

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 7, 2013

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

Call to Order: Deputy Clerk Pascarella called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Trustees Nick Bobis, Karen Caesar-Smith, Therese Goodrich and Elliott Johnson (a quorum)

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

Others Present: Carney Barr, Finance Manager; Paul Stephanides, Attorney; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Lynette Elmore, Assistant to the Highway Commissioner; William Vitale, Sunnycrest Fire Protection District Trustee; Brian Kahn, Unincorporated Homewood; John Hertel, Unincorporated Homewood; Kelley Nichols-Brown and Brian Vagt, Richton Park Library

Appointment of Chairman Pro-Tem: Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board appointed Trustee Therese Goodrich as Chairman Pro Tem in the absence of Supervisor Al Riley.

Town Fund, General Assistance Fund, Road District Fund, Donation Fund and Senior Companion Fund: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #24201--24422 in the amount of \$420,317.37; General Assistance Fund checks #16514--16723 in the amount of \$38,834.49; Road District Fund checks #5093--5133 in the amount of \$46,429.05 and Donations Fund check #1476 in the amount \$4,984.31; Senior Companion Fund checks #7759--7829 in the amount of \$28,572.76 for the period of 11/29/12 thru 01/02/13.

Approval Of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the December 3, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Richton Park Library Director Kelly Nichols-Brown reported on events at the library, and invited the board members to attend the Dr. Martin Luther King Reception on January 25th.

John Hertel, 3551 W. 198th Street, Unincorporated Homewood, voiced his concerns about the traffic flow for the proposed Meijer store. Chairman pro tem Goodrich suggested that Mr. Hertel meet with Highway Commissioner Jordan to discuss this matter.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Absent

Clerk: Clerk Bobbie King assisted with food distribution at Cornerstone Church, and attended the TOCC Fall Conference.

Assessor: Assessor Carol Ranieri reported that the Board of Review has now closed for Rich Township. She noted that her staff is currently assisting residents with their senior exemptions and senior freeze forms. She attended the TOCC Fall Conference.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan reported that his annual holiday party for seniors was successful and enjoyed by all. He also noted that despite the lack of snow, his staff and equipment are ready for winter weather.

Trustee Caesar-Smith: Attended the TOCC Fall Conference.

Trustee Goodrich: Attended the TOCC Fall Conference and holiday party.

Trustee Johnson: Attended the TOCC Fall Conference and the holiday party.

Trustee Bobis: Attended the TOCC Fall Conference and the township holiday party. Trustee Bobis noted that his church would be collecting clothes for those in need, including the Tabitha Clothing Pantry.

Attorney: Paul Stephanides reported that board members who have not yet completed the Open Meetings Act training and certification online should get it done as soon as possible. He noted that he and his mother enjoyed the holiday party.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 13-1 / Appointment of Sunnycrest Fire Protection District Trustee: The appointment of Brian Kahn as the Sunnycrest Fire Protection District Trustee is to fill the unexpired term of Phillip Knoll who recently resigned. Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Caesar-Smith, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution 13-1.

Resolution 13-2 / Approving Bond of 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 13-2.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Caesar-Smith, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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