

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**January 13, 2014**  
Leonard Robinson Family Center  
22013 Governors Highway, Richton Park, Illinois

**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 and Jackie Small (a quorum)

**Officials Present:** Clerk Bobbie King; Assessor Carol Ranieri, Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan

**Others Present:** Tim Bradford, Township Administrator; Carney Barr, Finance Manager; Frank Garrett, Attorney; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Lynette Elmore, Assistant to the Highway Commissioner; Diane Sykes, Rich Township Newspaper Editor; Kelley Nichols-Brown, Richton Park Library Director; Judge Raymond Funderburk, Circuit Court of Cook County

**Town Fund, General Assistance Fund, Road District Fund, Donation Fund and Senior Companion Fund:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #26517--26770 in the amount of \$578,479.91; General Assistance Fund checks #18935--19119 in the amount of \$40,646.71; Road District Fund checks #5439--5511 in the amount of \$53,149.87; Donations Fund checks #1523--1529 in the amount \$3,310.54; and Senior Companion Fund checks #8651--8707 in the amount of \$22,499.35 for the period of 11/23/13 thru 12/31/13.

**Approval Of Minutes:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the December 2, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

**PUBLIC PETITIONS**

Kelly Nichols-Brown, Director of the Richton Park Library, updated the board on the progress of the construction of the new library. She also noted upcoming library events.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS

**Supervisor:** Supervisor Al Riley attended several holiday parties, the Southland Chamber of Commerce luncheon, the 100 Black Men mentoring meeting, two legislative breakfasts, and two Illinois Department of Transportation meetings--one regarding the Illiana Expressway, the other regarding the proposed airport.

Supervisor Riley explained that he would be appointing seven people to a township "Mental Health Advisory Committee", that will monitor and report to the board on mental health issues in Rich Township. He added that names of volunteers for this committee should be submitted to him soon.

Supervisor Riley noted his decision to keep the township open during the recent life-threatening snow and cold, adding that we were here for those residents that needed our services.

**Clerk:** No report.

**Assessor:** Assessor Carol Ranieri noted that Rich Township closed for Board of Review appeals on December 20<sup>th</sup>, and that she has no results as of yet. Assessor Ranieri reported that Rich Township is now open for Senior Tax Exemption and Senior Freeze applications, adding that her office has assisted 150 people in the last few days. She noted that last year 4,200 people visited her office, and that there were 2,200 phone calls. Assessor Ranieri commended her staff--Kelly Hamilton and new employees Paula Farr and Terri Littlejohn for their excellent work.

**Highway Commissioner:** Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan reported that his annual holiday party for seniors was successful and enjoyed by all. Commissioner Jordan noted that his staff has worked very hard and stayed on top of the snow and ice of the past 21 days. He commended them on their excellent work.

**Trustee Goodrich:** Reported on the need for the overnight PADS program despite that there is a permanent site now. She noted that with the snow and extreme cold PADS sites have been very active.

**Trustee Johnson:** Attended school district #159, Southland Chamber of Commerce, and our senior holiday parties. He also noted that he was appointed Economic Development Commissioner for Village of Olympia Fields, and to the National Council on STEM Education in Washington D.C.

**Trustee Bobis:** Attended the TOCC Trustee Division meeting, and the Chicago Southland Regional Consensus Luncheon. Trustee Bobis also noted that he was beginning to organize the clothing drive at his church to benefit Tabitha Clothing Pantry in Park Forest.

**Trustee Small:** Reported that she is a member of the Cook County Commission on Women, and that \$3000.00 was recently donated to PADS for homeless women. She added that she is looking for nominations for unsung woman heroes.

**Attorney:** No report

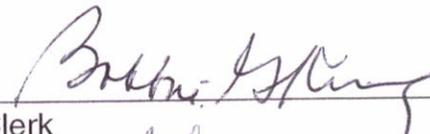
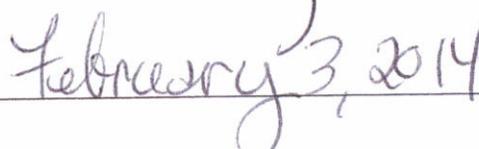
**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Administration of Oath of Office to Assessor Carol Ranieri:** Judge Raymond Funderburk of the 1<sup>st</sup> Municipal District Circuit Court of Cook County administered the oath of office to Assessor Carol Ranieri.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Supervisor	Clerk
Approval by the Board of Trustees	Date: 

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