Avenue. The ban was approved and then rescinded. The original purpose of the ban was to make access to the street safer for safety vehicles and snow plows. What changed to rescind the parking ban? Ms. Horn asked the Village Board to consider taking another look. She suggested possibly limiting parking to one side of the street at all times. This works on days that there is street cleaning. Why can't it work all the time? Ms. Horn presented photos to the board of the current parking situation on Crescent.

President Chmura asked Trustee Tannhauser to look into the matter again. It was mentioned the board will try to meet with everyone on the street to further discuss.

Chuck Hill

Mr. Hill has been a resident of Norridge for 50 years. The safety of children has always been a concern. He lives on the 8000 block of Winona west of Canfield. There are no parkways. The sidewalks are at the street. Cars and motorcycles drive too quickly down this street. Many children play on the street and risk being hurt by passing car. Would it be possible to place signs on either end of the block indicating drivers should slow down for children at play?

President Chmura said we would definitely look into adding signs on the street. He also asked Chief Disselhorst to speak to Mr. Hill about the speed on the street.

President Chmura opened the floor for discussion in regards to the referendum.

Frank Tribuzio

Mr. mentioned he is appealing to the Village Board to support the referendum for District 80. It has been 24 years since the last referendum for District 80. The city of Chicago has passed a 12.8% real estate tax increase. None of the money is going towards the schools which are in need in comparison to Norridge. Park Ridge and other towns near Norridge pay 2-4% more in property taxes for schools. Norridge has the 14th lowest tax rate which equates to less spending per student and less towards operating costs. It has been studied and reported that a decline in schools can cause a decline in property values. The district has seen a rise in special needs students. This increase has caused an increase in the need for additional funds. Busing of these

students is absorbed by the district. If additional money is not brought into the district, schools will be faced with classroom sizes of 40 students. Giles kindergarten this year has 60 students split into two classes with one teacher. Large class sizes will impact the ability to teach our students. Schools will be faced with cutting programs like band, foreign language, and extra-curricular sports.

Older buildings need to be repaired. They have old pipes, asbestos concerns, need fire safety upgrades, better accessible access, and upgraded security measures at the entrances of both schools.

The right expenditures can save the district in the long run. The right design will lead to a better learning environment and more comfort for children.

As elected leaders your support will lead to new residents wanting to be a part of the village.

Help us preserve a strong village.

Molly Deck

Ms. Deck's daughter graduated from Leigh school, participated in the band (which is outstanding) and was highly supported in extra-curricular activities. She has coached and participated in all school related events.

Ms. Deck is a 30 year accountant. She also worked for two years in marketing services. She is aware of how surveys work. If a small subset of results were given then not enough information is there to determine results.

How can \$60.6 million be the right answer for the schools? Where is the land to build the school? If you don't know where the land is than how can we determine the value of the property? How will demolition work if the land has not been identified to be working with? Our property values have actually increased not decreased which is the reverse of the argument for increasing the tax rate.

Ms. Deck agrees that improvements are needed. Are two new building the answer? Maybe not. Fiscal responsibility is needed. She has a concern because there in not enough understanding of the information being presented. Needs again are there. However, \$60.6 million out of the blue does not make up for 24 years.

President Chmura acknowledged the statements.

Motion by Gelsomino, seconded by Gregorio that, there being no further business, meeting be adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Kucharski, Tannhauser, Sulimowski, Falagario, Gregorio, Gelsomino Yea. Nays none.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

James Chmura, Village President

ATTEST:

Debra J. Budnik, Village Clerk