

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 6, 2020

Remote meeting held via teleconference (as permitted by Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07)

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, Therese Goodrich, Elliott Johnson, Jackie Small (a quorum)

Officials Present: Assessor Sam Brown, Clerk Bobbie King, 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

Approval of Bills: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund check #37302, and checks #37619*--37677* in the amount of \$166,119.54; General Assistance Fund checks #29336*--29349* in the amount of \$13,836.92; Road District Fund checks #7753*--7759* in the amount of \$17,057.38; for the period of 03/12/20 thru 04/01/20.

*denotes Old Plank Trail Bank

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 March 16, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

NONE

ANNUAL REPORTS

Supervisor Riley presented the Annual Treasurer's Report, and Highway Commissioner Jordan presented the Road District's financial report and inventory.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 20-04 Approving Amendment to Rich Township Flex HRA Plan 105: Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution 20-04.

Ordinance 20-04 Approving Town Fund Transfer of Appropriations: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 20-04

Ordinance 20-05 Approving General Assistance Transfer of Appropriations: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 20-05.

Ordinance 20-06 Approving Road and Bridge Transfer of Appropriations: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 20-06.

Motion to Approve Salary Adjustments: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved the employee wages as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley reported on the essential services still being provided during the Covid-19 Pandemic. He added that all staff and volunteers coming in contact with the public, such as for the Food Pantry distribution and Meals on Wheels program are following all safety protocols. He noted that he has been constantly updating the township's website with useful and timely information. Supervisor Riley noted that reports should still be completed for the Annual Town Meeting, as there has been no cancellation to date. Supervisor Riley reported that the township's quarterly newsletter was mailed out at the end of March. He provided his cell phone number to board members.

Clerk: Deputy Clerk Debbie Pascarella reported that notice of the public hearings for the Town Fund and Road and Bridge Budgets were submitted to the newspaper. Also submitted was the legal notice of the Annual Town Meeting Agenda, as no cancellation has been announced. She reminded board members to complete their Statement of Economic Interest.

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown reported that his department assisted 216 clients in March, mostly with Senior Exemptions. He added that while the township office is closed to the public, his staff has been busy fielding phone calls and emails assisting taxpayers. Assessor Brown noted that the reassessments may be delayed, and that the Cook County tax sale in May has been postponed indefinitely.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan reported that his staff is checking the roads daily. He added that his department's annual tree trimming is likely to be rescheduled.

Trustee Goodrich: No report

Trustee Johnson: No report

Trustee Bobis: No report

Trustee Small: No report

Attorney: Attorney Neal Smith shared a memo from the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) regarding the Annual Town Meeting.

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