



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 23, 2021
Village of Norridge
4000 N. Olcott Avenue
Norridge, IL 60706
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Tannhauser.

Clerk Krasinski called the roll. Present: President Tannhauser
Clerk Krasinski
Trustee Budnik
Trustee Ronstadt
Trustee Larson
Trustee Bielak
Trustee Avino
Trustee Gelsomino

Also Present: Joan Cherry, Village Attorney
Brian Gaseor, Village Engineer
Wayne Schober, Interim Police Chief
Joanna Skupian, Village Administrator

A quorum was declared.

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

MOTION: by Trustee Ronstadt second by Trustee Larson to approve and adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 26, 2021 as presented.

Budnik, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Gelsomino Yea, Nays none, Motion carried

President's Report

President Tannhauser reviewed:

- (a) Congratulations to the Ridgewood High School Girls Softball team on taking 4th place in the 2021 IHSA Illinois Softball State Tournament.
 - President Tannhauser presented Coach Ken Jurasz with a plaque congratulating the team.
 - Coach Jurasz and the team presented President Tannhauser and the board with a game medal and signed softball.
 - The team was also asked to come to the front of the board room for pictures and cake pops.
- (b) Village President's Declaration of Local State of Emergency – Supplement # 14 was issued on June 1, 2021.
- (c) Village President's Executive Order relating to the corona virus pandemic, Supplement #15 was issued on June 1, 2021.
- (d) Village President's Declaration of Local State of Emergency – Supplement # 15 will be issued on or by July 1, 2021.
- (e) Village President's Executive Order relating to the corona virus pandemic, Supplement #16 will be issued on or by July 1, 2021.

President Tannhauser had no other items. _

Comments from the Public

No email comments were received by Joanna Skupian

Stan W. Mazur

Mr. Mazur addressed the board as to why it is so difficult, why it takes so long and so many regulations to obtain a permit within the Village. He does not feel that some of the regulations work and are a waste of money. Mr. Mazur gave several examples of his concerns with permits. Mr. Mazur feels stressed and feels Village makes it hard to do any work. Mr. Mazur feels that no one understands in the village how work needs to be done.

President Tannhauser addressed Mr. Mazur that we have several contractors and engineers on the board.

Trustee Avino stated that rules/regulations are put in place to protect everyone in the Village. Trustee Gelsomino stated that the Village eliminated 30 permit requirements.

There were no further comments from the Public.

FINANCE, LICENSES & CONTRACTS, *Trustee Avino:*

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

MOTION: by Trustee Avino, seconded by Trustee Larson to:

- (b) Authorize the Village Administrator to transfer funds as shown on the attached sheet with details:
END OF THE YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS – GENERAL FUND
FY ENDING 04/30/2021
- (c) Accept the General Fund and Motor Fuel Tax Fund Financial Report for the month ending April 30, 2021, with end of Fiscal Year Budget Adjustments, as published, copy to be attached and made a part of the record hereof.
- (d) Accept the General Fund and Motor Fuel Tax Fund Financial Report for the month ending April 30, 2021, with end of Fiscal Year Budget Adjustments, as revised on May 28, 2021, as published.
- (e) Accept the quarterly financial report from Frank J. Baker & Company, Ltd., Certified Public Accountants, 950 Lee Street, Suite 101, Des Plaines IL 60016, for the three months ended April 30, 2021.
- (f) Accept the General Fund Accounts Payable Check Register for the month of May, 2021.
- (g) Accept Check #521213609 dated May 3, 2021 from Comcast for Cable Franchise Fees covering the period January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$37,075.42.
- (h) Accept Check #126403070 in the amount of \$160,058.69 from the State of Illinois Comptroller, for Installment #4 of the Rebuild Illinois Grant, to be deposited into the Motor Fuel Tax Fund account.

Budnik, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Gelsomino Yea, Nays none, Motion carried

MOTION: by Trustee Avino, seconded by Trustee Larson to:

- (a) Consideration to be given to motion that the Village Board approve the proposed Village Budget for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 and that it be referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee to adopt the necessary ordinance.

Budnik, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Gelsomino Yea, Nays none, Motion carried

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

(Next Ordinance No. 2034-21)

(Next Resolution No. 21-08)

Trustee Bielak had no discussion items for review. He asked if there were any questions regarding his consent agenda.

Trustee Budnik would like to state for the record:

Trustee Budnik has been advised by Legal Counsel to abstain from voting on the current Zoning Board items. Although, Trustee Budnik disagrees with abstaining she will respectfully follow the legal advice given.

Trustee Budnik would also like to state that she was elected to represent the residents of Norridge and she takes this seriously. Her vote may not always follow everyone's opinions or feelings but it is not influenced by anything other than that of her own understandings and beliefs of what is best at the time.

MOTION: by Trustee Bielak, second by Trustee Ronstadt to:

Move item (a) IN COMMITTEE to Consent Agenda

- (a) Request from Peter Parashis (architect) on behalf of Patel Haresh for approval, in regards to Zoning Hearing Case #646 for 4750 N. Ozanam and 7801 Lawrence.

Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Yea, Nays none, Abstained Budnik, Gelsomino

MOTION: by Trustee Bielak, second by Trustee Larson to:

- (a) Request from Peter Parashis (architect) on behalf of Patel Haresh for approval, in regards to Zoning Hearing Case #646 for 4750 N. Ozanam and 7801 Lawrence.
- (b) Adopt and approve Ordinance No. 2033-21, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES AND STATEMENT OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING MAY 1, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022 FOR THE VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE, COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS: The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and Statement of Anticipated Revenues," the President and Clerk to be authorized to sign, the Clerk be directed to publish in pamphlet form

Budnik, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Gelsomino Yea, Nays none, Motion carried

Trustee Bielak stated that regarding consent agenda (c) a Yes vote is to NOT CONCUR with the Zoning Board's recommendation.

Trustee Budnik asked if it was made clear to the Zoning Board why we did not approve the first response from the Zoning Board?

Trustee Bielak responded that when we received the first recommendation from the zoning board, the village board neither approved or denied the request. It was sent back for further review with the hope that the applicant would provide further details as to the project and its

impact on the surrounding area.

Trustee Budnik also asked if other items from the petitioner were addressed and of concern with the board and if we will be clear with any concerns this time if the board again does not agree with the Zoning recommendation.

Trustee Bielak stated that the petitioner did mention that the hours of operation were being adjusted from 24 hours to a shorter period and that further details were provided as to the noise wall but that there was not enough effort to conform to current zoning standards or show that effort was made to work with the next door neighbor to satisfy his concerns regarding the change in the use of the property. When the project was sent back for further review the hope was that there would be significant effort made to provide more detail and better show that all options were examined before recommending this option.

MOTION: by Trustee Bielak, second by Trustee Ronstadt to:

- (c) NOT CONCUR with the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and DENY the petition of Hareesh Patel, requesting that the property located at 4750 North Ozanam Avenue be rezoned from R-1 Single Family Residence District to B-2 Restricted (Shopping Center) Business District and furthermore requesting a Special use for a Drive-Thru as part of the existing Donut Shop at 7801 West Lawrence Avenue along with Parking Area Set Backs from the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Norridge, hearing held on December 7, 2020 and on March 1, 2021, Case No. 646.

Trustee Gelsomino asked if anyone spoke to Mr. Patel?

Trustee Bielak replied that yes Brian reached out to Mr. Patel after the case was sent back for review with comments regarding his presentation and design.

Trustee Bielak stated that he is supportive of the project in concept but is not supportive based on how and what was presented in the two hearings.

Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Yea, Gelsomino Nay, Budnik Abstained

MOTION: by Trustee Bielak second by Trustee Budnik to:

- (d) Adopt and approve Resolution No. 21-07, "A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE 2020 – 2021 RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM," the President and Clerk to be authorized to sign, the Clerk be directed to publish in pamphlet form.

Budnik, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Gelsomino Yea, Nays none, Motion carried

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

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

MOTION: by Trustee Ronstadt, second by Trustee Bielak to:

- (a) Accept Water Fund Monthly Financial Report for the month ending January 31, 2021 as published.
- (b) Accept Water Fund Monthly Financial Report for the month ending February 28, 2021 as published.
- (c) Accept Water Fund Monthly Financial Report for the month ending March 31, 2021 as published.
- (d) Accept the Water Fund Accounts Payable Check Register for the month of May, 2021.
- (e) Accept Coliform Results report from Suburban Laboratories, Inc. as required by the IEPA Community Water Supply Testing Fund Program, of water sample analysis performed May 17, 2021 covering locations listed, place the report on file.
- (f) Accept Coliform Results report from Suburban Laboratories, Inc. as required by the IEPA Community Water Supply Testing Fund Program, of water sample analysis performed June 7, 2021 covering locations listed, place the report on file.
- (g) Approve the Master Energy Purchase Agreement – Electric Commodity Sales from AEP Energy, pricing obtained via bid process conducted by Northern Illinois Municipal Electrical Cooperative (NIMEC) for the purpose of electric service to Village street lights, for the period of July 14, 2021 for a term of 3 years, at a price of \$0.02847 /kWh.

Budnik, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Gelsomino Yea, Nays none, Motion carried

POLICE, Trustee Budnik:

Trustee Budnik presented an update on the position of the Chief of Police:

- Received 59 timely applicants.
- ACS is reviewing to ensure the applicants have met our criteria for applying.
- Those that have met the criteria will be sent a written exercise in early July and applicants have five (5) days to complete it and email back.
- Round 1 of interviews should be 3rd or 4th week of July. This round will narrow down our list of candidates to potentially 3-5.
- Round 2 of interviews should be in early August.
- Committee would like to make a conditional offer to the TOP candidate mid-August.

Trustee Budnik also stated she would like to have on record the increase in motor vehicle thefts/burglaries in the Village.

Catalytic converters thefts – these parts contain precious metals that can be scrapped for \$150-\$200. Since May 1, 2021 there has been a spike in catalytic converter thefts in Chicago and areas around us. Norridge has seen 7 since May 1st.

Car Hopping – which we have mentioned in the past. Typically, teens or young adults checking for unlocked car doors to steal items of value from the inside.

The Police Department is well aware of the activity around us and have begun saturating areas where large amounts of vehicles are parked.

A Robo call will go out at the end of the week to notify residents of these crimes and to ask them to not only be vigilant but call 911 to report anything that seems suspicious.

Trustee Budnik also thanked the Police Department for their services.

MOTION: by Trustee Budnik, second by Trustee Gelsomino to amend last day date in agenda (b) to May 15, 2022.

- (b) Accept letter dated May 23, 2021 from Corporal Victor A. Wendt notifying Interim Chief of Police Wayne Schober that he will be retiring from the Norridge Police Department after

27 years of service. His last day will be April 1, 2022.

Budnik, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Gelsomino Yea, Nays none, Motion carried

MOTION: by Trustee Budnik, second by Trustee Gelsomino to:

- (a) Accept, as a matter of record, payments made to the Police Department's eligible employees for Sick Time Buy Backs from Fiscal Year 2020-2021 totaling \$58,519.18. These include payments to 20 Police Department Union employees and 2 Police Department Civilian employees. Payments were made via payroll on the pay date of May 31, 2021.
- (c) Accept letter dated May 23, 2021 from Corporal Victor A. Wendt notifying Interim Chief of Police Wayne Schober that he will be retiring from the Norridge Police Department after 27 years of service. His last day will be May 15, 2022.

Budnik, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Gelsomino Yea, Nays none, Motion carried

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

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

Motion by Trustee Gelsomino, seconded by Trustee Avino to:

- (a) Accept as a matter of record Amendment to the Agreement By and Between the Village of Norridge and IC&SC dated May 19, 2021 for the purpose of replacing Exhibit A in the Agreement with the one dated May 19, 2021.
- (b) Approve the renewal of the Village's long-term disability plan for eligible employees from provider New York Life Insurance Company for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 with no increase in rates.
- (c) Approval the proposal from Al Air, Inc. Heating/Air Conditioning for the purpose of replacing 7 Modine Ceiling Hung Unit Heaters at Public Works, 8415 W. Foster at a cost of \$4,875.00 per unit, with a discount of \$500 if replacing all 7 heaters.
- (d) Approve the renewal of Sentinel's support and monitoring agreement for VMware at an annual cost of \$1,158.00 for the period of July 25, 2021 to July 24, 2022.
- (e) Approve the renewal of Sentinel's support and monitoring agreement for 27 Dell Equipment at an annual cost of \$4,461.25 for the period of July 2, 2021 to July 2, 2022.
- (f) Accept the request, as required pursuant to Section 9.2.2 of the Employee Handbook, of Village employee Kathryn Tomaszewski dated May 31, 2021, requesting sick leave from May 3, 2021 through June 12, 2021, then on an intermittent basis thereafter, until released to full day duty, and approve paid sick leave, up to a cumulative maximum of 90 paid sick days (or 720 hours), as related to this specific leave.

Budnik, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Gelsomino Yea, Nays none, Motion carried

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

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 Trustee Larson, seconded by Trustee Ronstadt to:

- (a) Accept request dated May 26, 2021 from Demetrios Vergakis and grant approval to hold a block party on the 4100 Block of Overhill Avenue on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM.
- (b) Accept request dated June 5, 2021 from Mike Mango and grant approval to hold a block party on the 4400 and the 4500 Blocks of Osage Avenue on Saturday, July 31, 2021 from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM.
- (c) Accept request dated June 8, 2021 from John Cardone and grant approval to hold a block party on the 7700 Block of Agatite Avenue on Saturday, August 14, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM.
- (d) Accept request dated June 10, 2021 from Sam Palazzo and grant approval to hold a block party on the 8000 and 8100 Blocks of Winnemac Avenue on Saturday, July 31, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, subject to all music being turned off by 10:00 PM.
- (e) Accept request dated June 14, 2021 from Gina Raptas and grant approval to hold a block party on the 8200 Block of Wilson Avenue on Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM.
- (f) Accept request dated June 15, 2021 from Ioan Bredicean and grant the issuance of signs for Parking for Persons with Disabilities to be installed in front of his home at 4019 N. Overhill Avenue and, if approved, to refer the matter to the Law and Ordinance and Economic Development Committee for preparation of the necessary amendatory ordinance.
- (g) Approve an easement agreement between the Village of Norridge and Mr. and Mrs. Salenik of 5177 N. Moreland for a five foot permanent easement along the north side of their property at 5039 N. Pittsburgh Avenue for construction, repair, maintenance and replacement of a storm sewer.

Budnik, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Gelsomino Yea, Nays none, Motion carried

GENERAL, Clerk Krasinski:

Clerk Krasinski mentioned to:


Save the dates for our upcoming events:

- August 7 – Touch-a-Truck
- September 18 – Car Show (rain date September 25)
- October 2 – Fall Recycling Event
- November 27 – Open House and Tree Lighting
- December 18 – Santa Send-Off

There were no other general comments

MOTION: by Trustee Gelsomino seconded by Trustee Budnik that, there being no further business, meeting be adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Budnik, Ronstadt, Larson, Bielak, Avino, Gelsomino Yea, Nays none, Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned.


Daniel Tannhauser, Village President

ATTEST:


Gabriela Krasinski, Village Clerk

