

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**May 3, 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 5:35 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; Art Byrd, Olympia Fields; Mary Peterson

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCES**

Supervisor Al Riley announced that this Public Hearing was being held to present Rich Township's 2021-2022 Town Fund and Road & Bridge Budgets and Appropriations. Supervisor Riley answered questions regarding the proposed Budget and Appropriations Ordinances 21-07 and 21-08; he then closed the hearing, and reconvened the Board Meeting.

**Approval of Bills** Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, with the stipulation that \$3,724.76 be removed from the payroll (ADP), the Board approved Town Fund checks #38840--38972 in the amount of \$391,902.73; General Assistance Fund checks #29924--29972 in the amount of \$19,380.98; Road District Fund checks #8108--8144 in the amount of \$65,250.28; Donations Fund checks--none; for the period of 03/31/21 thru 04/28/21. Trustee Small noted that she cannot approve the EMA Director's increase to full time without a job description, which has been requested several times.

**Approval of Minutes:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and approved by a roll call vote of four ayes (Supervisor Riley, Trustees Bobis, Johnson and Small) and one abstain (Trustee Goodrich) the Board approved the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

## PUBLIC PETITIONS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

**Ordinance 21-07 Approving Town, Social Security, Insurance, IMRF, GA Funds 2021-2022 Budget & Appropriations:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Riley, motion failed by a vote of two ayes (Supervisor Riley, and Trustee Johnson), and three nays (Trustees Bobis, Goodrich and Small).

**Ordinance 21-08 Approving Road & Bridge Fund 2021-2022 Budget and Appropriations:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Riley, and passed by a roll call vote of four ayes (Supervisor Riley and Trustees Bobis, Johnson and Small), and one abstention (Trustee Goodrich), the Board approved Ordinance 21-08.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS

**Supervisor:** No report

**Clerk:** No report

**Assessor:** Assessor Sam Brown attended the Annual Town Meeting, and a webinar regarding inter-generational wealth. He noted that during April, his office is between the exemption period and appeals period, adding that they assisted 55 clients during the month.

**Highway Commissioner:** Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan reported that his department completed branch removal, and added new culverts which have a huge impact on drainage.

**Trustee Goodrich:** Attended the Annual Town Meeting, and the ground breaking for a new nature park at Somonauk Park in Park Forest.

**Trustee Johnson:** Attended a TOCC meeting, and acknowledged that this was his last Township board meeting.

**Trustee Bobis:** Attended the Annual Town Meeting and the TOCC Board meeting

**Trustee Small:** Attended the Annual Town Meeting.

**Attorney:** No report

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Supervisor

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Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

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

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