

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018  
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

A quorum was declared.

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

Motion by Tannhauser, seconded by Sulimowski to approve and adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2018 as presented.

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

President Chmura had nothing to review on the President's Report.

### **FINANCE, LICENSES & CONTRACTS, *Trustee Gregorio:***

Trustee Gregorio had no discussion items for review. She asked for any questions regarding her consent agenda. There were none.

**Motion** by Gregorio, seconded by Kucharski to:

- (a) Accept the quarterly report from Frank J. Baker & Company, Ltd., Certified Public Accountants, 950 Lee Street, Suite 101, Des Plaines IL 60016, for the three months ended July 31, 2018.
- (b) Accept the General Fund Accounts Payable Check Register for the month of August, 2018.
- (c) Accept the request of and grant reimbursement to the NYA for 2018-2019 Insurance Renewal for the little league program in the amount of \$2,251.00.
- (d) Accept Check #29742 in the amount of \$3,478.80 from Wright Advertising Corp. for bench advertising revenues from October 2017 through September 2018.

- (e) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated August 14, 2018, in the amount of \$24,654.17, for the Village's share of Telecommunications Tax revenues.
- (f) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated September 7, 2018, in the amount of \$393,472.67 for the Village's share of Sales Tax.
- (g) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated September 7, 2018, in the amount of \$416,009.64 for the Village's share of Home Rule Sales Tax.
- (h) Accept and approve the Annual Treasurer's Report of all receipts and expenditures of the Village of Norridge for Fiscal Year May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018 and direct the Village Clerk to publish the report in a newspaper of general circulation and to forward a certified copy to Cook County Collector's Office with Certificate of Publication.

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

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

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

**Motion** by Falagario, seconded by Gregorio to:

- (a) Adopt and approve Ordinance No. 1935-18, "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIATION FROM LIMITATIONS OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 1962 ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4157 N. ORIOLE AVENUE IN NORRIDGE, ILLINOIS: An Ordinance Allowing Variation from the Maximum Allowable Garage Height Requirements."
- (b) Adopt and approve Ordinance No. 1936-18, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 94-222 OF THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE – 2002: An Ordinance Relating to Parking for Persons with Disabilities."
- (c) Adopt and approve Ordinance No. 1937-18, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 94-190(D) (2) OF THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE: An Ordinance Extending Restricted Resident Permit Parking on Octavia Avenue."
- (d) Refer the petition of Adrienn Tikosi, requesting a variance to build an addition to an existing house at 7835 W. Winnemac to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Public Hearing on November 12, 2018 and their recommendation to the Village Board. The addition requires a variance to Article IV, R-1 Single Family District, Section 3.4 Side Yard.
- (e) Adopt and approve Resolution No. 2018-05, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RETENTION OF COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE VILLAGE IN LITIGATION TO RECOVER DAMAGES FROM OPIOID MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES.

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

**CELL PHONES, CELL SITES and ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION, *Trustee Sulimowski:***

Trustee Sulimowski had no discussion items for review. He asked if there were any questions regarding his consent agenda. There were none.

**Motion** by Sulimowski, seconded by Tannhauser to:

- (a) Enter into a site lease agreement with T-Mobile Central LLC, a Delaware limited liability company for the purpose of adding a cellular site at the Water Tower located at 7429 W. Montrose Avenue in exchange for monthly rent of \$2,000.00, with 4% increases annually thereafter.

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

**POLICE, *Trustee Kucharski:***

Trustee Kucharski honored Officer Christopher Smith and Corporal Victor Wendt for their response to a call of criminal damage to property in the parking lot of Denny's Restaurant at 4109 N. Harlem Ave. The offender fled on foot and was located in the area adjacent to the restaurant. The offender implied he had a gun and repeatedly stated he wanted to die. Cpl Wendt attempted to negotiate with the offender and advised him if we was in a crisis help was available to him. The offender did not respond and began hitting his head against the fence. Cpl. Wendt decided to take the offender into custody. Officer Smith acting as a cover approached the offender. The offender turned suddenly and was TAZERED by Officer Smith. He was taken into custody and later learned to be a gang member with an extensive criminal history as well as having a diagnosed mental illness and was not medicated at the time.

President Chmura, Trustee Kucharski and Chief Disselhorst presented Officer Smith and Corporal Wendt with a commendation for their professionalism and compassion while taking a potentially violent and suicidal offender into custody.

Trustee Kucharski honored Corporal Zachary Zage and Detective Michael Pichardo for their actions related to a burglary and felony criminal damage that occurred at Ridgewood High School on June 4, 2018. The offenders of the burglary fled the scene in a grey Honda Odyssey minivan. While conducting a traffic stop on an unrelated investigation a grey Honda Odyssey was observed traveling northbound on Harlem Ave. The driver of the Odyssey was one of the subjects earlier detained by police. Detectives initiated a traffic stop on the van. They interviewed the driver and passenger of the van who admitted to committing the burglary at Ridgewood High School. The detectives were also able to obtain the name of a third offender in the Ridgewood incident. The driver was charged as an adult for felony burglary and felony criminal damage to property. The other two offenders were petitioned into juvenile court on the same charges.

President Chmura, Trustee Kucharski and Chief Disselhorst presented Corporal Zachary Zage and Detective Michael Pichardo with a commendation for their professionalism and attention to detail while working in the Detective Division. Their actions lead to the offenders quickly being taken into custody for their crimes at Ridgewood High School.

Trustee Kucharski asked the village board members if they had any questions regarding her consent agenda items. There were none.

**Motion** by Kucharski, seconded by Gregorio to:



- (a) Accept letter dated September 11, 2018 from Police Chief David Disselhorst stating that Officer Avino has successfully completed her eighteen month probation period and concur with his recommendation that Probationary Officer Anna Avino be appointed as a Full-Time Police Officer retroactive to August 16, 2018 at an annual salary of \$66,472.63.
- (b) Accept letter of resignation dated May 31, 2018 from Sarah Cvikota, resigning from her Auxiliary Police Officer position effective May 31, 2018 as she has been hired to the position of Full-Time Police Officer.
- (c) Accept letter of resignation dated August 10, 2018 from Lauri Hamden, resigning from her Crossing Guard position effective August 10, 2018.
- (d) Accept letter of resignation (e-mail) dated August 20, 2018 from Benito Marti, resigning from his Auxiliary Officer position effective August 20, 2018.
- (e) Accept letter dated September 11, 2018 from Police Chief David Disselhorst and concur with his recommendation that Reserve Crossing Guard Ramia Eddine be promoted to Crossing Guard effective September 1, 2018 at daily rate of \$55.96 and an hourly rate of \$18.00 for training.
- (f) Accept letter dated September 11, 2018 from Police Chief David Disselhorst and concur with this recommendation that Patrick Sprouse be hired as an Auxiliary Police Officer effective September 16, 2018 at a rate of \$16.64 per hour.
- (g) Accept letter dated September 11, 2018 from Police Chief David Disselhorst and concur with this recommendation that Vito Palazzolo be hired as an Auxiliary Police Officer effective September 16, 2018 at a rate of \$16.64 per hour.

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

**VILLAGE PROPERTIES, HR, INSURANCE, VILLAGE BUS SERVICE, IT & ENVIRONMENT, Trustee Gelsomino:**

Trustee Gelsomino mentioned the total employer rate for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Contribution for the Calendar Year 2019 is 8.46%.

He had no other discussion items for review. He asked if there were any questions regarding his consent agenda items. There were none.

**Motion** by Gelsomino, seconded by Sulimowski to:

- (a) Accept letter of resignation dated September 14, 2018 from Robert M. Hauptman, resigning from his position as a Plan Commission Member effective November 1, 2018.
- (b) Accept and approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Norridge, Cook County, Illinois, the Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois and Norwood Park Township, Cook County, Illinois Relating to the Operation of the Harwood Heights and Norridge Local Community Channel, effective August 23, 2018 and shall remain in effect until terminated as per Article IX of the agreement.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS, WATER, TREE PROGRAM, PARKING, STREET LIGHT CABLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Trustee Tannhauser:**

Trustee Tannhauser had no discussion items for review. He asked if there were any questions regarding his consent agenda. There were none.

**Motion** by Tannhauser, seconded by Sulimowski to:

A. Consent Agenda:

- (a) 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 20, 2018.
- (b) Accept Water Fund Financial Report for the month ending July 31, 2018.
- (c) Accept the Water Fund Accounts Payable Check Register for the month of August, 2018.
- (d) Accept the recommendation dated September 4, 2018 of Edwin Hancock Engineering and enter into contract with Brothers Asphalt Paving Inc., 315 S. Stewart Avenue, Addison, IL 60101 for the 2018 Street Improvements Program work, with a bid amount of \$718,098.20 for Type I work and \$886,744.75 for Type II work.
- (e) Approve the Illinois Department of Transportation Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds for engineering services to be provided by Edwin Hancock Engineering Company, 9933 Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL for work associated with the 2018 Street Improvement Program with costs not to exceed \$77,600.00.
- (f) Accept request dated September 10, 2018 from Kevin Konsler on behalf of Ridgewood High School Rotary Interact Club and grant permission to host their 2018-2019 Rotary Interact 5K run/walk on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The race will start and end at RHS. A route map of the race was submitted with the request.

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

**GENERAL, Clerk Budnik:**

Clerk Budnik mentioned the following:

(a) Village of Norridge events:

- **Touch-a-Truck** – Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM in front of the Village Hall.
- **Fall Clean Up Week** – October 15-19, 2018 on your regular garbage pick up day. Please see the flyer for items which are accepted and items which you may not dispose of.
- **Recycling Day** – Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Items accepted at the Village Hall parking lot area: paper for shredding, prescription drugs, ink jets, toner cartridges, cell phones, gym shoes, flags & eye glasses. Items accepted at the Montrose/Ottawa Police Garage: electronics and used bikes (new this year). Open to Norridge residents only; ID's will be checked.

(b) Community Events:

- **Norwood Park Fire Department Open House** – Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
- **Norwood Park Fire Department Flu Shots** – Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the open house from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Tuesday, October 9 and Thursday, October 11, 2018 at Norwood Park Township from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Flu shots can also be administered to you in your home, if needed, on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 by appointment.

(c) General Information:

- **Last Day to Register to Vote** in the upcoming Gubernatorial Election on November 6, 2018:
  - October 9<sup>th</sup> by mail or in person
  - October 21<sup>st</sup> via online registration at [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com)
- **Early Voting** at Norridge Village Hall:
  - October 22 – October 27, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
  - October 28, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
  - October 29 – November 2, 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
  - November 3, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
  - November 4, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
  - November 5, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- **Trick or Treating Hours:** October 31, 2018 until 8:00 PM

Clerk Budnik read a proclamation recognizing the month of September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**Athena Kalaras**

Ms. Kalaras spoke on behalf of the families in Norridge that the village board has forgotten about. A special meeting related to a business in town planned for 3pm. does not work for residents with jobs or children in school. The board seems to be focused on what they want. Leaders have no vision, break promises and do not know the real issues in town. The board cares about seniors but is disconnected with the rest of the residents who work, are raising children and want to see changes. There is no forward progress in Norridge. The village is not thriving like other villages. In 2017 promises were made and not kept. The theatre property was to be developed and there is still no development beneficial to the village. In the winter, safety should always be a concern and number one priority. It is difficult for it to be a priority when the president is in Florida. On behalf of those that could not be present at the 3pm meeting regarding Go Bananas, how is an unsafe and poorly maintained business still open? The understanding is changes were made regarding the operation of Go Bananas however no timelines were given to make the changes. Go Bananas is just a piece of the concerns. Residents are concern with Harlem Irving mall and schools. How can the board "love the village" but wash their hands from the issues regarding the schools and activities at the mall. Open your eyes to what is really not happening in Norridge. Police are under staffed and over worked. Norridge is changing for the worst.

President Chmura stated that most of the facts given by Ms. Kalaras are false. He and the board do not appreciate being accused of being on the take.

**Mary Ann Willard**

Regarding the posting of the special meeting held at 3pm, why was a robo call not placed? The village seems to robo call what they want, why not an event like the special meeting? That would have been more beneficial to residents than some of the calls that come through.

Short response from President Chmura.

**Estrella Perez**

This is the first time she has attended a meeting. There seemed to be a bias and lack of respect from the president towards the community members attending the meeting this evening. She suggested President Chmura evaluate how he speaks to all people. Perception is not becoming to him.

**Jacob Stanek**

Mr. Stanek attended the board meeting for the first time. He was disappointed in the reaction and responses from President Chmura.

**Gus Rapatas**

Mr. Rapatas questioned the scheduling of a 3pm special meeting regarding something important to the village. The board should be ashamed of themselves for having the meeting at 3pm when it could have easily been scheduled at 6pm or after the regular meeting. More residents would have had the opportunity to attend a later meeting. It should not take a petition with 5,000 signatures to get the board acting on concerns. He is embarrassed to be associated with the Village of Norridge.

President Chmura stated the outcome would have been the same and the petition from social media is not official.

To answer some of the concerns voiced regarding the 3pm meeting, Joanna Skupien, the village administrator read the village statement that was read at the 3pm special meeting. The statement outlined the village's concerns in relation to business license violations, findings from two years of incident reports from the Norridge Police, history of the operator and the changes board expects of the management of Go Bananas.

**Wendy Tribuzio**

Improvement suggestions for Go Bananas are good however there has been no mention of changes that are needed inside the facility. There are visible rat traps, sticky filthy floors, and disgusting drains in the bathrooms. Ms. Tribuzio showed pictures of each of these concerns from "Yelp" reviews on line. What is the plan to address the issues of health concern? She suggested the board go in and inspect the facility for themselves.

The village attorney gave a brief reply.

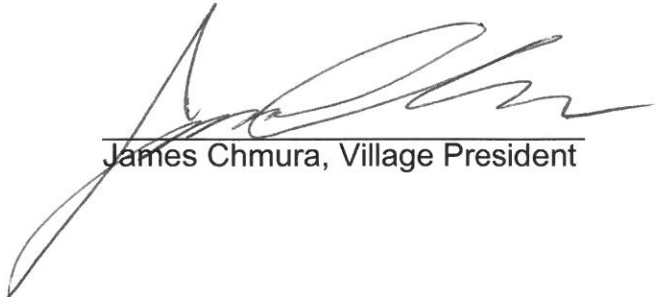
**Jack Bielak**

Regarding the "Yelp" postings, those pictures were not be current. They are on the site however the facility may have made changes or fixed the concerns. The complaints posted were over a year old.

There were no other public comments.

**Motion** by Gelsomino, seconded by Gregorio that, there being no further business, meeting be adjourned at 7:45 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