

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 4, 2021

*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 5:33 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 Sam Brown, Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan

Others Present: Neal Smith, Attorney; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Laura Simmons, Road District Administrative Assistant; Linda Jones

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 #38466--38542 in the amount of \$191,823.54; General Assistance Fund checks #29761--29805, in the amount of \$28,395.99; Road District Fund checks #8005--8025, in the amount of \$38,717.28; Donations Fund checks--none; for the period of 12/03/20 thru 12/29/20.

Approval of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, unanimously passed by roll call vote the Board approved the minutes of the December 7, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting as amended.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Granting of Emergency Funds to Assist Richton Park Fire Victims Through an Agreement between The Pantry of Rich Township, Inc. and the Village of Richton Park: Supervisor Riley reported that the funds were needed by the victims of the fire, and that the Village of Richton Park would distribute the funds.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley reported that the Cares Act had “sunsetted”, with no extension yet. He noted that there have been data breaches at Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) that includes staff and elected officials receiving notices of false unemployment claims. Supervisor Riley added that he tracks state and federal legislation--especially that which concerns townships.

Clerk: No report

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown reported that the Cook County Board of Review appeals began in the middle of December and continues until January 14th. He noted that his staff has assisted numerous taxpayers with their appeals, while observing safety protocols.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan reported that a downed tree blocked 206th Street, and that his staff removed it in a timely manner. He noted that his staff has been on top of any inclement weather that affected the roads. Highway Commissioner Jordan explained about their new plow and salt spreader truck, adding that it has the ability to track salt and liquid beet juice usage.

Trustee Goodrich: No report.

Trustee Johnson: Noted that he had been contacted regarding interest in filling an empty seat on the School District #159 Board, which he respectfully declined.

Trustee Bobis: No report.

Trustee Small: No report.

Attorney: Attorney Neal Smith reported on a recent case regarding Tort Immunity.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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