

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 4, 2019
Leonard Robinson Family Center
22013 Governors Highway, Richton Park, Illinois

Call to Order: Supervisor Al Riley called the meeting to order at 5:32 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, 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; Laura Simmons, Road District Administrative Assistant ; Pat Peters, Transportation Director; Mark Pries, Village of Park Forest Finance Director; Tom Mick, Village Manager of Park Forest; Everett James, Unincorporated Cook County

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 #36711--36813 in the amount of \$206,345.69; General Assistance Fund checks #28544--28665 in the amount of \$40,934.76; Road District Fund checks #7535--7557 in the amount of 37,699.73; Donations Fund check #1741 in the amount of 131.72; for the period of 10/01/19 thru 10/29/19.

Approval of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the October 7, 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 October 7, 2019 Board of Trustees Executive Session as presented.

PUBLIC PETITION

Everett James of Unincorporated Matteson expressed his concerns regarding the recent flooding that left a street closed for nearly a week. Highway Commissioner Jordan noted that all the construction in the area has not helped the situation, and that he has met with Cook County engineers and they intend to do a study.

Village Manager of Park Forest Tom Mick and Village of Park Forest Finance Director Mark Pries addressed the board about the downtown Park Forest TIF extension.

Executive Session: Trustee Johnson expressed his concern that an administrative assistant position had not been approved at a prior meeting. Trustee Johnson made a motion 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; and/or for any other lawful exception set forth in Section 2(c). Motion failed for lack of a second.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 19-09 Approving the 2020 Para Transit Service Provider Agreement Between Rich Township and Pace, and Authorizing Execution of the Agreement: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board of Trustees approved Ordinance 19-09 executing the Township's agreement with Pace Para Transit.

Motion to Approve 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board of Trustees approved the schedule for the 2020 Board of Trustees Meetings.

Motion to Approve 2020 Holiday Schedule: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board of Trustees approved the 2020 holiday schedule as presented on the November 4, 2019 memo.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Riley reported on the completion of the shut off valve/flooding issue project and the sinking manhole repairs project. He noted the power outage to the Family Center building on October 21st, and added that he plans to go to bid on a generator for that building. Supervisor Riley reported that he is hoping to hire a communications consultant as an independent contractor soon.

Supervisor Riley attended the Taste of Matteson event, St. John's golf outing, and modeled in the Food Pantry's Sunday Extravaganza fundraiser.

Clerk: Absent/No report

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown attended the TOCC Trustee Division dinner meeting and an Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO) concert. Assessor Brown reported that his office assisted 323 taxpayers with Assessor tax appeals in October.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan reported that the road district has gone to bid for a 2019 dump truck with snow plow attachments. He thanked his staff for being “on top of” the early snow storm. Highway Commissioner Jordan attended the Taste of Matteson event, several Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority events, and modeled in the Food Pantry’s Sunday Extravaganza fundraiser.

Trustee Goodrich: Attended Park Forest’s memorial service program and Fallen Firefighter Silent Parade, Kiwanis’ Pancake Day, the Food Pantry’s Sunday Extravaganza fundraiser, Rich Township High School District 227’s board meeting, Park Forest’s public meeting on cannabis, the St. Irenaeus’ Spaghetti Dinner, the IPO Fashion Show and luncheon, the TOCC Trustee Division dinner meeting, the Chicago Heights/Park Forest Rotary Club meeting and the AARP safe driving class at our senior center.

Trustee Johnson: Attended School District 159’s board meeting, a National School Board Association (NASB) meeting, and has been asked to be a Planning and Zoning Commissioner in Matteson.

Trustee Bobis: Attended Maine Township’s board meeting, and the TOCC Trustee Division dinner meeting, adding that 18 townships had a representative present.

Trustee Small: Attended the TOCC Trustee Division dinner meeting, the Food Pantry’s Sunday Extravaganza fundraiser, and the services for Charles and Iristeen Hunt, members of VFW Post 311, who died in a parking garage accident in Indianapolis.

Attorney: Attorney Neal Smith reported on a recently issued ruling from the Attorney General’s office regarding the Open Meetings Act.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Johnson, 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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