



VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SINE DIE MEETING  
Thursday, May 6, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

*I. Call to order:* The Sine Die Meeting of the Village of Riverside Board of Trustees was held in Room 4 of the Riverside Township Hall, 27 Riverside Road, Riverside, IL, on Thursday, May 6, 2021. President Sells called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Although the Board met in person, physical spacing was observed, and public access to the meeting site was limited. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the public was encouraged to watch from home, listen and participate in the meeting via the submission of written comments or via electronic means through Riverside TV or Zoom. The meeting was broadcast live on Riverside TV, streamed live on the Riverside TV website and a Zoom link was available on the village website.

*II. Roll Call:*

Present:	President Sells Trustee Collins Trustee Evans Trustee Gallegos Trustee Hannon Trustee Jisa Trustee Pollock
Absent:	None
Also Present:	Village Manager Frances Village Attorney Marris Village Clerk Haley

*III. Pledge of Allegiance*

*IV. Presentations / Public Comment*  
A. Public Comment – None.

**V. *Reports of Village Officers***

A. Village President's Report – None.

B. Village Manager's Report

Manager Frances stated that Staff has received feedback from residents regarding dandelions and the use of herbicides. She noted that the Village did not spray for dandelions last year as a proactive budgetary cut related to potential COVID-19 revenue shortfalls. Currently, the plan is to have Public Works mow until dark every night and possibly on the weekends until the dandelions stop sprouting flowers. This will most likely occur for the next two weeks and mowing will be weather dependent. The Board will discuss the use of herbicide at the May 20 meeting. Based on that discussion, staff will adjust the plan for maintaining the Village's green spaces accordingly.

Manager Frances also took a moment to thank President Sells, Trustee Collins and Trustee Jisa for their service to the community. She enumerated the many recent accomplishments Staff has been able to achieve under the guidance and direction of the Board: Creating Business Districts, updating the Village Code to allow Planned Unit Developments (PUDs), converting Commuter Lot 1 to a permeable parking lot, completing the Metra Intersection Improvements project, creating the WC3 consolidated dispatch center and centralized lockup for local police departments, creating a façade improvement grant program, securing grant funding for Swan Pond improvements, supporting the installation of a radio repeater system at Riverside Brookfield High School, purchasing and renovating 43 East Quincy Street for use as the new Parks & Recreation Community Center and securing over \$9.9 million in grant funding. She thanked the Board for their support and leadership.

**VI. *Approval of Consent Agenda***

President Sells read the Consent Agenda aloud.

A. Approval of Bills May 6, 2021

B. Approval of Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes April 15, 2021

C. Review and file Historical Commission Meeting Minutes February 15 and March 15, 2021

D. Motion to approve a Settlement Agreement and General Release of Claims – Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc.

E. A Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to approve a Change Order for the not to exceed amount of \$8,500 for rock salt used during the 2020-2021 snow and ice control season

F. A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Village of Riverside Flexible Benefit Plan pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act

G. A Resolution Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Personal Property owned by the Village of Riverside

H. A Resolution approving a Hardscape Permit Application for the installation of a Memorial Park Bench to be located in the Triangle Park across the street from 300 Scottswood Road

I. A Motion to approve a Special Event Application for a Drive In Movie in the St. Mary Parking Lot on Friday, May 14, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

President Sells asked if any of the Trustees required an item to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Hearing no requests, he called for a motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Trustee Gallegos made a motion** to approve. **Trustee Collins seconded** the motion.

**AYES:** Trustees Pollock Jisa, Gallegos, Evans, Hannon and Collins.

**NAYS:** None.

**Motion passed.**

#### ***VII. Reports of Department Heads and Trustee Liaisons***

President Sells noted that this would be the final meeting for himself, Trustee Collins and Trustee Jisa as they are all retiring and new Board members will be sworn in shortly. He opened the floor for comment.

Trustee Collins thanked President Sells for inviting her to serve on the Board. She said she would never have been able to serve without his support and encouragement. President Sells thanked Trustee Collins for being gracious enough to serve as a trustee on two occasions.

Trustee Jisa thanked everyone for their support during the past four years and praised Staff for their work on behalf of the community.

Trustee Evans thanked President Sells, Trustee Collins and Trustee Jisa for their service.

Trustee Pollock praised Staff and the Board for the accomplishments Manager Frances noted. He stated that he hopes residents appreciate how hard President Sells, Manager Frances, Village Staff and volunteer board and commission members have worked to achieve these accomplishments. He praised their teamwork and integrity. He thanked President Sells for his friendship and leadership.

President Sells thanked the community for their support during his eight years as Village President. He acknowledged that much has been accomplished through teamwork. He specifically called attention to several key people who have provided guidance to him during his time in office: most notably, his wife Jill Mateo, members of the numerous volunteer village boards and commissions, fellow trustees, village staff and Manager Frances. He noted that government exists to serve the will of the citizens and all anyone can do is try to leave the world a more beautiful place for those who will follow. He stated that he is excited to see what the future holds for Riverside because the new board will be led by an exceptional public servant in President Joseph Ballerine. He thanked everyone who has honored him with their trust over the years and stated that he looks forward to serving the community any way he is needed in the future.

#### ***VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions***

A. A Resolution and Proclamation declaring results of the election of certain municipal officers in the consolidated election held on April 6, 2021

Clerk Haley stated that the Consolidated Election was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. A new Village President and two new Village Trustee candidates were elected and incumbent Village Trustee Douglas Pollock was re-elected. The newly elected Village President is Joseph Ballerine. The newly elected Village Trustees are Megan Claucherty and Aberdeen Marsh-Ozga. The Cook County Clerk's office has completed the canvass of all votes cast and has issued the Official Certificate of Results for both of these contests.

President Sells called for a motion and second to approve the Resolution and Proclamation of the election results.

**Trustee Gallegos made a motion to approve. Trustee Pollock seconded the motion.**

**AYES:** Trustees Pollock, Jisa, Gallegos, Evans, Hannon, Collins.

**NAYS:** None.

**Motion passed.**

**IX. *Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials*** – Taken out of order.

- B. Village Trustee Megan Claucherty
- C. Village Trustee Aberdeen Marsh-Ozga
- D. Village Trustee Douglas Pollock

Clerk Haley administered the Oaths of Office to Trustees Claucherty, Marsh-Ozga and Pollock.

- A. Village President Joseph Ballerine

President Sells administered the Oath of Office to President Joseph Ballerine.

**X. *Adjourn Sine Die***

With the newly elected village officials sworn in and no further business to discuss, president Sells called for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting Sine Die.

**Trustee Gallegos made the motion. Trustee Pollock seconded the motion.**

**AYES:** Trustees Pollock, Jisa, Gallegos, Evans, Hannon and Collins.

**NAYS:** None.

**Motion passed.**

President Sells declared the meeting adjourned Sine Die at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Village Clerk Haley

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Date approved