

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 2, 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: 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; Michelle Hart, GSU Government Studies Student

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 #36814--36933 in the amount of \$324,039.90; General Assistance Fund checks #28666--28775 in the amount of \$50,464.51; Road District Fund checks #7558--7583 in the amount of \$54,841.43; Donations Fund check #1742 in the amount of \$370.24; for the period of 10/30/19 thru 11/21/19.

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 November 4, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITION

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 19-10 Approval of Town, GA, Insurance, Social Security and IMRF Tax Levy: Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and passed by a vote of four ayes (Supervisor Riley, Trustees Bobis, Goodrich and Johnson) and one abstain (Trustee Small), the Board approved approved Ordinance 19-10.

Ordinance 19-11 Approval of Tax Levy Reduction Allocation: Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board of Trustees approved Ordinance 19-11.

Ordinance 19-12 Approval of Road District Tax Levy: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board of Trustees approved Ordinance 19-12.

Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes: Attorney Frank Garrett noted that the executive session minutes contain employee issues, and the need for confidentiality still exists. Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board agreed for this reason not to release any executive session minutes at this time, and will review them again in six months.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the Contract for a Public Relations Consultant: Supervisor Riley reported that he would like to employ Mary Ann Thornton as Public Relations Consultant, and shared some of her accomplishments and work history. Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board of Trustees approved hiring Mary Ann Thornton as an independent contractor as a Public Relations Consultant, and to fix the salary at \$1,750/month.

Trustee Small requested the status of GSU's Rich Township Community Scholarship donation. Supervisor Riley noted that it was an appropriated budget item.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley attended the Village of Richton Park's Veterans Day Parade, the TOI Annual Education Conference, and commended G.A. Director Mark Mason for being awarded Social Worker of the Year at the conference. He also had a meeting with Wintrust Bank.

Clerk: Absent/No report

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown reported that his department assisted 150 clients in November, and is preparing for the upcoming Board of Review appeal period. He attended the TOI Annual Education Conference and the Village of Matteson’s Senior Luncheon.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan attended the Village of Richton Park’s Veterans Day parade and the Village of Matteson’s Senior Luncheon. He noted that Superintendent of Matteson School District 162 and CEO of Southland College Prep Charter High School, Dr. Blondean Davis received the “Woman of Excellence” award from the Chicago Defender.

Trustee Goodrich: Attended a Rich Township High School District #227 board meeting, the Council of Churches Thanksgiving Program, the holiday sale opening of the Tall Grass Gallery, and a Village of Park Forest board meeting where several police officers were honored with the Award of Valor, and a new officer was sworn in. Trustee Therese Goodrich reported on born and raised in Park Forest, and internationally renowned folk singer Buddy Mondlock’s concert.

Trustee Johnson: No report

Trustee Bobis: Attended the TOI Annual Education Conference, the Schaumburg Township board meeting, and visited several venues for possible future TOCC Trustee Division meetings.

Trustee Small: Attended the TOI Annual Education Conference, and was a speaker at the memorial service for Burt Dikelsky, former Executive Director of GSU’s Center for Performing Arts.

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 7:15 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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