MINUTES of the Village Board Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees held on Thursday, **January 02, 2020** at 7:00 p.m.

**Publication and Notice.** Notice of tonight’s meeting was published in the Tribune Media Group (formerly known as Pioneer Press), Elm Leaves edition, on December 19, 2019, and, notice and the Agenda were posted on the bulletin board of the Village Hall at 2621 Thatcher Avenue, and at the Senior Community Center where the courtroom and board room are housed, at 2601 Thatcher, River Grove, Illinois on December 30, 2019, and posted at the village website, as well as e-mailed to the Board members and department heads.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The meeting was called to Order by President David B. Guerin at 7:00 p.m. Guerin led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

2. **ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE:** Clerk Marjorie A. Manchen took the roll as follows:

**Present:** President David B. Guerin and Clerk Marjorie A. Manchen, and Trustees Lynn Bjorvik, Roger V. Sewell, Robert C. Thomas, Michele M. Obaya, Katie A. MueLLner, and Christopher J. Lilly.

**Absent:** None.

A Quorum was declared by Clerk Manchen.

*Also attending (Village Dept. Heads and Contractors):* Interim Comptroller Greg Peters; Village Attorney Bart Smith; Public Works Dir. Brock Leder; Fire Chief Sean M. Flynn; Auxiliary Police Lt Peter Ungaro; Recreation Dir. Laura Jardine; and Communications Dir. Shawn Campbell.

3. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION OR PROCEEDING:**

**Administration of the Oath of Office of River Grove Fire Chief to Sean M. Flynn.**

President Guerin called Sean Michael Flynn to the podium and summarized Flynn’s background and his many years of service to the River Grove Fire Department, including years as Deputy Fire Chief. Guerin stated that he has great confidence in Flynn, and that he will serve well as River Grove’s new Fire Chief, having served under former Chief Larry LaRiviere, who was present in the audience, as well as other members of the River Grove Fire department.

President Guerin then asked Clerk Manchen to come to the podium and administer the Oath of Office to Flynn, which she did. See attached copy of the Oath of Office of Sean M. Flynn to the position of River Grove Fire Chief.
President Guerin then invited Fire Chief Sean Flynn to say a few words; Chief Flynn then read aloud his speech, a copy of which is attached hereto. Chief Flynn and President Guerin posed for photographs. President Guerin then excused members of the audience who needed to return to work, or attend the celebration for Chief Flynn from the remainder of the meeting.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A Motion was made by Trustee Thomas, seconded by Trustee Obaya to approve the following Minutes and to be archived accordingly: Regular Open Board Meeting of December 19, 2019. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

   a. **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Trustee Lilly read aloud the “Village of River Grove Public Safety Report” dated January 02, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto.

   b. **PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES:** Trustee Muellner read aloud the report dated January 02, 2020 from Public Works Director Brock Leder, a copy of which is attached hereto.

   c. **FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Trustee Obaya read aloud her Finance/Economic Development Committee report dated January 02, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto.

   d. **LICENSE AND ORDINANCE:** Trustee Bjorvik read aloud the “License & Ordinance Committee Report” dated January 02, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto.

   e. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS:** Trustee Sewell stated that he did not have a report and congratulated Chief Flynn.

   f. **YOUTH & RECREATION:** Trustee Thomas stated that he did not have a written report and stated that registration for volleyball and basketball is on-going.

   g. **CLERK’S REPORT:** Clerk Manchen read aloud her Clerk’s report dated January 02, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto.

7. **UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

This Ordinance was referred to the License & Ordinance Committee by motion and Board vote on December 19, 2019. No action was taken with regard to this Ordinance at this meeting.

8. **RESOLUTIONS**: None.

9. **ORDINANCES**: None.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

    **PAYING VILLAGE’S BILLS.** A Motion was made by Trustee Obaya, Seconded by Trustee Bjorvik, to authorize payment of all bills when funds are available, and vouchers are properly endorsed, in accordance with the list of warrants, dated January 02, 2020. No discussion ensued; the roll call vote was taken by Clerk Manchen as follows:

    **Roll Call Vote:**
    - **Ayes:** Trustees Bjorvik, Sewell, Thomas, Obaya, Muellner, and Lilly.
    - **Nays:** None.
    - **Abstentions:** None.
    - **Absent:** None.

    **Motion Carried by a count of 6 “aye” votes to 0 “nays” and 0 abstain; and 0 absent.**

11. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**: President Guerin wished everyone a “Happy New Year” and he recognized Anthony Calderone, former Mayor of Forest Park for 20 years, who was in the audience.

12. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

    a) Brent Leder, resident and former public works director, stated that the new alley that the village just put in is “the best constructed alley” that he had ever seen, and he thanked the board and public works, and the contractor, for it.

    b) Ed White, resident, stated that he lives near the marijuana dispensary (located in Elmwood Park, but near the River Grove border), and that he has a rental car and received a ticket due to temporary signs that state “resident parking only.” White asked how long the signs would be located there on Haymond. Police Chief Konwinski stated that due to the recent legalization of marijuana, and the anticipated crowds of people at the dispensary, that the police department enacted measures to ensure traffic safety and parking for residents. Konwinski did not know how long they will have “resident parking only” signs, but he encouraged White to send or bring in the ticket, and, to call the police department if that happens again.
13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. A Motion was made by Trustee Sewell, Seconded by Trustee Lilly to adjourn this meeting at 7:22 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Marjorie A. Manchen, JD, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk, Village of River Grove, Illinois
STATE OF ILLINOIS 

COUNTY OF COOK 

OATH OF OFFICE

I, SEAN M. FLYNN, having been duly appointed to the office of Fire Chief 
of the Village of River Grove, Cook County, Illinois, 
do solemnly swear or affirm 
that I will support the Constitution of the United States, 
the Constitution and laws of the State of Illinois, 
and the Ordinances of the Village of River Grove, 
and, that I will faithfully discharge the duties of River Grove Fire Chief 
to the best of my ability.

Sean M. Flynn, APPOINTEE SIGNATURE / PERSON MAKING OATH

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, this 2nd day of January 2020

Marjorie A. Manchen, VILLAGE CLERK / PERSON ADMINISTERING OATH

David B. Guerin, VILLAGE PRESIDENT / WITNESS
I would like to thank my wife for supporting me over the years for all the hours worked away from home being a 1st Responder, a career that I love. I would also like to thank the Mayor, the Village Board and Chief LaRiviere for their faith and support in me. I am honored and humbled at being appointed to the position of Fire Chief for the Village of River Grove. I was born and raised in Chgo, but over 25 years ago I was hired as a Paramedic for the Village of RG. I can honestly say I have been accepted in as family, almost immediately by this Village and its Residents. This truly is a Village of Friendly Neighbors. Thank you and I look forward too many more years of being able to serve the citizens of RG.
Village of River Grove Public Safety Report

January 2, 2020

As noted in the public safety report last month, the grace period for issuing warning citations for disobeying street maintenance signs is now over. Moving forward, actual citations will be written for violations. Residents are urged to review and follow the street maintenance signs posted on their block.

As we begin a new year, we welcome new leadership in the River Grove Fire Department. Congratulations, Chief Sean Flynn. The Board of Trustees wishes you success in your new role.

Submitted by Trustee Christopher Lilly
From the Desk of Director Brock Leder

River Grove Public Works has been hard at work cleaning the curb lines around the sewer caps to prevent them from clogging. Weather permitting, the street sweeper truck will be out as well to help with this process. We are also picking up Christmas trees, we ask that all residents please place your Christmas trees out with their garbage. We will provide pick up every Monday for the month of January.

Public Works repaired a water break at 8731 Belden on Friday the 27th of December. I'm very proud of our Public Works crew, they have been stepping up and tackling the big jobs that in the past we have subcontracted out.

Director of Water and Sewer John "Bucky" Bjorvik has been working tirelessly at the lift station behind the Thatcher Woods shopping center to prevent the back up from our sanitary sewer. He's been working close with our Village Engineer Mark Lucas, on coming up with a solution. I believe they have come up with a solution by installing a bypass system. There are plains to build a new sanitary lift station this year. By constructing a bypass valve, we'll be able to get by till construction is completed.

Thank You, Brock Leder

8731 Belden / Water Break
Members present:

Visitors:

The Finance/Economic Development Committee held a meeting on Thursday, _____________. The meeting was called to order at _____ a.m. The following AGENDA items were discussed.

No meeting took place on Thursday, December 26, 2019. A Notice of Cancellation was posted on Monday, December 23, 2019.

FINANCE

The Finance Department continues its work on the 2020 budget and hopes to have all departmental meetings completed soon.

On December 19, 2019 the Village’s auditors were in the office and began preliminary data collection in preparation of the 2019 audit.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thank you to Bucky and our water department for their hard work in dealing with the issues at the sewer lift station located at the southeast corner of Thatcher Woods plaza. We hope that the emergency repairs being done today will eliminate any further issues until the lift station can be replaced in the summer.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

N/A

The Finance/Economic Development Meeting was adjourned at _____.

Submitted by Michele M. Obaya, Trustee
Finance/Economic Development Committee Chairperson
Happy New Year to All!

Work continues on updating our current parking plan and evaluating options for a more comprehensive approach. I have received some input from Police Chief Konwinski. The L&O Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 7th for further discussion.

Submitted by:

Lynn Bjorvik
Chairperson
January 02, 2020

1) Statistics from the Clerk’s Office:
   a) **Pet tags** issued in 2019: 338
   b) **Vehicle stickers** purchased in 2019:
      Passenger Vehicles: 5,755
      Trucks: 480
      Seniors: 895
   c) **Liquor licenses**: 28 liquor licenses (packaged goods and pour)
      Class A - liquor in sealed packages = 8 businesses
      Class B - retail sale of liquor = 13 businesses
      Class G - gaming = 4 businesses
      Class N - clubs = 2 businesses
      Class R - restaurants = 1 business
      Class E - special event = 1 business
      14 businesses with gaming
   d) **Business licenses**: Approx. 180 business licenses
   e) **FOIA** (Freedom of Information Act) requests: 195

2) We received the **Certificate of Publication** from the Chicago Tribune Media Group verifying that publication of our 2020 calendar of our public meeting dates was effectuated in the Elm Leaves on December 19, 2019. See attached copy of said Certificate of Publication.

3) As mentioned at our last meeting, the **Municipal Clerks Association, North and Northwest Suburbs, Cook County, IL** will hold their next meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Da Luciano’s in River Grove. Approximately 30 clerks and deputy clerks from 20 Cook County municipalities are expected to attend. Our speaker will be a representative from Cook County Recorder of Deeds, to discuss consolidation with the Clerk’s Office. See attached meeting announcement.

4) The **West Central Municipal Conference Legislative Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, Feb 8, 2020 at 9 am at Elmcrest Banquets in Elmwood Park.

   The Clerk’s Office **congratulates our new fire chief, Sean Michael Flynn**, and We wish everyone a **Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!**
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VILLAGE OF RIVER GROVE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT
2020 PUBLIC MEETING DATES

Board Meetings of the President & Board of Trustees - Senior Community Center /
Courtroom 2607 Thatcher Ave. 7:00 pm - 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month
Jan 02, 16 Feb 06, 20 Mar 05, 19 April 02, 16 May 07, 21 June 04, 18
July 02, 16 Aug 06, 20 Sept 03, 17 Oct 01, 15 Nov 05, 19 Dec 03, 17

Committee-of-the-Whole Meetings - Senior Community Center / Courtroom 2607
Thatcher Ave. 6:30 pm - 2nd Thursday of each month
Jan 09 Feb 13 Mar 12 April 09 May 14 June 11
July 09 Aug 13 Sept 10 Oct 08 Nov 12 Dec 10

Zoning Board of Appeals / Plan Commission - Chair: Stuart Bruce - Community Center /
Courtroom 2607 Thatcher 7:00 pm 2nd Tuesday of the month as needed, which may
include: Jan 14 Feb 11 Mar 10 April 14 May 12 June 09
July 14 Aug 11 Sept 08 Oct 13 Nov 10 Dec 08

Historical Commission Meetings - Chair: Mike Prokop - River Grove Library - 8638 Grand
Ave. 7:00 pm – 2nd Tuesday of the month (March to November)
Mar 10 Apr 14 May 12 June 9 July 14 Aug 11 Sep 8 Oct 13 Nov 10

Finance & Economic Development Committee Meetings - Chair: Trustee Michele Obaya
- Village Hall 10:00 am – 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month
Jan 9, 23 Feb 13, 27 Mar 12, 26 April 9, 23 May 14, 28 June 11, 25
July 9, 23 Aug 13, 27 Sept 10, 24 Oct 8, 22 Nov 12, 26 Dec 10, 24

Information Technology Committee Meetings - Chair: Trustee Roger Sewell - Village Hall
- 2621 N. Thatcher Ave. 6:30 pm on March 10 and Sept 8

License & Ordinance Committee Meetings - Chair: Trustee Lynn Bjorvik - Village Hall
2621 N. Thatcher Ave 11:00 am – 1st Tuesday of each month
Jan 07 Feb 04 Mar 03 April 07 May 05 June 02
July 07 Aug 04 Sept 01 Oct 06 Nov 03 Dec 01

Public Safety Committee Meetings - Chair: Trustee Christopher Lilly - Village Hall 2621 N.
Thatcher Ave 9:00am - 2nd Friday of every other month
Jan 10 Mar 13 May 15 July 10 Sept 11 Nov 13

Public Works Committee - Chair: Trustee Katie A. Muellner - Public Works Building -
2101 West Street 9:00am – 1st Monday of each month
Jan 6 Feb 3 Mar 2 April 6 May 4 June 1 July 6 Aug 3 Sept 7 Oct 5 Nov 2 Dec 7

Youth & Recreation Committee Meetings - Chair: Trustee Robert Thomas – Village Hall
2621 N. Thatcher Ave 6:00 pm – Quarterly on Thursdays, Jan 16 April 02 July 16 Oct 01

The following bodies meet as necessary. Dates, times, locations and Agendas will be
published or posted as required by law: Site Review Commission, TIF Joint Review Board,
Tree Board/Aesthetic Committee, BOCA Board of Appeals, Parade Board, Fair Housing
Review Board
12/19/2019 - 6539851
Dinner Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2020

HOSTED BY
Marjorie Manchen, Village Clerk River Grove

LOCATION
Da Luciano
8343 W. Grand Ave.
River Grove, IL 60171
708-453-1000

6:00 p.m. SOCIAL HOUR
6:30 p.m. DINNER

MENU
Appetizer
Brusselleta, Salad, Mostaccioli Tomato Sauce
Entrée (choice of 1)
Eggplant Parmigiana, Boneless Chicken Vesuvio w/Potato
Grilled Salmon Vesuvio w/Broccoli

Dessert
Tiramisu
Cash Bar
$30 Per Person

PROGRAM
Representative from the Cook County Recorder's Office

RSVP FOR DINNER BY Friday, January 3, 2020
Directly to Marjorie Manchen
mmanchen@rivergroveil.gov

Please remember - all reservations must be paid,
even if you are unable to attend.
Checks made payable to N/NWMC Association