



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
Village of Norridge
4000 N. Olcott Avenue
Norridge, IL 60706
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Tannhauser.

Clerk Budnik called the roll.

Present:

President Tannhauser
Clerk Budnik
Trustee Kucharski
Trustee Ronstadt
Trustee Larson
Trustee Bielak
Trustee Gregorio
Trustee Gelsomino

Also Present:

Joan Cherry, Village Attorney
Brian Gaseor, Village Engineer
David Disselhorst, Chief of Police
Joanna Skupien, Village Administrator

A quorum was declared.

President Tannhauser asked all to stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Comments from the Public

Domenica Ferdinando

Domenica Ferdinando is a senior at Ridgewood High School and a student advisor of the Illinois State Board of Education where she works with policy makers on improving education in the state. She is also part of the Pennoyer School strategic Planning team working on a five-year plan for Pennoyer school.

Ms. Ferdinando spoke on the importance of raising funding for local schools. All Norridge elementary schools have aging infrastructure where the only funding to improve comes from referendums that recently have not passed.

Restrooms at Pennoyer's are from 1952 and have limited ADA accessibility

All schools have limited access throughout the schools for students with physical disabilities

Some of the schools do not have libraries

Challenges at the grade schools makes the transition to high school difficult as they go from limited resources to an updated resourceful institution.

Ms. Ferdinando mentioned the need to invest in students. Better schools improve an individual's motivation, goal setting, mental and physical health. Better schools for the community improve home values, can reduce crime, brings better civic participation.

Good schools mean good neighbors. If referendum was not the answer to help improve the schools, how can we get our community to better support our schools?

Dominic Sulimowski

Mr. Sulimowski asked for an update on the Village properties. Specifically, Divine Savior, show property and the property on Irving Park.

Response from President Tannhauser and Joanna Skupien:
Show property is under contract. One bid was received.
Irving Park property has been sold with demolition not started but will be done. Abatement was started last week.
Divine Savior property has no development started.

Mr. Sulimowski also asked in regard to an agenda item from last week. The Village settled with a former employee paying out \$30k and \$100k to the attorney. Where there any other fees associated with this settlement? What was the total cost to the Village?

Response from Joanna Skupien, services are still being provided and final bill not yet received. Village is not expecting the cost to exceed \$100k. She will email Mr. Sulimowski the total spent to date.

Mike Holzer

At the last board meeting he suggested some improvements for the traffic concerns at Leigh School. Is there an update?

President Tannhauser mentioned we have met with Leigh and are talking to a consultant regarding a traffic study.

Mr. Holzer asked if anyone has driven by Union Ridge? He suggested going there to see their process for drop off and street closures.

There were no other public comments.

President Tannhauser asked for a motion to approve and adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 13, 2019 and the minutes of the Truth in Taxation Hearing held on November 13, 2019, as presented.

Motion by Gelsomino, seconded by Ronstadt

Kucharski, Larson, Ronstadt, Bielak, Gregorio, Gelsomino yea. Nays none. Motion carried.

FINANCE, LICENSES & CONTRACTS, *Trustee Gregorio:*

Trustee Gregorio had no discussion items for review. She asked if there were any questions in regard 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 September 30, 2019.
- (b) Accept the General Fund Accounts Payable Check Register for the month of October, 2019.
- (c) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated October 8, 2019, in the amount of \$282,409.58 for the Village's share of Sales Tax.
- (d) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated October 8, 2019, in the amount of \$314,116.71 for the Village's share of Home Rule Sales Tax.
- (e) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated October 16, 2019, in the amount of \$21,465.05, for the Village's share of Telecommunications Tax revenues.
- (f) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated November 6, 2019, in the amount of \$309,954.58 for the Village's share of Sales Tax.
- (g) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated November 6, 2019, in the amount of \$388,577.10 for the Village's share of Home Rule Sales Tax.

- (h) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated November 12, 2019, in the amount of \$24,043.53 for the Village's share of Home Rule Sales Tax.
- (i) Accept ACH payment from the Illinois Comptroller's Office, dated November 12, 2019, in the amount of \$18,992.96, for the Village's share of Telecommunications Tax revenues.

Kucharski, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Gregorio, Gelsomino yea. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Bielak, seconded by Ronstadt

- (a) Refer the petition of Anna Jakubas requesting a Special Use from the requirements of Article X, "B-3" – General Business District, Section 5 – Special Uses – Tattoo Establishments of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Norridge 1962, revised November 13, 2019, for the purpose of operating a permanent cosmetic (make-up) business at the Cumberland Business Center located at 4701 N. Cumberland Avenue, Unit K2, to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Public Hearing on January 6, 2020 and their recommendation to the Village Board.
- (b) Motion to direct the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the following articles of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Norridge – 1962, including, but not limited to: Article II Definitions; Article III Classification of Districts, Zoning Maps, Boundaries of Districts, Prohibitions and Exceptions; Article VII Business Districts; Article VIII "B-1" Restricted Neighborhood Business District; Article IX "B-2" Restricted (Shopping Center) Business District; Article X "B-3" General Business District; Article X-A "B-4" Public Business District; Article X-A-1 "B-5" Retail Business District; Article X-B "C" Commercial District; Article XI "M" Restricted Light Manufacturing District; Article XI-A Planned Unit Developments; Article XIII Signs; Article XV Administration; Article XVI Permits X-A-1, to determine the potential inclusion of all or some types of statutorily permitted cannabis business uses (including both recreational and medical cannabis) and their locations and make any technical changes, hold the necessary public hearing and submit their recommended changes in ordinance form prepared by the Village Attorney to the Village Board for its consideration.

Kucharski, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Gregorio, Gelsomino yea. Nays none. Motion carried.

WATER, CELL PHONES, CELL SITES and ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION, *Trustee Ronstadt:*

Trustee Ronstadt mentioned:

- (a) As a matter of record: Payment #13 of #39 of the Water Loan L17-3440 will be issued on December 15, 2019 in the amount of \$11,295.41 to the IEPA. This is a low-cost loan which was obtained for the purpose of completing a water main project.

Motion by Ronstadt, seconded by Kucharski to:

- (a) Accept the Water Fund Accounts Payable Check Register for the month of October, 2019.

- (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 November 11, 2019.

Kucharski, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Gregorio, Gelsomino yea. Nays none. Motion carried.

POLICE, Trustee Kucharski:

Trustee Kucharski mentioned:

- (a) We now offer the option to pay your police parking tickets online, using a credit card. Please visit our website for the payment portal.

She had no consent agenda items for review.

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

Trustee Gelsomino mentioned the Village is still meeting with brokers regarding insurance. No decisions have been made at this time. He had no other discussion items for review. He asked if there were any questions regarding his consent agenda. There were none.

Motion by Gelsomino, seconded by Gregorio to:

- (a) Approve the renewal of a service agreement with BlackBoard Connect, as per Quote #894581623-310520, for the use of a mass communication system for the purpose of notifying residents and registered users of emergencies and events, at an annual cost of \$6,206.13 for a term of one year.
- (b) Accept and approve an agreement between the Village of Norridge and Municipal GIS Partners, Inc. (MGP) for the purpose of GIS support services at an annual cost of \$41,901.00 for a term of one year.

Kucharski, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Gregorio, Gelsomino yea. Nays none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS, TREE PROGRAM, PARKING, STREET LIGHT CABLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Trustee Larson:

Trustee Larson mentioned:

- (a) Reminder: We are in the final stage of review for the changes which will be made to the snow route parking rules that will go into effect for the 2020/2021 winter season. I am working with Public Works to discuss various options to improve not only efficiency, but most importantly safety of the residents, Public Works crews and the general public.

For the upcoming winter season (late 2019/early 2020), the current snow route rules will continue to be enforced. Please see the winter edition of the newsletter for detailed information regarding the current snow route rules.

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

Motion by Larson, seconded by Bielak to:

- (a) Accept letter dated November 10, 2019 from Misericordia Heart of Mercy Center and grant permission to fund raise for their Annual Misericordia/Jelly Belly Candy Days

event. Volunteers will stand in the street intersections and in front of heavy pedestrian walkways or stores and businesses distributing tags and packets of Jelly Belly Candy while collecting donations for Misericordia on Friday, April 24, 2020 and Saturday, April 25, 2020.

Kucharski, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Gregorio, Gelsomino yea. Nays none. Motion carried.

GENERAL, Clerk Budnik:

Clerk Budnik mentioned:

- (a) The Village will be collecting holiday lights until February 28, 2020. Broken or unwanted holiday lights can be recycled by being dropped off in the designated receptacle bin located inside the Village Hall lobby area during regular business hours.
- (b) The 2019 Holiday House Decorating Contest is now open. Residents of single-family homes are invited to participate or nominate a neighbor's house that you think is worthy of being recognized. Please see the flyer for more info. The deadline for submissions is 4:30 PM, December 13.

Clerk Budnik asked for a motion to:

- (a) Approve the 2020 Schedule of Meetings and direct the Village Clerk to publish a Legal Notice of said schedule in a newspaper of general circulation.

Motion by Bielak seconded by Ronstadt to approve item (a).

Kucharski, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Gregorio, Gelsomino yea. Nays none. Motion carried.

There were no other general comments.

President Tannhauser wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Motion by Gelsomino, seconded by Gregorio that, there being no further business, meeting be adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Kucharski, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Gregorio, Gelsomino yea. Nays none. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned.


Daniel Tannhauser, Village President

ATTEST:


Debra J. Budnik, Village Clerk