

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 16, 2019
Leonard Robinson Family Center
22013 Governors Highway, Richton Park, Illinois

Call to Order: Supervisor Al Riley called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor Al Riley; Trustees Nick Bobis, Therese Goodrich, and Jackie Small (a quorum)

Officials Present: None

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; Mary Ann Thornton, Public Relations Consultant

Bill Review: Bills for the time period of 11/22/19 through 12/10/19 were reviewed.

Trustee Jackie Small asked where she could find the \$5,000 budgeted for the annual scholarships the township awards to high school seniors. Finance Director Alana Thompson responded that it was under A-29/Scholarships and Trophies.

Approval of 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 November 18, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Al Riley reported that the grant per person for General Assistance had recently increased from \$304/month to \$312/month per the Illinois Department of Human Services.

He noted that the township CDL drivers must be registered in the federally mandated Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Program.

Supervisor Riley updated the board on Senate Bill 75 regarding sexual harassment protections, adding that there would be sexual harassment training conducted for elected officials and staff.

Supervisor Riley reported that the township's exterior cameras picked up a recent accident on Governors Highway, in front of the town hall building. The video was requested by FOIA, and will be provided.

Supervisor Riley updated the board on the status of the proposed storage facility, generator search, and township investment policy.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Riley introduced Mary Ann Thornton, the Township's new Public Relations Consultant. She shared some of her past work experiences, including her employment with the Village of South Holland and the DuSable Museum of African American History. Public Relations Consultant Thornton added that she looks forward to working with the board and the staff of Rich Township.

Trustee Nick Bobis shared several other townships' newsletters.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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