

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 16, 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 5:04 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 10/30/20 through 11/12/20 were reviewed.

Approval of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved the minutes of the October 19, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 20-08 A Resolution Mourning the Death and Recognizing the Life of Maggie Crotty: Supervisor Riley read Resolution 20-08. Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution 20-08.

Discussion Regarding the Tax Levy: Supervisor Riley noted that the township has not increased the levy during his tenure, or the two supervisors prior to him. He added that residents are not going to want to hear of an increase in the tax levy as times are hard, and even more so due to the pandemic. Trustee Therese Goodrich noted new construction, including the Amazon Fulfillment Center being built in Matteson. Supervisor Riley reported that fund balances are good. The consensus of the Board was to keep the levy “flat”.

Trustee Jackie Small reported that she received the township newspaper, adding that it was well done—especially the volunteer story. She noted that she was glad to see a picture of the clerk and assessor, and hopes that the highway commissioner’s picture will also be included.

Trustee Goodrich noted that regarding the newspaper, she did not receive a request for any input from the township’s public relations consultant, Supervisor Riley said to contact him if one wants a story submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Neal Smith reported that there was some flexibility being allowed regarding the postponed 2020 Annual Town Meeting. He noted that due to the pandemic, the 2020 Annual Town Meeting can be held (adhering to the COVID-19 health protocols), or it does not have to be held. Any orders regarding the Annual Town Meeting can only come from the Governor since the veto session of the General Assembly was cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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