

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 2, 2015
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, Therese Goodrich, and Jackie Small (a quorum)

Officials Present: Clerk Bobbie King, Assessor Carol Ranieri

Others Present: Tim Bradford, Township Administrator; Neal Smith, Attorney; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Mark Mason, G. A. Director and Assistant to the Administrator; Pat Peters, Transportation Director; Kelley Nichols-Brown, Richton Park Library Director; Paula Farr, Matteson

Approval of Bills: Failed to receive approval.

Approval Of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the January 5, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Richton Park Library Director Kelly Nichols-Brown reported on recent events at the library, adding that Supervisor Riley has attended all events for the library. She reported that the library was chosen for the cover of the Illinois Library Association Reporter magazine. Library Director Nichols-Brown distributed the library newsletter and calendar of upcoming classes and events.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley attended the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) dinner meeting and Matteson Business Association meeting. He noted that he received the “Outstanding Legislator of the Year” Awards from the Illinois Association of Park Districts and Will County Farm Bureau.

Supervisor Riley presented Trustee Therese Goodrich with a House Resolution honoring her husband John Goodrich.

Clerk: Clerk Bobbie King noted that the names of those officials and staff that should file a Statement of Economic Interest have been submitted to the Cook County Ethics Department, adding that they should be received in March.

Assessor: Assessor Carol Ranieri reported that the township is open for senior freeze exemptions until at least March. She thanked Highway Commissioner Jordan and his staff for how well the unincorporated roads have been plowed.

Highway Commissioner: Absent

Trustee Goodrich: Distributed and read a statement (attached). Trustee Therese Goodrich reminded everyone that the Diversity Dinners will take place on April 23rd.

Trustee Johnson: Absent

Trustee Bobis: Attended the TOCC Trustees Division meeting, and the TOCC Board Meeting, adding that he is on the marketing committee for TOCC. Trustee Nick Bobis noted that he is helping to sort clothes being donated to Tabitha House in Park Forest.

Trustee Small: Reported that Cook County- 6th District’s unsung heroine, Jean Bernstein of Park Forest will be honored on March 6th at the Cultural Center downtown. Trustee Jackie Small asked to be notified when the audit is conducted.

Attorney: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Township Administrator Tim Bradford reported that he and Finance Manager Carney Barr had their salaries cut by 5%, along with all hourly paid employees being cut back to 35 hours per week.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Presentations—Assessor’s Office, Transportation and General Assistance Departments distributed their budget proposals.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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