

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 3, 2020
Leonard Robinson Family Center
22013 Governors Highway, Richton Park, Illinois

Call to Order: Supervisor Al Riley called the meeting to order at 5:33 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; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Laura Simmons, Road District Administrative Assistant; Paula Farr, Deputy Assessor

Approval of Bills: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #37069--37146 in the amount of \$181,120.51; General Assistance Fund checks #28903---29009 in the amount of \$32,704.45; Road District Fund checks #7609--7634 in the amount of \$39,033.79; for the period of 01/03/20 thru 01/28/20.

Approval of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 20-01 Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Park Forest and Rich Township in Regard to Access to Park Forest Municipal Fuel: Supervisor Al Riley explained that this applied to all of the Transportation Department vehicles. Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution 20-01.

Motion to Name the Rich Township Good Citizenship Scholarship Awards the “Tim Bradford Memorial Scholarship Awards”: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved renaming the Rich Township Good Citizenship Scholarship Awards the “Tim Bradford Memorial Scholarship Awards”. Trustee Bobis commented that he would like a statement about Tim Bradford for the scholarship presentation at the schools.

Ordinance 20-01 Approving Town Fund Transfer of Appropriations: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 20-01.

Ordinance 20-02 Approving General Assistance Fund Transfer of Appropriations: Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 20-02

Ordinance 20-03 Approving Road and Bridge Transfer of Appropriations: Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 20-03

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley reported that he is conducting budget reviews with department heads. He reiterated the importance of security at the township, and is reviewing options. Supervisor Riley noted a new Surviving Spouse Tax Abatement program administered by the Cook County Board of Review. This program serves surviving spouses of a fallen police officer, soldier or rescue worker. Supervisor Riley updated the board on his meeting with Robinson Engineering regarding the proposed storage facility.

Clerk: Absent/No report

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown reported that the Board of Review appeals process ended January 8th, and his office has now been busy assisting taxpayers with exemptions. His office has completed 100 property tax appeals and 209 exemptions in January. Assessor Brown noted that his office is working out a few kinks in the new appointment system. He attended several outreach events, the Cook County Assessor’s lunch meeting, and a Concerned Neighbors of Matteson (CNOM) meeting.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan noted that the area has had more ice than snow recently. He attended several Martin Luther King, Jr. Day events and Richton Park's health fair.

Trustee Goodrich: Absent

Trustee Johnson: Updated the board on his daughter's injuries and recovery after an accident in California.

Trustee Bobis: Attended a TOCC Trustees Division dinner meeting regarding parliamentary procedure, adding that 54 people representing 26 townships attended. Trustee Nick Bobis noted the next TOCC Trustees Division meeting is March 12th and is regarding "Tips and Tricks in Relation to Budget Presentation".

Trustee Small: No report

Attorney: No report

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

_____ Supervisor	_____ Clerk
Approval by the Board of Trustees	Date: _____

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