

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 13, 2001**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2001 in the Community Room of the Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Paris, Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes (7:34 p.m.) and Swanson

Absent: Trustees Prinz and Rider

Also Present: Village Clerk Hosty, Village Administrator Biondo, Assistant Village Administrator Gutierrez, Village Attorney Gilbert, Chief Holub, Chief Henrici, Public Works Director Kramer and Treasurer Tuggle.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Paris led the Pledge of Allegiance

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**A. Eagle Scout Project**

Jamie Gonzalez (738 Keystone) presented his Eagle Scout project which would be a stone with a plaque engraved with the names of the Fire Chiefs from the first to the present.

Trustee Swanson made a motion seconded by Trustee Heppes to approve the project with the location approved by Village staff. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

Daniel Heiferman (7973 Chicago) presented his Eagle Scout project which is a plaque showing many of the "first" occurrences in River Forest.

Trustee Heppes made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve the project with the location approved by Village staff. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

John Franklin Dzuryak (315 Forest) gave an update of his Eagle Scout project stating that he has received Park District approval and he is now working with Chief Holub on the design.

**B. Public Testimony**

None

**C. Statements from Clerk, Board President**

The Board as a whole commended the Scouts and their parents for their initiative.

Trustee Swanson stated that parts of the Village were recently plagued by extremely low voltage. He thinks the Village should push Commonwealth Edison to upgrade the service to the Village.

Trustee Heppes asked if there was an update on the “pillars” at the Town Center. Mr. Biondo said that he still had not heard from Mr. Hague.

Trustee Dillon said she was contacted by three women who thanked her for the sidewalk behind Phase I of the Town Center. Trustee Heppes thanked Mr. Kramer and his department for their quick work in completing this work.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Heppes made a motion seconded by Trustee Swanson to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2001 Board meeting. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O’Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

Trustee Dillon made a motion seconded by Trustee Swanson to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2001 Special Board meeting. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O’Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

President Paris asked the Board’s permission to add a resolution under VIII. Resolutions. The Board concurred.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA****A. Approval of Payment – Village Attorney**

Trustee Dillon made a motion seconded by Trustee O’Brien to approve the payment of \$3,990 to Mr. Gilbert for legal services. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O’Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

**B. Approval of 8<sup>th</sup> Partial Payment – Lake Street Streetscape Design**

Trustee Dillon made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve payment of \$1,383.25 to Wolff Clements and Associates for professional services related to the Lake Street Streetscape plan. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

**C. Approval 2<sup>nd</sup> Partial Payment – Division Street Improvements**

Trustee Dillon made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> partial payment to the State of Illinois in the amount of \$57,519.16. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

**D. Approval of Invoice – Chicago Avenue Phase I Engineering**

Trustee Dillon made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve payment to Edwin Hancock Engineering Co. in the amount of \$30,846.00.

President Paris asked Mr. Kramer if the engineer will be more careful than he was on Division Street. Mr. Kramer stated he has spoken with the engineer. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

**E. Approval of 3<sup>rd</sup> Invoice – Division Street Phase II Engineering**

Trustee Dillon made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve payment to Edwin Hancock Engineering Co. in the amount of \$24,187.15. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

**F. Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Payment – 2001 Pavement Patching Project**

Trustee Dillon made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final payment to Chicagoland Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$47,871.33.

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Trustee Swanson asked why the cost of the project exceeded the budgeted amount. Mr. Kramer answered that Village did more full depth patching than had been budgeted for, and he will be meeting with IDOT to discuss future maintenance. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson  
Nays: None  
Motion passed

**G. Proclamation – School's Open Safety Week**

Trustee Dillon made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to proclaim August 27 through September 2 and School's Open Safety Week. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson  
Nays: None  
Motion passed

**H. Proclamation – Clear Skies Festival**

Trustee Dillon made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to proclaim September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> as Clear Skies Days. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson  
Nays: None  
Motion passed

**I. Monthly Financial Reports**

Trustee Dillon made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve the monthly financial reports. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson  
Nays: None  
Motion passed

**VI. BID OPENINGS**

**A. Award of Contract – Professional Moving Services**

Trustee Heppes made a motion seconded by Trustee Swanson to waive bids and approve the award of a contract for professional moving services to Forest Movers Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$33,110.00. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson  
Nays: None  
Motion passed

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**B. Purchase of Replacement Engine 228**

Trustee Dillon made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to reject all bids and go with a direct purchase from W.S. Darley for a 1500 gallon per minute pumper with a CAFS foam system and a poly-bilt body per the Village's specifications in the amount of \$344,800.00

Trustee Dillon stated that Chief Henrici responded to all the questions and concerns the Fire Committee had. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Rider

Nays: None

Motion passed

**C. Purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus**

Trustee Swanson made a motion seconded by Trustee Heppes to waive competitive bidding and to award a purchase contract to Air One Equipment Company of Schaumburg Illinois for 20 air masks and 10 space bottles in the amount of \$64,170.

Trustee Swanson asked what Chicago is using. Chief Henrici said after an extensive study, they are using Air One equipment. Trustee Swanson asked the life expectancy of this equipment. Chief Henrici answered it is ten to fifteen years. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

**VII. RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES****A. Zoning Variation – 600 Franklin**

Dean Sher (Sher-Bergstrom Associates) presented the application for the owners of the property. They are requesting a zoning variation of 35'3" for a new wrap-around front porch on the north side of the home which will orientate the porch away from the driveway. The homes on either side of this property are 7' closer to the setback. There is no opposition from the neighbors.

Trustee Swanson asked the timeline for this project. Mr. Sher stated the owners would like to do this in the Spring.

Trustee O'Brien asked if the owners would be tearing off the porch and starting over. Mr. Sher said they would.

Trustee Swanson asked if this variation were granted, would it make it easier for others on this block to receive variances. Mr. Biondo stated yes, it would have an impact on other setbacks on this block.

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Trustee Heppes stated she does not feel that this is an addition – it is putting the home back to where it was originally – more a restoration.

Trustee Swanson agreed. However, he does not think it qualifies as a hardship. He thinks there should be room in the Zoning Code to restore buildings such as this to their original condition. He and Trustee Heppes suggested Mr. Sher withdraw their request without prejudice and bring it back to the Board.

Mr. Biondo suggested the request be tabled. Trustee Swanson made a motion to table this variation request until the first meeting in January.

Mr. Gilbert asked why January. Trustee Swanson stated that he would like to make a recommendation for the Zoning Board of Appeals for a resolution regarding the impact of restorations such as this. Mr. Gilbert stated if this was tabled, it will come back with the same votes and same findings of fact. Trustee Heppes suggested the application be re-submitted under restorations, with new findings.

Mr. Sher withdrew the application for a zoning variation for 600 Franklin.

Trustee Swanson made a motion seconded by Trustee Heppes to refer to the Zoning Board of Appeals a new Section 10-5-4(F) which would take into consideration a request for restoration to historical condition. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson  
Nays: None  
Motion passed

## **VIII. RESOLUTIONS**

### **A. Multi-Family Housing**

President Paris read a statement regarding this resolution (see Exhibit A).

Trustee Swanson made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve the resolution which would maintain or decrease the ratio of multiple-family housing units to single-family housing units.

Trustee Heppes stated she thinks more Board members should be present before this is passed. She said she will not vote for it tonight because she feels it needs more thought.

Trustees Swanson and O'Brien said this was discussed at length when the moratorium was approved. The Zoning Board of Appeals will look at the resolution, and the suggested Code changes referenced in the resolution will then come back to the Village Board of Trustees for adoption. This will just start the process. Roll call.

Ayes: President Paris, Trustees O'Brien, Dillon and Swanson  
Nays: Trustee Heppes  
Motion passed

**IX. ORDINANCES****A. An Ordinance Amending Title 6, Health and Sanitation Regulations**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**B. An Ordinance Amending Title 9, Traffic Regulations**

After some discussion, the Board agreed that this ordinance should be reviewed for other safety enhancements and placed on the September 10<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**C. Ordinance Authorizing a Contract for Purchase and Sale of Real Estate (7500 W. Central)**

Trustee Swanson made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of the contract for purchase and sale of real estate of the east half of the Jewel/Osco outlet (7500 W. Central) and to authorize the Village President to execute the document on behalf of the Village. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

**D. Authorization to Sell Surplus Property – IBM Computer**

Trustee Swanson made a motion seconded by Trustee Heppes to approve the ordinance to dispose of Village Property. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

**E. Authorization to Sell Surplus Property – Street Pavers**

Trustee Swanson made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve the ordinance authorizing the sale of the street brick pavers by sealed bid.

President Paris asked if these pavers could be used for Garden Street. Mr. Kramer said they could not, because the Village will be using Uni-Lock Pavers. The bricks the Village is selling are old kiln dried clay bricks and they are not dimensionally consistent. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

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**A. Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding**

Trustee Heppes made a motion seconded by Trustee Swanson to ratify the memorandum of understanding between the Village and Fire Lieutenants expiring on April 30, 2004 and to authorize staff to execute the document on behalf of the Village. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

**B. Monthly Departmental Reports**

The reports were accepted as written.

The Board congratulated Chief Henrici for his Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois State Treasurer.

**C. Village Administrator's Report**

The Village Administrator's report was accepted as written.

Mr. Biondo told the Board he would re-schedule the tour of the William Place condominiums. He suggested Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Since there is only one item for the Committee of the Whole meeting this month, it was agreed that the meeting would be cancelled, and Mr. Biondo would try to re-schedule the tour for next Monday.

The West Suburban Major Crime Task Force issue will be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Kramer's memo regarding the August 2<sup>nd</sup> rain storm was excellent news, and it reflects the amount of work done in that area.

**D. Executive Session**

Trustee Dillon made a motion seconded by Trustee O'Brien to recess to Executive Session for purposes of discussing personnel and acquisition of property at 9:05 p.m. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

The Board reconvened in regular open session at 9:52 p.m. Upon roll call, the following were:

Present: President Paris, Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Absent: Trustees Prinz and Rider



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**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Swanson made a motion seconded by Trustee Dillon to adjourn at 9:57 p.m. Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees O'Brien, Dillon, Heppes and Swanson

Nays: None

Motion passed

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Patrick J. Hosty  
Village Clerk