

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 2, 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 5:38 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; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Art Byrd, Olympia Fields

Approval of Bills: Trustee Jackie Small asked to see an itemized bill from Robbins Schwartz, the township law firm. Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and approved by a roll call vote of four ayes (Supervisor Riley, Trustees Bobis, Goodrich and Johnson) and one abstain (Trustee Small), Town Fund checks #38638—38739 and *37305--*37305 in the amount of \$190,342.45; General Assistance Fund checks #29832—29876 and *29156--*29156, in the amount of \$37,562.68; Road District Fund checks #8053--8083, and *7676--*7676 in the amount of \$69,500.61; Donations Fund checks--none; for the period of 01/28/21 thru 02/24/21. *denotes First Midwest Bank

Approval of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, unanimously passed by roll call vote the Board approved the minutes of the February 1, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 21-01 Appointment of Sunnycrest Fire Protection District Trustee:

Supervisor Riley noted the appointment of Brian Kahn as the Sunnycrest Fire Protection District Trustee. Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution 21-01.

Resolution 21-02 Approving Bond of Sunnycrest Fire Protection District Trustee: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution 21-02.

Ordinance 21-01 Approving Town Fund Transfer of Appropriations: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 21-01

Ordinance 21-02 Approving General Assistance Transfer of Appropriations: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 21-02.

Ordinance 21-03 Approving Road and Bridge Transfer of Appropriations: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 21-03.

Approval of Tentative Town, General Assistance, Road & Bridge and Donations Budget and Appropriations Ordinances for Posting: Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and passed by a roll call vote of three ayes (Supervisor Riley, Trustees Goodrich and Johnson) and two nays (Trustees Bobis and Small),

Approval and Adoption of Agenda for Annual Town Meeting: Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved the agenda for the 171st Annual Town Meeting as presented

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Bobis noted that there needs to be justification of the EMA Director's job becoming a full time position, and the pay increase associated with it. Trustee Small requested that the board receive a job description. Trustees Goodrich and Bobis asked that the Director of EMA attend a meeting to answer questions.

In regards to the donation of two EMA vehicles, Trustee Small suggested that villages or organizations should apply for the vehicles, and the board decide where they should go.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley reported that the township has received partial reimbursement from the CARES Act. He noted that the Annual Town Meeting is tentative, but wants to be ready in the event it happens.

Clerk: No report

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown reported that his staff has been busy processing Senior, Senior Freeze, Disabled Person and Disabled Veteran exemptions. He added that they have

assisted 106 clients in person during the month of February. Assessor Brown announced that he is going to be a grandfather.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan thanked his staff for their outstanding work during this winter season.

Trustee Goodrich: Attended a virtual Diversity Discussion and virtual League of Women Voters meeting.

Trustee Johnson: Attended a social media workshop presented by TOCC.

Trustee Bobis: Reported that some townships are hosting vaccination distributions.

Trustee Small: Thanked Finance Director Alana Thompson for her time and diligence in answering her questions.

Attorney: No report

Executive Session: At 7:13, upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board approved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and/or for any other lawful exception set forth in Section 2(c).

Supervisor Riley excused everyone except for Attorney Neal Smith and Trustees Bobis, Goodrich, Johnson and Small.

At 7:57 p.m. the Board reconvened to the Regular Session.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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