



VILLAGE OF RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS

2621 Thatcher Avenue, River Grove, Illinois

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MINUTES

of the Village Board Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
held on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 6:00 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 08, 2022, 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 August 15, 2023, 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 Guerin at 6:05 p.m. Guerin led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

2. **ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE:**

Clerk Manchen took the roll of **board members** as follows:

Present in Person: President David B. Guerin and Clerk Marjorie A. Manchen, and Trustees Lynn M. Bjorvik, Robert C. Thomas, Christopher J. Lilly, Lora M. Lantgen and Benjamin E. Ramirez.

Absent: None.

Vacancy: One (1) Trustee position.

A Quorum was declared by Clerk Manchen.

Dept. Heads / Staff Present in Person: Village Engineer Mark Lucas; Police Chief Michael Konwinski; Comptroller Greg Peters; Asst. Chief of Fire Operations, Al Rios; Auxiliary Police Lt Peter Ungaro; HR/ Communications Dir. Shawn Campbell; Recreation Dir. Katie Muellner; and Building Dept. Dir. Jim Duffy.

3. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION OR PROCEEDING:** President Guerin commended members of the finance department including Comptroller Greg Peters and Finance Manager Janet M. Matthys, who were present, on their award entitled “Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.” The board, staff and members of the audience gave a standing ovation.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** President Guerin confirmed that the Board members previously received and reviewed the Minutes listed on tonight’s Agenda. A **Motion** was then made by Trustee Thomas, seconded by Trustee Bjorvik to **approve** the following Minutes and that they

be archived accordingly: **Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2023**. No questions were posed, and no discussion ensued. **Motion carried** unanimously on a Voice Vote.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**: Clerk Manchen summarized the “thank you” card received from Melrose Park Clerk Mary Ann Paolantonio. See attached copy of card.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**:

- a. **PUBLIC SAFETY**: Trustee Lilly read aloud the “public safety report” dated August 17, 2023, a copy of which is incorporated herein.
 - b. **PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES**: Trustee Thomas read aloud the report of Public Works Director Brock Leder dated August 17, 2023, a copy of which is incorporated herein.
 - c. **FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**: No report was submitted.
 - d. **LICENSE AND ORDINANCE**: Trustee Bjorvik read aloud the “Building Department Report for the month of July 2023” submitted by Building Dept Director Jim Duffy, a copy of which is incorporated herein.
 - e. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS**: Trustee Ramirez stated he did not have a report, and reminded all present of the Mobile Secretary of State services that will be in River Grove on August 22, 2023.
 - f. **YOUTH & RECREATION**: Trustee Lantgen read aloud the Recreation Department Board Report dated August 17, 2023, a copy of which is incorporated herein.
 - g. **CLERK’S REPORT**: Clerk Manchen read aloud her Clerk’s Report dated August 17, 2023, a copy of which is incorporated herein.
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7. **UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS**: None.

8. **RESOLUTIONS**:

a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-33**. President Guerin called Resolution 2023-R-33. Clerk Manchen read aloud the title or description of Resolution 2023-R-33 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-33. A Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Painting and Necessary Carpentry Repairs to the River Grove Historical House and Barn to Perfected Painting and Home Services of Roselle, IL for a Not-To-Exceed Cost of \$18,420.00 with Additional Contingency of \$3,000.00.

- President Guerin asked for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Thomas, seconded by Trustee Lantgen to **adopt Resolution 2023-R-33** as presented.

- Guerin and Public Works Director Brock Leder summarized this Resolution for all present. Guerin encouraged people to take a tour of the historical house.
- There were no questions or comments. No further discussion ensued.
- Guerin asked Clerk Manchen to take the Board’s vote; the roll call vote was taken by Manchen as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Bjorvik, Thomas, Lilly, Lantgen and Ramirez.
Nays: None.
Abstentions: None.
Absent: None.
Vacancy: One (1).

Motion Carried by a count of 5 “aye” votes to 0 “nay,” 0 abstain, 0 absent, and 1 vacancy.

b. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-34.** President Guerin called Resolution 2023-R-34. Clerk Manchen read aloud the title or description of Resolution 2023-R-34 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-34. A Resolution Approving Benefit Protection Leave for Daniel A. Tartaglia.

- President Guerin asked for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Lilly, seconded by Trustee Bjorvik to **adopt Resolution 2023-R-34** as presented.
- Guerin and Human Resource Dir. Campbell summarized this Resolution for all present.
- There were no questions or comments. No further discussion ensued.
- Guerin asked Clerk Manchen to take the Board’s vote; the roll call vote was taken by Manchen as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Bjorvik, Thomas, Lilly, Lantgen and Ramirez.
Nays: None.
Abstentions: None.
Absent: None.
Vacancy: One (1).

Motion Carried by a count of 5 “aye” votes to 0 “nay,” 0 abstain, 0 absent, and 1 vacancy.

c. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-35.** President Guerin called Resolution 2023-R-35. Clerk Manchen read aloud the title or description of Resolution 2023-R-35 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-35. A Resolution Proclaiming National Rail Safety Week and in Support of Rail Safety Education - September 18-24, 2023.

- President Guerin asked for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Lilly to **adopt Resolution 2023-R-35** as presented.
- Guerin summarized this Resolution for all present.
- There were no questions or comments. No further discussion ensued.

- Guerin asked Clerk Manchen to take the Board’s vote; the roll call vote was taken by Manchen as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Bjorvik, Thomas, Lilly, Lantgen and Ramirez.
Nays: None.
Abstentions: None.
Absent: None.
Vacancy: One (1).

Motion Carried by a count of 5 “aye” votes to 0 “nay,” 0 abstain, 0 absent, and 1 vacancy.

9. **ORDINANCES:**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16. President Guerin called Ordinance 2023-16. Clerk Manchen read aloud the title or description of Ordinance 2023-16 as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16. An Ordinance Amending Title VII (“Building Regulations”) of the Code of the Village of River Grove by Adding a New Chapter Entitled “Short-Term Rentals.”

- President Guerin asked for a Motion. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Bjorvik, seconded by Trustee Ramirez to **adopt Ordinance 2023-16** as presented.
- Guerin and Trustee Bjorvik summarized this Ordinance for all present.
- There were no questions or comments. No further discussion ensued.
- Guerin asked Clerk Manchen to take the Board’s vote; the roll call vote was taken by Manchen as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustees Bjorvik, Thomas, Lilly, Lantgen and Ramirez.
Nays: None.
Abstentions: None.
Absent: None.
Vacancy: One (1).

Motion Carried by a count of 5 “aye” votes to 0 “nay,” 0 abstain, 0 absent, and 1 vacancy.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

PAYING VILLAGE’S BILLS. A **Motion** was made by Trustee Bjorvik, seconded by Trustee Lilly antgen, **to authorize payment of all bills** in accordance with the list of warrants, dated **August 17, 2023** when funds are available, and vouchers are properly endorsed. No further discussion ensued. **Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

11. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** None.

12. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

There were no other public comments from the audience, and Communications Director Campbell stated that there were no public comments via e-mail or telephone.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, a Motion was made by Trustee Lilly, Seconded by Trustee Bjorvik, to adjourn this meeting at 6:29 p.m. **Motion carried** unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marjorie A. Manchen, JD, MMC
Village Clerk, Village of River Grove, Illinois



Public Safety Report
August 17, 2023

The fire department had **210** total calls in July, **130** EMS, and **80** Fire Related, included **7** fires in surrounding villages.

In local outreach, the RGFD had an engine participate in the Elmwood Park 4th of July Parade. RGFD also visited 2510 Davisson to give well wishes to their son for his enlistment into US Coast Guard, per the father's request (Herman Reyes).

Chief Konwinski has provided an update on a recent incident involving a weapon. On Monday August 14, 2023 at approximately 9:50 PM, officers responded to a shots fired call in the area of Fullerton Ave. and West Street. Witness statements disclosed that occupants from a SUV was chasing after another SUV, and at some point during and after the chase, the occupants from the SUVs exchanged gun fire with each other. Statements also disclosed that this incident was domestic related and carried over from a fight between families that occurred on Sunday in a neighboring town. Nobody was injured as a result of this incident, and investigators are working to uncover the identity of all those involved. Again, this was a domestic incident that unfortunately spilled into our town.

In other police news, all of our marked police vehicles have newly installed front facing and rear passenger Axon cameras (11 total). In addition to providing an extra level of transparency, this system establishes the platform that will be needed to meet the upcoming body camera mandate. On a side note, the village was awarded an additional \$2,096.00 bringing our total grant award to \$24,112.60 for the car camera project.

Officer Tony Ikis once again has been recognized by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) for his DUI enforcement. Officer Ikis consistently rises above what could be considered the norm in both DUI and traffic enforcement and is definitely an asset to our police department.

Finally, National Night Out was a success! Thank you to everyone who attended, including the police volunteers and PW for setting up the tents and benches.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher J. Lilly
Public Safety Trustee



Thursday August 17th, 2023

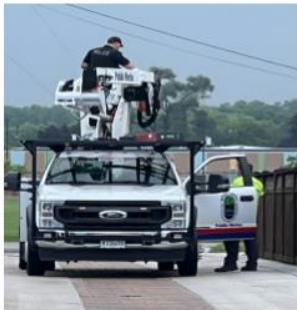
From the Desk of Director Brock Leder

This month, Public Works crews have been busy cleaning up parkways and off-street parking along Grand Avenue after the resurfacing project. Public Works has also been keeping up with our day to day chores of keeping River Grove clean and green for all to enjoy.

This week the Villages water tower has been taken out of service for its routine maintenance. Bill Pazdzioch, River Grove's Certified Water Operator and Water Department Superintendent has been keeping an eye on our water pressure at the pump house, making sure that there aren't any issues and we all have fresh clean water.

Pardon our Dust as Mayor David B. Guerin and our Village Officials continue to keep their promise to rebuild every alley in River Grove by the end of 2024. We have started phase 2 of the rebuild of the alleys on the 8600 and 8700 blocks of Palmer, Belden, and Lyndale. Each alley will take 28 days to complete. Please call the Public Works Department at 708-452-7055 if your garage is used to park your car and you would like a new apron. Please call before it's too late.

Thank You, Brock Leder



TEAM WORK

RIVER GROVE PUBLIC WORKS
AND POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKING TOGETHER.

Building Department

Village of River Grove Illinois 60171-1698
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BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2023

- 6 Vacant properties are being maintained by the Village for lawn maintenance
- 11 Citations were issued by the Building Department in July
- 3 New properties vacant or foreclosure were registered in July
- BSI back-flow program is 95.4% compliant thru July -691 total back-flow devices in the Village
- New inspections for July
 - 5-Property inspections
 - 3- Exempt inspections
- 12-Properties were sold in July
 - 3- Condos
 - 7- Single family
 - 2 – Apartment Buildings
- 84-Permits were issued in July for a total of **\$1,798,941**
 - 57-Permits for building and roofing
 - 23-Permits for electrical, plumbing and mechanical
 - 4-Permits for miscellaneous

- **Total permit fee's collected for July \$58,725**

Submitted by,
Jim Duffy
Building Department Director

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Lantgen, Lora

To: Manchen, Marjorie



Fri 8/18/2023 10:28 AM

Recreation Dept. Board Report 8/17/2023

Summer Bocce Ball has started and the teams love it. Trumbull has been beautifully remodeled for all ages and many activities.

We are inviting all ages to come out on Thursday Sept 21, after the board meeting and check out the Bocce courts. Whether you have a team or never played before, come out and say hi.. and see what Bocce is all about.

River Grove Baseball Fall Ball starts this Saturday.

Fall Rockets Softball is starting next weekend.

Flag Football season also starts on Sat Aug 26th.

We will host another Movie night on 9/22 at Sheltens Field. We will be watching "The Sandlot" starting at 7PM.

The Concession stand will be open. The information will be in the newsletter and water bill. Look for more details soon!

Thank you,
Lora M. Lantgen
Village of River Grove Trustee
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August 17, 2023

1) → On behalf of the River Grove Lions Club, “thank you” to the Mayor, Village Board, administration and the Public Works Department, and to everyone who attended the Steak & Lobster Fest on August 5, 2023. At the Fest, the Lions Club held its ribbon-cutting and grand opening of the Sensory Path which we expect to benefit our community for years to come.

2) → **Due Dates for Board Meeting Agenda Items.** The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2023, with all agenda items due by tomorrow, July 21, 2023, and certainly not later than July 28, 2023 for emergency or unexpected items. ... The sooner that legal and the Clerk’s office receive Agenda items, the sooner the agenda may be prepared and a draft one circulated.

And as always...

*****Department heads and Trustees,**

please remember to send in your board reports to the Clerk.

3) Leyden Family Services is holding their annual fundraiser on September 23, 2023 at 6 pm at River Forest Country Club. For further information, see the attached flyer.

Leyden Family Service and The SHARE Program
Into the Light
 Leyden Family Service and The SHARE Program
 21st Annual Fundraiser Gala
 Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 @ 6:00pm
 River Forest Country Club
 15W488 Grand Ave.
 Elmhurst, IL 60126

AUCTION/BASKET DONATIONS: Donation Items should be received no later than September 01, 2023
 We are seeking donations for the silent auction:
 Sports/Entertainment/Gift Cards
 Other: (Electronics, Collectibles, etc.) _____
 Estimated value of donated items: \$ _____

LOVE TO MAKE IT, COUNT ME IN! Ticket purchases should be received no later than September 01, 2023
 I would like to purchase # _____ tickets at \$150 each.
 I would like to purchase a reserved table for 10 at \$1250.

CAN'T MAKE IT BUT WOULD LIKE TO DONATE \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other _____

Sponsorship Levels (Please check box):
 Platinum Sponsorship - \$10,000 (table of 10) Gold Sponsorship - \$5,000 (6 dinner tickets)
 Silver Sponsorship - \$2,500 (3 dinner tickets)
 Entertainment Sponsorship - \$750 Wine Sponsorship \$750

Name:	Company Name (if applicable):	*Email:
Street Address:	City:	State:
Phone Number:		Zip Code:
Total Amount Enclosed: \$		*Email address must be included for table purchasers. We will contact you 2 weeks prior to the event for your invited guest names or email Christi Rocha at crocha@leydenfamilyservice.org

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:
 Leyden Family Service, 10001 W. Grand Avenue, Franklin Park, IL 60131
 Or visit <https://www.leydenfamilyservice.org/fr2023>

Payment Type:
 Check must be payable to: **Leyden Family Service Fundraiser**
 VISA discover MasterCard Credit Card payments are also accepted by phone at 847-451-0330
 Visa MasterCard Discover Card

Credit Card Number: _____
Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____
Questions: Please contact Jennifer Hamilton @ 847-451-0330 or Christi Rocha @ 847-451-5071
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Correspondence received:

