

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**May 6, 2019**

**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:** Assessor Sam Brown, Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan

**Others Present:** Neal Smith, Attorney; Mark Mason, Interim Township Administrator/General Assistance Director; Carney Barr, Finance Advisor; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Laura Simmons, Road District Administrative Assistant; Jeff Schoeling, EMA Director; Everett James, Unincorporated Matteson

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Al Riley announced that this Public Hearing was being held to present Rich Township's 2019-2020 Town Fund and Road & Bridge Budgets and Appropriations ordinances. He noted that the budget could be amended to donate to VFW Post 311's Building and Renovation Fund. Trustee Goodrich made a motion to approve \$2,500 to VFW Post 311 for their building fund, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and motion failed to pass by a roll call vote of two ayes (Trustees Bobis and Goodrich), two nays (Supervisor Riley and Trustee Johnson) and one abstention (Trustee Small). Supervisor Riley answered questions regarding the proposed Budget and Appropriations Ordinances 19-06 and 19-07; he then closed the hearing, and reconvened the Board Meeting.

**Approval of Bills:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #36008--36127 in the amount of \$268,714.13; General Assistance Fund checks #27723--27850 in the amount of \$45,307.52; Road District Fund checks #7338--7363 in the amount of 71,804.63; Donation Fund checks #1735--1736 in the amount of 332.50; for the period of 03/27/19 thru 04/30/19.

**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 April 1, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

## **PUBLIC PETITIONS**

NONE

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 19-06 Approving Town, Social Security, Insurance, IMRF, GA Funds 2019-2020 Budget & Appropriations:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and passed by a vote of three ayes (Supervisor Riley, Trustees Goodrich and Johnson), one nay (Trustee Small) and one abstention (Trustee Bobis), the Board approved Ordinance 19-06.

**Ordinance 19-07 Approving Road & Bridge Fund 2019-2020 Budget and Appropriations:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 19-07.

**Motion to Amend the Regular Board Meeting Schedule:** Tabled until next meeting (June 3).

**Ordinance 19-08 Approving Road and Bridge 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 19-08.

**Report From Arnold Knox, LLC, Township Auditor on Upcoming Audit:** Township Auditor Val Arnold reviewed last year's audit and CAFR application with the board. She noted that the Township's Food Pantry, Inc. will be included in the upcoming audit as a blended unit.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**Supervisor:** Supervisor Al Riley announced that the Township was not awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), and would submit again this year. Supervisor Riley reported that the Township would be participating in TOCC's "Township Day" event, showcasing townships in Cook County and Rich Township in particular. The date for this event is June 15<sup>th</sup>. He noted that he was looking forward to participating in Matteson's Memorial Day Parade.

**Clerk:** Absent

**Assessor:** Assessor Sam Brown reported that he has completed 30 of his 60 continuing education hours. He added that his Deputy Assessor, Paula Farr has one more class to complete for her CIAO. Assessor Brown reported that the new appointment system is working well, and added that his office served 398 clients in March and 325 in April. Assessor Brown attended a presentation by Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi regarding commercial property.

**Highway Commissioner:** Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan reported that it rained 10 of the last 12 days, and his staff was vigilant about any flooding issues. He noted the passing of former Olympia Fields Trustee Carolyn Gibson.

**Trustee Goodrich:** Left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

**Trustee Johnson:** Attended the Beaux Arts Ball, his last School District #159 board meeting and his last meeting as TOCC Board President.

**Trustee Bobis:** Attended the TOCC Trustees meeting. Trustee Nick Bobis will be attending the end of year TOCC Board meeting, and will be presenting the township's scholarship award at Rich South High School.

**Trustee Small:** No report

**Attorney:** Attorney Neal Smith noted proposed legislation regarding the Open Meetings Act.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Supervisor

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Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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