OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 3, 2025

Leonard Robinson Administration Building 22013 Governors Hwy., Richton Park, Illinois

Call to Order: Supervisor Calvin Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor Calvin Jordan; Trustees Jackie Small, Nick Bobis, Steven Burris, and Candyce Herron (a quorum)

Officials Present: Clerk Arlene "Sugar" Al-Amin, Assessor Sam Brown, and Highway Commissioner Dennis White.

Others Present: Priscilla Centeno, Attorney; Trinette Britt, Administration; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Devon Taylor, Deputy Clerk; Dorothy Calhoun, Administration; Paula Farr, Deputy Assessor; Mayme Buckley, Senior Services; Bryant Warren, Rich Township Resident; Kimberly Sanders, University Park.

Approval of Bills: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #44157--44195 in the amount of \$146,135.80; General Assistance Fund checks #31976--31987 in the amount of \$14,554.13; Road District Fund checks #9434--9443 in the amount of \$18,898.75 for the periods of 01/16/25 through 01/28/25.

Approval of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board approved the Minutes of the January 21, 2025, Rich Township Regular Board Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Calvin Jordan thanked Kimberly Sanders, Trustees, and Mayor Joseph Roudez of the Village of University Park for their partnership with Rich Township. Supervisor Jordan and the Board of Trustees of Rich Township donated a laptop to the Village of University Park in partnership to help the youth.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the employment, compensation and performance of specific employees: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Herron, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to Readjourn to Open Session: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Burris, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved to reconvene to the Open Session at 7:25 p.m.

Administrator Update: No Update.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Calvin Jordan thanked Rich Township and the Staff for their dedicated work. The Supervisor attended several events such as, the swearing in of multiple Senators and State Representatives, Rich Township Stem Program, Rich Township Senior Advisory Meeting, the Village of Matteson Year in Review. Supervisor Jordan also attended Reverend Jesse Jackson's Dr. Martin L. King Annual Push Event, and the Victory Church Dr. Martin L. King Event. Supervisor Jordan stated being elated by all the events attended as it shows the investment put into community by Rich Township and its municipalities. Supervisor Jordan is proud to serve Rich Township.

Clerk: Clerk Arlene Al-Amin reported the department notarizing for three residents and administered two handicap placards. Clerk Al-Amin stated looking forward to a great month and future ideas. Clerk Al-Amin is happy to serve in Rich Township.

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown stated the Assessor's department processed 26 exemptions, 52 residents came in for an office visit, 754 permits were recorded, and the Assessor's Office took in 389 phone calls. Assessor Brown expressed the Concerned Property Taxpayers of the South Suburbs Petition Drive being at nearly 5,000 signatures with a goal of 10,000 signatures. Assessor Sam Brown and Deputy Farr attended the Assessor Information Management (AIM) program meeting. Assessor Brown is happy to be a part of Rich Township.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Dennis White updated the Board that it has been a mild winter, salt usage has been down. His team has done a lot of pre-salting for upcoming ice storms. Commissioner White also plans to get estimates on a new dump truck as well as pavement for areas throughout Rich Township. Highway Commissioner White is happy to be a part of Rich Township.

Trustee Herron: Trustee Herron stated being happy to be in the month of February and wished a Happy Black History Month. Trustee Herron is happy to serve in Rich Township.

Trustee Bobis: Trustee Bobis spoke at the Senior AARP meeting as well as attending the Townships of Cook County Board Meeting. Trustee Bobis expressed his excitement and joy for Trustee Small and Supervisor Jordan. Trustee Bobis gave thanks to Administrator Trinette Britt for her continued great work. Trustee Bobis is happy to be a part of Rich Township.

Trustee Burris: Trustee Burris attended the Dr. Martin L. King Day event as well as the Meet and Greet of U.S. Congressman, Raja Krishnamoorthi. Trustee Burris also updated the board on checks to come in while working with Trinette Britt.

Trustee Small: Trustee Small attended the Townships of Illinois Secretary Meeting as well as the Townships of Cook County Board Meeting and she plans to report some updates soon. Trustee Small also expressed becoming the President of Township Officials of Cook County Trustees Division. Trustee Small is glad to be a part of Rich Township.

Attorney: Attorney Centeno attended the Illinois Township Attorneys Meeting where she plans to update the Board on new laws. Attorney Centeno wished a happy Black History Month.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Burris, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Supervisor

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: Frh. 18, 2025

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