

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 7, 2021

**Shirley J. Green Senior Center
297 Liberty Drive, Park Forest Illinois**

Call to Order: Supervisor Calvin Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor Calvin Jordan; Trustees Nick Bobis, Therese Goodrich, Steven Burris, and Jackie Small (a quorum)

Officials Present: Clerk Arlene "Sugar" Al-Amin; Assessor Sam Brown; Highway Commissioner Dennis White

Others Present: Frank Garrett, Attorney. Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Schunita Carter, Accountant; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Pat Peters, Transportation Director; Trinette Britt, Jon Currin, Christopher Cole, Rachel Payton and family, Flossmoor; Ashanti Ford and family, Matteson; Nyah Ware and family, Matteson

Approval of Bills Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #38973--39083 in the amount of \$317,919.76; General Assistance Fund checks #29973--30019 in the amount of \$21,038.28; Road District Fund checks #8145--8176 in the amount of \$66,630.31; Donations Fund checks--none; for the period of 04/29/21 thru 06/02/21.

Approval of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and approved by a roll call vote of four ayes (Supervisor Jordan, Trustees Bobis, Goodrich and Small) and one abstain (Trustee Burris), the Board approved the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting as presented. Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and approved by a roll call vote of four ayes (Supervisor Jordan, Trustees Bobis, Goodrich and Small) and one abstain (Trustee Burris), the Board approved the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Transportation Director Peters shared information regarding the 4th of July Parade in Park Forest.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of the Township's Tim Bradford Memorial Scholarship Award Winners:

Supervisor Jordan named the students that received the Tim Bradford Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Township to students attending high schools located in Rich Township. Rachel Payton of Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Ashanti Ford of Rich South High School, and Nyah Ware of Southland College Prep High School introduced themselves, and briefly spoke about their accomplishments and of their future plans.

Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes: Attorney Frank Garrett noted that the executive session minutes contain employee issues, and the need for confidentiality still exists. Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, the Board agreed for this reason not to release any executive session minutes at this time by a roll call vote of four ayes (Supervisor Jordan, and Trustees Bobis, Goodrich and Small), and one abstain (Trustee Burris), and will review them again in six months.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Calvin Jordan enjoyed the tour of the new location of the Benjamin O. Davis VFW Post 311 in Matteson. He attended the Matteson American Legion's Memorial Day Parade and the Trails of Olympia Fields Homeowners Association meeting. Supervisor Jordan noted the passing of former Township Administrator Tim Bradford's wife Mary Ann.

Clerk: Clerk Sugar Al-Amin reported that her office was currently reorganizing and cleaning the Clerk's offices. She attended the Matteson American Legion's Memorial Day Parade.

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown noted that his office assisted 49 clients in May, adding that it is a low activity period which is allowing his staff to catch up on paperwork. He attended a seminar regarding building permits.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Dennis White reported that his department has been busy with branch removal, and cutting grass. He added that his staff has been replacing old, worn out signs with new signage.

Trustee Goodrich: Attended the Matteson American Legion's Memorial Day Parade.

Trustee Burris: No report

Trustee Bobis: Reminded the Board and Constitutional Officers about the upcoming virtual Annual TOCC meeting. He encouraged attendance, adding that the topic would be “Embracing the Winds of Change—Effectively Leading and Navigating Through Change”. Trustee Nick Bobis noted that he had recently missed the first Board Meeting of his tenure.

Trustee Small: Noted that she had received her Oath of Office from Clerk Al-Amin at the township office. Trustee Jackie Small toured the new location of the Benjamin O. Davis VFW Post 311 in Matteson with Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

Attorney: No report

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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