

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 9, 2015

**Leonard Robinson Family Center
22013 Governors Highway, Richton Park, Illinois**

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, Elliott Johnson, and Jackie Small (a quorum)

Officials Present: Clerk Bobbie King, Assessor Carol Ranieri, Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan

Others Present: Tim Bradford, Township Administrator; Carney Barr, Finance Manager; Neal Smith, Attorney; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Lynette Elmore, Assistant to the Highway Commissioner; Sally Fuhrmann, Senior Director; Everett James, Unincorporated Matteson; Allen Sandusky, Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC); Lisa Labiak, MHAC; Christine Blue, MHAC; Carol Wade, MHAC; Vera Brooks, MHAC; Mae Brandon, MHAC

Approval of Bills: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #29374--29528 in the amount of \$357,684.72; General Assistance Fund checks #21290--21438 in the amount of \$33,866.81; Road District Fund checks #5904--5926 in the amount of \$31,753.79; Donations Fund checks #1574--1576 in the amount \$10,522.34; and Senior Companion Fund checks #9477--9530 in the amount of \$23,356.77 for the period of 12/30/14 thru 01/27/15.

Approval of Bills: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #29529--29713 in the amount of \$519,890.08; General Assistance Fund checks #21439--21596 in the amount of \$47,528.68; Road District Fund checks #5927--5968 in the amount of \$64,132.62; Donations Fund check #1577 in the amount \$10,000.00; and Senior Companion Fund checks #9531--9588 in the amount of \$22,482.61 for the period of 01/28/15 thru 03/03/15.

Approval Of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the February 2, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Everett James of unincorporated Matteson noted that he would like Crawford Countryside to be put in a land bank, Supervisor Riley suggested he contact the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) for information. He also asked if Rich Township qualifies for any EPA grants, Supervisor Riley answered no.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley attended the South Suburban Libraries breakfast meeting, a St. James Hospital meeting, the Southland Development Group meeting and the Prairie State College Foundation Scholarship Dinner. He noted that he received the "Legislator of the Year" Award from the Northern Illinois Fire Protection District.

Clerk: Clerk Bobbie King noted that the Statement of Economic Interest forms from the Cook County Ethics Department will be emailed by the end of March. She reported that the 165th Annual Town Meeting is April 14th, and asked for elected officials' reports by April 10th. Clerk King noted that Tabitha Clothing Pantry fulfills a need in the community, and is always in need of donations.

Assessor: Assessor Carol Ranieri reported that her office continues to be busy assisting residents with the senior and the senior freeze exemptions. She noted that she is beginning to get results from the last Board of Review appeals.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan thanked his staff for their hard work keeping the roads clear this past winter, and added that they are preparing for spring. He noted that he has much to donate to Tabitha Pantry.

Trustee Goodrich: Absent

Trustee Johnson: Attended several TOCC Trustee Division meetings, an educational conference in Springfield, and has been nominated Vice President of the TOCC Trustees Division Board.

Trustee Bobis: Attended the TOCC Board Meeting, and the Annual South Suburban Crisis Center dinner. Trustee Nick Bobis noted that he brought clothes and more from his church to Tabitha House in Park Forest.

Trustee Small: No report.

Attorney: Attorney Neal Smith reported that he will be attending the TOI Attorney Division conference in May.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mental Health Advisory Committee Report: The Township's Mental Health Advisory Committee Members introduced themselves, and shared some notes and observations on their meetings, adding that reports and recommendations will be ongoing. MHAC President Allen Sandusky reported that the township can assist with identifying the gaps, helping with co-pays, transportation, payment of medication and most importantly with advocacy.

Resolution 15-01 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 Bobis, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution 15-01.

Resolution 15-02 Approving Bond of Sunnycrest Fire Protection District Trustee: Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution 15-02.

Budget Presentations—Budget proposals were presented for the Road & Bridge and the Senior Departments.

Approval of Tentative Town, General Assistance, Road & Bridge and Donations Budget and Appropriations Ordinances for Posting: Finance Manager Carney Barr reviewed the draft of the 2015-2016 Budget and Appropriations Ordinances. Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved the drafts for posting.

Approval and Adoption of Agenda for Annual Town Meeting: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the agenda for the 165th Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 14, 2015 at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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