

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**May 20, 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 (a quorum)

**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 Highway Commissioner; Melissa Parker, Family Services Director; Marta Perales, Chicago; Aubrey Scott, Receptionist; Twin Green; Bill Small, Richton Park

**Administration of Oath to Newly Elected Officials:** Judge Linzey Jones gave the oath of office to newly elected officials: Supervisor Al Riley, Clerk Bobbie King, Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan and Trustees Nick Bobis, Therese Goodrich, Elliott Johnson and Jackie Small. (Assessor Ranieri's new term will begin January 1, 2014.) All the returning elected officials welcomed new Trustee Jackie Small.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Al Riley announced that this Public Hearing was being held to present Rich Township's 2013-2014 Town Fund and Road & Bridge Budgets and Appropriations. Supervisor Riley and Finance Manager Carney Barr answered questions regarding the proposed Budget and Appropriations Ordinances 13-04 and 13-05; he then closed the hearing, and reconvened the Board Meeting.

**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 #24943--25220 in the amount of \$483,154.28; General Assistance Fund checks #17275--17607 in the amount of \$64,892.96; Road District Fund checks #5245--5275 in the amount of \$69,860.03; Donations Fund checks #1484--1487 in the amount \$20,920.91; and Senior Companion Fund checks #8043—8182 in the amount of \$42,764.72 for the period of 04/01/13 thru 05/15/13.

**Approval Of Minutes:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the April 8, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

## **PUBLIC PETITIONS**

NONE

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**Supervisor:** Supervisor Al Riley attended a Metra Board meeting, the South Suburban Diversity Dinners, the Ingalls Spring Gala, a Senior Companion Program meeting, and “kicked off” the South Suburban Walk Against Lupus. He noted that he received the Best Legislative Voting Award from the Independent Voters of Illinois—Independent Precinct Organization (IVIPO).

**Clerk:** Clerk Bobbie King thanked Trustees Johnson, Goodrich, and Bobis for presenting the township’s Good Citizenship Scholarship Award to Rich Central, Rich East, and Rich South High Schools respectively. She noted that Albert Riley would be presenting the scholarship at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. She reported that anyone wanting to participate in the Matteson Memorial Day Parade should contact JoJo by May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Assessor:** Assessor Carol Ranieri reported that the tentative 2012 Cook County equalizer for the 2013 tax year was reduced to 2.8056. She noted that the new Cook County Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarbrough will be allowing all Township Assessors free access to her website. Assessor Ranieri added that the Cook County Board of Review’s website has made it much easier for taxpayers to find information on their own Township Assessor’s office, including a link directly to each Township Assessor’s website. She reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment tax bills should be mailed out at the end of June, making them payable August 1<sup>st</sup>. Assessor Ranieri attended the Pantry’s Volunteer Luncheon and the TOCC Assessor’s Association meeting.

**Highway Commissioner:** Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan reported that his staff was out there to help residents during the heavy rain storms in April. He thanked them for all the services they provided to residents.

**Trustee Goodrich:** Attended the Pantry’s Volunteer Luncheon, the Annual Town Meeting, the TOCC Trustee Division meeting, and presented the township’s scholarship award at Rich East High School.

**Trustee Johnson:** Attended the GSU Veteran’s Entrepreneur Boot Camp, the Annual Town Meeting and his daughter’s graduation from Howard University. He added that he

had presented the township's scholarship award at Rich Central High School, and was re-elected vice-president of the TOCC Trustee Division Board, and retained his seat on the TOCC Board.

**Trustee Bobis:** Attended the Annual Town Meeting, the Fair Housing Achievement Dinner, the Cancer Support Dinner, and the Senior Fair at our Senior Center. Trustee Bobis reported that he presented the scholarship award at Rich South High School, was the speaker for the Pantry's Volunteer Luncheon, and was elected to the Executive Board of the TOCC Trustee Division.

**Trustee Small:** Attended the career fair at Huth Junior High School, the Annual Town Meeting, and the South Suburban Council on Alcoholism fundraiser. Trustee Small noted that she was honored and flattered to serve on the Board of Trustees.

**Attorney:** No report.

### OLD BUSINESS

NONE

### NEW BUSINESS

**Ordinance 13-04 Approving Town, Social Security, Insurance, IMRF, GA Funds 2013-2014 Budget & Appropriations:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 13-04.

**Ordinance 13-05 Approving Road & Bridge Fund 2013-2014 Budget and Appropriations:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 13-05.

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

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Supervisor

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Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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