

Village of River Forest
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 24, 2017 at 7:00pm
Observer: Lauren Behan

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ROLL CALL

President Adduci, Trustees Gibbs, Conti, Corsini, Cargie, and Colwell-Steinke
Absent: Trustee Dwyer

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Gibbs - Thanked members of the Police Department (in attendance) for their service.
Trustee Corsini - Congratulations to the officer being presented with an award later in the meeting. Corsini was not able to attend the OPRFHS Community Council Meeting, however, she supports their current efforts to create better opportunities for students to enroll in advanced placement classes. Celebrating Seniors Week (April 18-25), see township, village, and/or library website for details. Thanked firefighters for their work on a significant incident in RF in March. Condolences to the Madden Family, Joseph Madden passed away earlier this month, long time RF resident.

President Adduci - D90, D97 and D200 are hosting a tri-district Townhall Meeting at Roosevelt to discuss inclusivity and equity, she encourages all to attend. Adduci will be attending an Illinois Municipal League event in Springfield on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Sue Crothers - Introduced the One Earth Film Festival Award Winners, Young Filmmakers Contest, Elementary and Middle School Prize: Jaxon and Miles Toppin for their film "Shells in Need of Saving". The winners attend Roosevelt Middle School in River Forest.

Chief Weiss - Presented the Police Officer of the Year Award to Daniel Chesney for exceptional service and superior performance.

Eric Palm - The Village received a APWA chapter award for the Stormwater Project, and was recently notified that the project will be receiving a national APWA award. John Anderson will attend the conference in August to accept the award on behalf of the Village. \$20M project - on time, on budget.

PUBLIC HEARING - FY 2018 ANNUAL OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET

No comments/statements.

CONSENT AGENDA

Unanimously approved, motion passed.

BOARD, COMMITTEE and COMMISSION REPORTS

President Adduci - The Sustainability Commission is a new and in order for rotation to be put in order, some commissioners have a two year term and some have a four year term. Four years ago, the Village introduced online applications for these types of positions are received numerous applications, positive response.

Appointments - Sustainability Commission, unanimous approval, motion passed.

Appointments of Lake & Park Redevelopment Project Work Group - This was a recommendation from the consultants in order to bring more focus to the project. Unanimous approval, motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Annual Operating & Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 - Ordinance

Trustee Corsini - Thanks Joan, Eric, department heads for all their efforts putting together this budget and being fiscally responsible to the residents.

Unanimous approval, motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session to discuss acquisition of real property, collective bargaining and pending probable or imminent litigation.

ITEMS TO BE APPROVED AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineering, Local 150 (Public Works) for May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2019.

Unanimously approved, motion passed.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Village of River Forest launched a Facebook page.

Opening of Community Bank - several board members attended the opening.

Metra - discussion of needed maintenance/wall repair at several locations in the community.

Medication collection in Village Hall

Battery collection in Village Hall

River Forest Service Club - discussion of if they will remain in existence due to membership/volunteerism. Evaluating next steps.

Superintendent Pruitt's grandson passed earlier this month, condolences to the family.

Trustee Gibbs - reminder that it is important for residents to hire licensed contractors for their own protection.

ADJOURNMENT