

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 18, 2020

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

Call to Order: Supervisor Al Riley called the meeting to order at 5:06 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: Clerk Bobbie King

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

Bill Review: Bills for the time period of 05/01/20 through 05/14/20 were reviewed.

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 April 20, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Goodrich asked when the next Township newspaper would be mailed out, Supervisor Riley responded that it would likely be mid-June. Trustee Bobis noted that he hoped that the issue of some residents not receiving the last newsletter, including him, would be rectified. Supervisor Riley noted that it is a bulk mail data base being used. He added that the senior newsletter, The Rich Years, has been on hiatus during the pandemic.

Supervisor Riley reported on a teleconference meeting with Park Forest Village Manager Tom Mick regarding the continuation of billing for Jolly Trolley transportation services provided by the township, and health services for residents provided by the Village of Park Forest.

Supervisor Riley reported on meetings with Robinson Engineering and the Village of Richton Park regarding the proposed storage building.

Supervisor Riley reported that residents have been receiving assistance from staff via phone, emails and faxes during the pandemic. He noted that the proposed resolution regarding hazard pay during Covid-19 was for employees that are in critical positions, and that are coming into the office during the governor's stay at home order. Trustee Bobis requested a list of employees eligible for the hazard pay. Trustee Small noted a comment by Assessor Brown regarding his staff calling him, and requesting to come into the office. Supervisor Riley added that he would be bringing this resolution back before the board at the June meeting.

Trustee Goodrich requested a report regarding the Food Pantry's Gala fundraiser indicating expenses and profit.

Supervisor Riley noted that the annual audit would be conducted beginning in June.

Trustee Small suggested the possibility of obtaining disposable masks to distribute to the public.

Trustee Johnson congratulated Supervisor Riley on his election as President of the TOCC Supervisors Division.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Riley updated the board regarding the safety protocols at the township, and guidelines for reopening to the public. He noted that in addition to face masks being required and social distancing, he plans on utilizing plexiglass shields, and possibly new modes of entry/exit as additional ways to protect residents and employees.

Trustee Bobis reported that TOCC has suggested that the Cook County Township Day event proceed on or near June 20th as a virtual event. Trustee Bobis suggested that consideration be given to having this event in the fall, when hopefully it could be more "hands on". Supervisor Riley reported that the township would participate virtually, adding that Public Relations Consultant Mary Ann Thornton will video departments and equipment, etc., and perhaps drive thru shredding of documents can be available.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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