

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 15, 2013

**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, Therese Goodrich, Elliott Johnson and Jackie Small

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

Others Present: Carney Barr, Finance Manager; Frank Garrett, Attorney; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Lynette Elmore, Assistant to the Commissioner; William Vitale, unincorporated Matteson

Town Fund, General Assistance Fund, Road District Fund, Donation Fund and Senior Companion Fund: Trustee Goodrich asked several questions which were answered by Supervisor Riley and Finance Manager Barr. Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #26089--26176 in the amount of \$177,132.87; General Assistance Fund checks #18436--18572 in the amount of \$19,123.43; Road District Fund checks #5383--5403 in the amount of \$25,720.49; Donations Fund check #1510 in the amount \$17.79; and Senior Companion Fund checks #8523--8525 in the amount of \$148.28 for the period of 09/20/13 thru 10/09/13.

Approval Of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the September 23, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting as amended.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

William Vitale of unincorporated Matteson reiterated his concern regarding drivers speeding down 196th Street. Highway Commissioner Jordan has contacted Cook County Sheriff's Office, and requested "a presence" on the street. Other ideas such as special signage and speed bumps are being considered.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley distributed a Legislative Update for Townships, and noted the upcoming vote on the proposed Illiana Expressway.

Clerk: Clerk Bobbie King attended the Chicago Southland Regional Consensus Luncheon, and the TOCC Clerk's Division dinner meeting. She assisted in registering 156 families for free fresh produce at Cornerstone Church. Clerk King noted the Pantry Fashion Show on October 20th.

Assessor: Assessor Carol Ranieri reported that she was still compiling her statistics regarding the total number of taxpayers seeking assistance with their appeals. She added that she is waiting to hear from Cook County Assessor's Office regarding the total reductions received by taxpayers. Assessor Ranieri added that the next time to file an appeal will be with the Board of Review either in December 2013 or January 2014. Assessor Ranieri attended the Senior Center Volunteer Luncheon.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan reported that he has contracted Triple A Tree Service to remove the trees killed by the emerald ash borer. In response to a question by Trustee Bobis, Commissioner Jordan indicated that removed trees would be replaced.

Trustee Goodrich: Attended the Diversity Inc. Dinner, the Senior Center Volunteer Luncheon, and the Kiwanis' Pancake Breakfast. Trustee Goodrich noted the community garden which is helping to fill the shelves at the pantry at St. Irenaeus Church is doing well. Trustee Goodrich expressed her concern at the difficulty for some people in opening the doors at the senior center, and was assured the matter would be addressed.

Trustee Johnson: Attended the Chicago Southland Regional Consensus Luncheon, and the presentation of an 8.3 million dollar construction grant awarded to School District #159. Trustee Elliott Johnson thanked Trustee Bobis for stepping up to fill a spot on the TOCC Board.

Trustee Bobis: Attended the Senior Center Volunteer Luncheon, the Chicago Southland Regional Consensus Luncheon. Trustee Bobis thanked Elliott for the nomination to the TOCC Board.

Trustee Small: Attended the Diversity Inc. Dinner, the Chicago Southland Regional Consensus Luncheon, and the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues meeting, as she is a member of that Commission.

Attorney: No report

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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