

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 10, 2018
Leonard Robinson Family Center
22013 Governors Highway, Richton Park, Illinois

Call to Order: Supervisor Al Riley called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor Al Riley; Trustees Nick Bobis, Therese Goodrich, Elliott Johnson and Jackie Small (a quorum)

Officials Present: Assessor Sam Brown; Clerk Bobbie King; Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan

Others Present: Mark Mason, Interim Township Administrator; Frank Garrett, Attorney; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Laura Simmons, Road District Administrative Assistant

Approval of Bills: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #35110--35240 in the amount of \$218,308.18; General Assistance Fund checks #26718--26849 in the amount of \$102,297.16; Road District Fund checks #7100--7133 in the amount of 42,441.33; Donations Fund checks #1713--1715 in the amount of 1,509.84; for the period of 8/01/18 thru 8/31/18. Trustee Small's questions on specific payments were answered by Finance Director Alana Bates.

Approval Of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the August 6, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

NONE

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley attended the Bloom Township Annual Steak Fry, the Legislative Breakfast in Richton Park, the VFW Post 311's Veterans "Stand Down", and the AKA Expo. His Legislative Office hosted a cyber security forum and a shredding event. Supervisor Riley shared that Comcast, Inc. and Richton Park announced that free internet service for a year would be offered to veterans in an effort to close the digital divide for veterans.

Clerk: Clerk Bobbie King reported that passports, notary public requests and vehicle sticker sales are keeping her office busy.

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown reported that the tax appeals period with the Assessor opened September 4th and will close October 4th. He added that in 30 days or so after this appeal period, the Township will open to appeal with the Board of Review. Assessor Brown noted that he has attended two outreach events in conjunction with the Board of Review—in Park Forest and Country Club Hills. He has been working on documents for the CAFR. Assessor Brown attended a block party in the Trinity Creek Subdivision of Matteson as an outreach effort.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan reported that his staff cleaned up trees across some roads after the recent storms, and that they are constantly replacing culverts. He noted contract work on 205th—206th Streets. Highway Commissioner Jordan attended the Bloom Township Steak Fry and Matteson's Back to School event. He thanked Assessor Sam Brown for his assistance with a tax appeal, and noted that he would be hosting an employee appreciation lunch on October 5th.

Trustee Goodrich: Attended the Access to Care Luncheon and reminded everyone of the Park Forest Art Fair on September 15th and 16th. Trustee Goodrich requested an updated personnel sheet.

Trustee Johnson: Attended School District 159's opening of schools event, U.S. Senator John McCain's Homecoming Ceremony in Washington D.C., the TOCC Executive Board Meeting, the TOCC/MTA Educational Symposium, the TOCC Clerk's dinner meeting and the International Council for Black Women in Health Care Dinner where his wife, Hope was honored for her work in micro-biological research. Trustee Johnson also announced his wife's retirement, and that he would not be running again to sit on the School District 159 Board.

Trustee Bobis: Attended the TOCC Executive Board Meeting and the TOCC/MTA Educational Symposium—sharing information on some of the breakout seminars. Trustee Bobis noted that he would be visiting townships to encourage trustees to attend the TOCC meetings, and added that Rich Township would be hosting the TOCC Trustees Division Meeting on October 18th.

Trustee Small: Attended the Access to Care Luncheon. Trustee Small reported on the Comcast, Inc. "internet essentials" program for income eligible veterans, and added that Comcast donated \$2,000 to the VFW Post 311's building fund.

Attorney: Attorney Frank Garret reported on legislation effective January 2019 mandating that any sexual harassment settlements must be made public, and posted on the township's website.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Management Study and Audit/CAFR: Supervisor Riley reported that the Audit/CAFR was progressing, and also that work is being completed on historical data. He distributed an update on capital improvements, and a trustee management document packet for the trustees to review.

Board of Trustees Retreat Discussion: Postponed until October 1st meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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