

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 14, 2015
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, and Jackie Small (a quorum)

Officials Present: Assessor Carol Ranieri, Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan

Others Present: Carney Barr, Finance Manager; Frank Garrett, Attorney; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Lynette Elmore, Assistant to the Highway Commissioner; Sally Fuhrmann, Senior Director; Carol Marshall, Transportation Driver; Cassandra Matz, Legislative Aide to State Senator Mike Hastings; Toni Brucker, retired Senior Companion Department; Kelley Nichols-Brown, Richton Park Library Director; Sharon Le Beau, Richton Park; T. L. Brooks, Matteson; David Rauch, Chicago Heights; Shirley Rowley, Irene Hickey, Verda Zeibell, Willow Trice, John Ryan, Robert Ingols and Rick Brant, all of Park Forest

Approval of Bills: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #30613—30814 and Congregate Meals checks #1322-1323 in the amount of \$468,533.21; General Assistance Fund checks #22413--22652 in the amount of \$25,936.63; Road District Fund checks #6125--6169 in the amount of \$68,476.31; Donations Fund checks #1589--1590 in the amount \$3,284.42; and Senior Companion Fund checks #9896--9958 in the amount of \$30,932.18 for the period of 07/30/15 thru 09/09/15.

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 August 3, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the August 3, 2015 Executive Session meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Richton Park Library Director Kelley Nichols-Brown invited the board to the one year anniversary celebration of the new Richton Park Library on September 26th.

Several township residents and clients of the Senior Café voiced their concerns regarding the closing of the nutrition site, and the decline of township programs and personnel. Their concerns included what criteria are used in cutting programs, and that this could lead to isolation of some seniors.

Supervisor Riley shared charts, and explained the decrease of the value of property in Rich Township resulting in a decrease in tax revenue. He also noted the increase in health insurance costs. Supervisor Riley assured the residents that the township is adjusting to these issues, and listening to their concerns.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: No report

Clerk: Absent

Assessor: No report

Highway Commissioner: No report

Trustee Goodrich: Noted that the Park Forest Art Fair is September 19th and 20th.

Trustee Johnson: Absent

Trustee Bobis: No report

Trustee Small: No report

Attorney: No report

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Accept 2015 Audit: Supervisor Al Riley reported that the 2015 audit was completed. Finance Manager Carney Barr added that with Board approval, the audit would be filed with the Illinois Department on Aging, Illinois Comptroller's Office, Cook County Offices and posted on the township's website. Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board accepted the audit and approved it to be filed.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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