

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 28, 2021

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

Call to Order: Supervisor Calvin Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:38 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: Assessor Sam Brown; Highway Commissioner Dennis White

Others Present: Frank Garrett, Attorney; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Schunita Carter, Accountant; Steve Coffey, Accountant; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Pat Peters, Transportation Director; All Department Heads; Minnie Jordan, Olympia Fields; Toscia Pereira, John Dzurak. Mike Dodd, and John Schmitz, all of 194th Street in unincorporated Sunnycrest; Trinette Britt, Jon Currin and Ruby Smith

PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNUAL TOWN FUND BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

Supervisor Calvin Jordan announced that this Public Hearing was being held to present Rich Township's 2021-2022 Town Fund Budget and Appropriations. Supervisor Jordan and Finance Director Alana Thompson answered questions regarding the proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 21-09. Trustee Jackie Small questioned a line item, and it was determined to be a clerical error, and would be corrected. Supervisor Jordan then closed the hearing, and reconvened the Board Meeting.

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 #39,100—39,164 in the amount of \$147,457.82; General Assistance Fund checks #30020--30047 in the amount of \$17,804.05; Road District Fund checks #8177--8198 in the amount of \$26,542.89; Donations Fund checks--none; for the period of 06/03/21 thru 06/23/21. **Town Fund check numbers 39084—39099 had previous Supervisor's name, thus skipping to #39100.

Approval of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting as presented. Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the May 20, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting as presented. Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the May 24, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting as amended.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

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

John Dzurak of unincorporated Sunnycrest commended and expressed his gratitude to Supervisor Jordan for his many years of excellent service as Highway Commissioner.

John Schmitz of unincorporated Sunnycrest noted the flooding on 194th Street after the recent heavy rains. He added that this has been an ongoing issue since 1995, acknowledging that his property and five other effected homeowners are in a low area. He asked if there were any plans to rectify this situation. Supervisor Jordan reported that in being a good steward, the Road District has pumped water out, and has called in a plumbing company in the past. Supervisor Jordan noted that he will discuss the situation with the newly elected Highway Commissioner, Cook County Highway Engineers and attorneys.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 21-09 Approving Town, Social Security, Insurance, IMRF, GA Funds 2021-2022 Budget & Appropriations: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Burris, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 21-09 as amended due to a scrivener's error.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Calvin Jordan thanked Finance Director Thompson and department heads for their assistance and input with the budget. He noted that the regularly scheduled July 6th Board of Trustees meeting has been cancelled, and rescheduled for July 12th.

Supervisor Jordan asked the department heads to stand to be recognized by the board and constitutional officers. He thanked them for attending the board meeting, and answering questions from the board. Supervisor Jordan also introduced Trinette Britt as Administrator, Ruby Smith as Human Resources Director, and Jon Currin as part of the transition team making recommendations.

Clerk: In Clerk Sugar Al-Amin’s absence, Deputy Clerk Debbie Pascarella was asked to report that Clerk Al-Amin’s offices were being reorganized and cleaned. Deputy Clerk Pascarella noted that Clerk Al-Amin wanted to encourage participation in the upcoming 4th of July parade in Park Forest.

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown attended the TOCC Spring Conference and Board of Review outreach meeting. He noted that tax bills are coming out late, likely due to the pandemic, and questions concerning the Senior Freeze Exemption processing. Assessor Brown added that this would likely mean that the appeal period would also be pushed back.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Dennis White reported that after the recent record heavy rains that the area has received, he and his staff were monitoring the water and road situation. He shared his new township email address. Highway Commissioner White attended the TOCC Spring Conference, and a Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) meeting regarding storm water sewage.

Trustee Goodrich: Attended a portion of the TOCC Spring Conference, and thanked the department heads for attending the board meeting.

Trustee Burris: Shared information regarding a 4th of July Concert in Country Club Hills, and a program, “Inmates to Entrepreneurs” assisting formerly incarcerated individuals in starting a business.

Trustee Bobis: Attended the TOCC Spring Conference, where he presented his report as President of the Trustees Division. Trustee Nick Bobis reported that he has been asked to be the speaker at an upcoming AARP meeting, and would also be providing information about the services that Rich Township has available to seniors. He thanked the department heads for attending the board meeting.

Trustee Small: Noted that she had received an irate call from a village trustee regarding a senior service. Trustee Jackie Small commended Interim Senior Director Mary Pellegrini for going above and beyond, and very promptly responding to, and rectifying the situation.

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 7:07 p.m.

Supervisor
Approval by the Board of Trustees

Clerk
Date: _____

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