

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 23, 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, and Elliott Johnson

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; Everett James, unincorporated Matteson; Kelley Nichols-Brown, Richton Park Library Director

Town Fund, General Assistance Fund, Road District Fund, Donation Fund and Senior Companion Fund: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #25675--26087 in the amount of \$799,535.84; General Assistance Fund checks #18095--18435 in the amount of \$68,332.83; Road District Fund checks #5342--5382 in the amount of \$79,314.73; Donations Fund checks #1499--1509 in the amount \$2,427.48; and Senior Companion Fund checks #8396--8522 in the amount of \$50,039.98 for the period of 08/01/13 thru 09/19/13.

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 August 5, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Richton Park Library Director Kelley Nichols-Brown announced the ground breaking for the new 18,000 square foot library on October 26th.

Everett James, Crawford Countryside Civic Association President reported that residents were concerned about the number of foreclosed homes, more than one unlicensed vehicle in driveways, and numerous dead ash trees. Lynette Elmore, Assistant to the Highway Commissioner noted that she was in the process of getting estimates for removal of the dead ash trees. Mr. James also updated the board on the Crawford Countryside Sanitary District.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley attended the Abby Foundation Luncheon, the Hazel Crest back to school parade and rally, the Park Towers Apartments Fall BBQ, the VFW Post 311 “Stand down” and 1st Commander Scholarship Ball, the 6th Annual Lincolnway Special Recreation Association (LWSRA) basketball game, the Flossmoor Fest, the Matteson Rotary Blues, Brews and BBQ Fest, the League of Women Voter’s event, and a South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) meeting.

Supervisor Riley also noted that he was named “Legislator of the Year” by the Illinois Public Transportation Association.

Clerk: Clerk Bobbie King noted the upcoming Pantry Fashion Show fundraiser. She attended the Abby Foundation Luncheon, and the Ingalls Hospital Cancer Research luncheon.

Assessor: Assessor Carol Ranieri reported that September 20th was the last day to file Assessor Appeals thru her office. She noted that she was still compiling her statistics regarding total number of taxpayers seeking assistance with their appeals. Assessor Ranieri added that the next time to file an appeal will be with the Board of Review either in December 2012 or January 2013.

Assessor Ranieri attended the Abby Foundation Luncheon and the Ingalls Hospital Cancer Research luncheon.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan reported that his office is tackling the emerald ash borer and dead tree issues. Highway Commissioner Jordan attended the Village of Matteson press conference regarding Lincoln Mall.

Trustee Goodrich: Attended the 65th anniversary of St. Irenaeus Church, the Ingalls Hospital Cancer Research Luncheon, Tall Grass Arts Park Forest Art Fair, a South Suburban Chorale concert, the Abby Foundation Luncheon, and the Matteson Rotary’s Blues, Brews and BBQ Fest. Trustee Therese Goodrich was in charge of St. Irenaeus’ anniversary celebration , and thanked the township for being a sponsor of the Park Forest Art Fair.

Trustee Johnson: Attended the first day of school for District 159, the TOCC Trustee Division meeting, the TOCC Board meeting, the “Carts and Cocktails” event at GSU’s Sculpture Park, GSU’s Foundation golf outing, and GSU’s Executive Advisory Council meeting.

Trustee Bobis: Attended the TOCC Trustee Division Board meeting, the Abby Foundation Luncheon, the Ingalls Hospital Cancer Research Luncheon. Trustee Nick Bobis noted that he was the featured speaker for the Rich Township AARP meeting, his topic was “Being a Senior”.

Trustee Small: Absent

Attorney: No report

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Riley read a letter from attorney Paul Stephanides regarding his departure to become the attorney for the Village of Oak Park. He noted that Mr. Stephanides was not only the township’s attorney, but a great guy and friend to the township.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Accept 2013 Audit: Finance Manager Carney Barr reported that the 2013 audit was completed with no adverse findings. He added that with Board approval, the audit would be filed with the Illinois Department on Aging, Illinois Comptroller’s Office and the Cook County Offices. Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board accepted the audit and approved it to be filed.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, 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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