

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 9, 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, Elliott Johnson and Jackie Small (a quorum)

Officials Present: Assessor Sam Brown, Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan

Others Present: Neal Smith, Attorney; Mark Mason, Interim Township Administrator/General Assistance Director; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Denise McMullen, Unincorporated Matteson; Val Arnold, Auditor/Arnold Knox, LLC

Approval of Bills: Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #36504--36626 in the amount of \$209,779.98; General Assistance Fund checks #28257--28419 in the amount of \$56,627.06; Road District Fund checks #7461--7498 in the amount of 49,440.52; Donation Fund check #1739 in the amount of 129.68; for the period of 07/31/19 thru 08/29/19.

Approval Of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the August 5, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting as amended.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Accept 2019 Audit: Supervisor Al Riley introduced the Auditor, Val Arnold, CPA, of Arnold Knox, LLC. She presented the 2019 audit in draft form, adding that she would email the complete final copy, and make any recommendations at an upcoming meeting. Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board accepted the 2019 audit.

Discussion Regarding Board of Trustees Retreat: Supervisor Riley explained that the retreat could include sexual harassment training, and a look forward to next year. He suggested choosing a mutually convenient date. Attorney Neal Smith offered his firm's conference room at the downtown office for the retreat. Trustee Bobis requested that provisions on how the township would handle the new recreational marijuana law be added to the personnel handbook. Trustee Bobis asked if the retreat would be keeping in line with the original intent, and suggested the board get input from Trustee Goodrich. Trustee Small added that she hoped the retreat would help the board address various issues.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Riley reported that a preliminary survey of the township campus was completed by Robinson Engineering, and on a meeting with Robinson Engineering and the Village of Richton Park. He added that the Village of Richton Park was very receptive and amenable to the storage building project.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley informed the board of the passing of the First Lady of Hazel Crest, Diane Alsberry.

Clerk: Absent/No report

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown reported that he attended several Assessor outreach events. He noted that his office assisted 189 residents in August. Assessor Brown added that the township is now scheduled to open for Assessor property tax appeals on September 13th through October 11th. He commented that the new appointment system is working very well. Assessor Brown attended his 50th year high school reunion.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan noted that some homeowners are walking away from unincorporated properties, adding that maintaining the abandoned properties is a deterrent to crime. He attended several back to school events, his fraternity picnic, and the Maynegaitte Homeowners family picnic.

Trustee Goodrich: Absent

Trustee Johnson: No report

Trustee Bobis: Attended the TOCC Clerk's Division meeting, where he presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lemont's Deputy Clerk for alerting her board to events and meetings of the TOCC Trustees Division. Trustee Nick Bobis also attended the Township Officials of Cook County, the Metropolitan Township Association, and the Township Officials of DuPage County Summer Symposium.

Trustee Small: Attended Governors State University's VIP Reception and Convocation, GSU's 50th anniversary celebration, and the Benjamin O. Davis VFW Post 311's Veteran "Stand Down". She commented that there were over 200 indigent veterans that attended the event. Trustee Jackie Small attended her first TOCC Trustees Division Board meeting as a Director.

Attorney: No report

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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