

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 4, 2019
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: Clerk Bobbie King; Assessor Sam Brown; Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan

Others Present: Frank Garrett, Attorney; Mark Mason, Interim Township Administrator/General Assistance Director; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Laura Simmons, Road District Administrative Assistant; Pat Peters, Transportation Director; Stan Latting, General Assistance Case Manager; Bethany Latting, General Assistance; Everett James, Unincorporated Matteson

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 #35728--35794 in the amount of \$152,604.36; General Assistance Fund checks #27448--27501 in the amount of \$22,674.29; Road District Fund checks #7263--7276 in the amount of 25,393.57; Donation Fund check #1729 in the amount of 1,081.25; for the period of 01/11/19 thru 02/01/19.

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 January 14, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

Approval Of Executive Session Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the January 14, 2019 Board of Trustees Executive Session as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Authorize the Township Supervisor to Hire an Administrative Assistant: Trustee Goodrich expressed concern about room in the current budget for this position. Motion made by Trustee Johnson, but motion dies due to lack of a second.

Motion to Approve List of Contractual and Emergency Bills: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board of Trustees approved the list of contractual and emergency bills effective February 4, 2019.

Budget Presentations Transportation Director Pat Peters presented the Transportation Department's budget proposal. General Assistance Director Mark Mason and Case Manager Stan Latting presented the General Assistance Department's budget proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Goodrich noted that there was still no payment to Management Consultant Carl Forn. Trustees Bobis, Goodrich and Small questioned what happens to items in "New Business" that are not voted on or resolved. Trustee Bobis cited the Board of Trustees retreat and the Tim Bradford Award as examples. Attorney Frank Garrett said it is a procedural issue that involves the Supervisor, Clerk and the Board. Trustee Goodrich asked if there would be a workshop regarding the budget. Supervisor Riley replied yes, and added that the trustees should feel free to come into the township or call anytime to discuss their concerns.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley reported on legislation concerning townships. He noted that he attended the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Boy Scout Troop 185 in Park Forest, where he was a co-leader when his sons were Boy Scouts.

Clerk: Clerk Bobbie King noted that the names of the officials and staff that should file a Statement of Economic Interest have been submitted to the Cook County Ethics Department, adding that they should be received by email in March.

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown reported that his office assisted over 700 residents with their exemptions. He attended the TOCC Trustees Division meeting, and a Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation forum, where Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi was the keynote speaker. He added that later this month, he will be on a panel speaking about property taxes for a 57 Chamber event. Assessor Brown announced that one of his assistants, Kelly Hamilton was leaving the township to accept another position.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan attended the swearing-in ceremony for U.S. Congresswoman Robin Kelly and inaugural events for newly elected Governor J.B. Pritzker, and was on his inaugural committee. He also attended the Dr. King Day event at Operation Push, and later that day, he received an award from Southland Ministers. Highway Commissioner Jordan noted that his Foreman Dan Zettler goes far and beyond in so many ways, adding that he does welding on their equipment which saves the township a lot of money.

Trustee Goodrich: Attended the TOCC Trustees Division meeting, and a luncheon event celebrating the 70th Birthday of Park Forest, and 34 years of operations for the Park Forest Historical Society. Trustee Therese Goodrich announced that this year's Park Forest Hall of Fame inductees would be announced at an event at Freedom Hall on April 7th.

Trustee Johnson: Attended the TOI Legislative meeting, the TOCC nominations committee meeting, and was the Illinois delegate at the National School Board Association's Advocacy Institute conference. Trustee Elliott Johnson extended his congratulations to Trustee Bobis on an excellent TOCC Trustees Division meeting.

Trustee Bobis: Attended the TOCC Trustees Division meeting, adding that it was a huge success, and that 53 members from 18 townships attended. Trustee Nick Bobis reported that he along with the TOCC Trustee Board met with several townships regarding programs that can be offered to residents at little or no cost.

Trustee Small: Attended the TOCC Trustees Division meeting. Trustee Jackie Small noted that she had received several calls from residents praising the Assessor's Office for their assistance. She also commended General Assistance Director Mark Mason for his attention to the federal workers furlough situation.

Attorney: No report

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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