

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

**October 19, 2020**

*Remote meeting held via video/teleconference (as permitted by Governor Pritzker's  
Public Act 101-0640)*

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Al Riley called the meeting to order at 5:05 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:** Neal Smith, Attorney; Mark Mason, Interim Township Administrator/General Assistance Director; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk

**Bill Review:** Bills for the time period of 10/01/20 through 10/14/20 were reviewed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved the minutes of the September 21, 2020 Board of Trustees Special Meeting as presented.

**PUBLIC PETITIONS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Al Riley announced that the Township has been awarded the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), a financial reporting achievement. He acknowledged township staff, especially the finance department for their assistance in receiving this award.

Supervisor Riley noted that the governor had declared Election Day a state holiday, for this year only. He added that while this did not apply to local governments, he was considering closing the township, for the safety of employees during this pandemic, as the township is a polling place. Attorney Neal Smith concurred.

Trustee Nick Bobis suggested a Resolution/Proclamation recognizing Veterans Day.

Supervisor Riley advised that the trustees should let him know when they are on campus, and to consider attending meetings in person.

### OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Jackie Small noted that she applauds Supervisor Riley for being proactive in terms of the Covid-19 Pandemic. She asked if a rotational schedule of employees, as suggested by a speaker at the last meeting, was being considered. Supervisor Riley responded that he is cognizant of everyone's concerns, and is always thinking about the safety protocols and best practices.

Supervisor Riley noted that the HVAC upgrades have been completed. He added that he would be consulting with them regarding maximizing the ventilation of the buildings.

Attorney Neal Smith reported that there has been no new guidance regarding the Annual Town Meeting, and that there is no obligation to have it. Supervisor Riley questioned if reports could be put online, Attorney Smith responded yes, as it would still provide the information to residents. Attorney Smith added that this could possibly be addressed by the General Assembly when they reconvene in November. Trustee Therese Goodrich suggested including the Annual Town Meeting reports in a special edition of the township's newspaper. Supervisor Riley expressed concern that it would be too lengthy.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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Supervisor

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Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

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

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