

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 14, 2019
Leonard Robinson Family Center
22013 Governors Highway, Richton Park, Illinois

Call to Order: Supervisor Al Riley called the meeting to order at 5:33 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: Clerk Bobbie King; Assessor Sam Brown

Others Present: Nick Petrovski, Attorney; Mark Mason, Interim Township Administrator; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Laura Simmons, Road District Administrative Assistant; Everett James, Unincorporated Matteson; Jacqueline Franklin, Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller's Office

Approval of Bills: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #35584--35727 in the amount of \$251,189.91; General Assistance Fund checks #27250--27447 in the amount of \$60,423.74; Road District Fund checks #7214--7262 in the amount of 41,661.69; Donations Fund checks #1725--1728 in the amount of 2,174.57; for the period of 11/29/18 thru 01/10/19.

Approval Of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the December 3, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

Approval Of Executive Session Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the December 3, 2018 Board of Trustees Executive Session as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Everett James of Unincorporated Matteson questioned how he could be informed of events in the area involving law enforcement and/or emergencies, in order to answer residents' questions. Supervisor Al Riley suggested he contact local police departments, and Assessor Sam Brown commented that he could register for "Code Red" alerts on the Village of Matteson's website.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Jackie Small distributed a prospectus and a brochure regarding the VFW Post 311 located in Richton Park's need for a new building. She asked that the board consider a \$5,000 donation to help in achieving this goal. Supervisor Riley noted that Trustee Small is under contract to assist the VFW with this effort. Attorney Nick Petrovski suggested that Trustee Small can recuse herself from the vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Goodrich questioned if Management Consultant Carl Forn has been paid as she has not noticed any payments to him in the bill approval. Trustee Bobis noted that the township is spending nearly \$100,000 yearly in storage unit fees, and asked what else can be done? Supervisor Riley said that he would look into both issues, including if storage space can be added to the Rich Township Campus.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley noted the new Governor and new administration recently sworn in, and reported on recent legislation in Springfield that concerns townships. He commented that obtaining the monies from the DCEO Grant did not look favorable due to the prior administration. Supervisor Riley reported that Clerk King would now be attesting his signature on all payments.

Clerk: No report

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown reported that his office processed 460 tax appeals in December, adding that he also attended two outreach events by the Board of Review that are not included in the above total. His office is now busy assisting seniors with applying for and renewing senior exemptions. Assessor Brown noted that he is planning on meeting with the newly elected Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi regarding the south suburbs.

Highway Commissioner: Absent

Trustee Goodrich: Thanked Supervisor Riley for all he did for townships while he was serving as a State Representative.

Trustee Johnson: Attended the TOCC Board meeting, adding that their meeting in March would include honoring Supervisor Riley. Trustee Elliott Johnson reported that the long time Schaumburg Township Clerk Tim Heneghan's wife had passed.

Trustee Bobis: Attended the Southern Pines Homeowners meeting where residents commended the township assessor's department for their efficient service. Trustee Nick Bobis reported on the upcoming TOCC Trustees Division meeting, and commented on the high attendance expected.

Trustee Small: Attended the holiday party hosted by Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan, the VFW Post 311's holiday party for indigent children, and participated in a "day of service" at Generations at Applewood Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Attorney: No report

Executive Session: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board approved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Supervisor Riley excused Clerk Bobbie King, Assessor Sam Brown, Mark Mason, Interim Township Administrator; Deputy Clerk Debbie Pascarella, Laura Simmons, Road District Administrative Assistant and the public from the Executive Session Meeting.

REGULAR SESSION

At 7:07 p.m. the Board reconvened to Regular Session.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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