

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 12, 2021
Leonard Robinson Family Center
22013 Governors Hwy., Richton Park, Illinois

Call to Order: Supervisor Calvin Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:35 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: Trinette Britt, Township Administrator; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Schunita Carter, Accountant; Steve Coffey, Accountant; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Laura Simmons, Road District Administrative Assistant; All Department Heads; Attorneys Burt Odelson and Felicia Frazier of Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier, McGrath, Ltd; Ben Mott, IT Consultant; Charles Dieringer, Bloom Township; Chris Cole and Jon Currin

Approval of Bills Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #39165--39201 in the amount of \$104,262.51; General Assistance Fund checks #30048--30052 in the amount of \$4,510.18; Road District Fund checks #8199--8207 in the amount of \$15,919.90; Donations Fund checks--none; for the period of 06/24/21 thru 07/07/21.

Approval of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved the minutes of the June 7, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Charles Dieringer, a resident of Bloom Township, invited Highway Commissioner Dennis White to attend an upcoming Little Calumet Water Shed meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Approve Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier, McGrath, Ltd as the Township Attorneys: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier, McGrath, Ltd as the Township Attorneys.

Motion to Approve Val Arnold of Arnold Knox, LLC as Auditor: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and a roll call vote of four ayes (Supervisor Jordan, and Trustees Bobis, Goodrich and Small), and one abstain (Trustee Burris), the Board approved Val Arnold of Arnold Knox, LLC as Auditor.

Motion to Approve Ben Mott as IT Consultant: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ben Mott as IT Consultant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Calvin Jordan thanked Transportation Director Pat Peters for providing shuttle buses for the Village of Matteson's recent evening concert event. He noted that his future plans include honoring employees in appreciation of their dedicated work.

Clerk: Absent

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown reported that his office assisted 39 clients in June. He noted that tax bills are coming out late, and that this would likely mean that the appeal period would also be pushed back.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Dennis White reported that his staff had completed patching on LeClaire Street. He noted that he had conducted a "road trip" to check conditions of the unincorporated streets.

Trustee Goodrich: Thanked Supervisor Jordan for his open communication, transparency and involving the board in decisions.

Trustee Burris: No report

Trustee Bobis: Noted that he appreciated that Supervisor Jordan is allowing the board to make decisions, and do their jobs.

Trustee Small: Thanked Supervisor Jordan for the information and contracts, and the time to review prior to voting on the appointments of the attorneys, auditor and IT consultant.

Attorney: Attorney Burt Odelson thanked the board for putting their trust in his law firm. He added that the law firm invests in, and gives back to the communities that they serve. He noted that Attorney Felicia Frazier had been named one of the Top 50 Women in Law in Chicago, and would be the lead attorney for the township. Attorney Frazier thanked the board for their consideration, and noted she is always accessible, and looked forward to working with the elected officials and staff.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Burris, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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