

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD
MEETING**

January 6, 2025

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

Call to Order: Supervisor Calvin Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Officials Present: 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, Percy Harris, Administration; Paula Farr, Deputy Assessor; Glenda Jakes-Love, Brandon Glenn, Youth Program; Tom Anderson, Gerard Igoe, Township Attorneys; Clarissa Chappelle, Tony Land; Parents of students in Youth Program.

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 #43934-44064 in the amount of \$490,428.98; General Assistance Fund checks #31924--31956 in the amount of \$35,500.78; Road District Fund checks #9383--9404 in the amount of \$48,308.07 for the periods of 12/27/24 through 01/01/25.

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 December 3, 2024, Rich Township Regular Board Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deputy Assessor Paulla Farr expressed her thanks to Rich Township and the Board for all the great work done.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 25-01 Approving A Lease Agreement Between the Village of Park Forest and Rich Township for The Senior Center: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board of Trustees voted to approve Resolution 25-01.

Resolution 25-02 Approving A Lease Agreement Between the Village of Park Forest and Rich Township for Office Spaces: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small seconded by Trustee Burris, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board of Trustees voted to approve Resolution 25-02.

Administrator Update:

Administrator Update: Administrator Trinette Britt updated the Board on upcoming events such as the Rich Township Tree Lighting Event and Christmas Turkey Giveaway. Administrator Britt also updated the Board on the progress of different programs within Rich Township such as programs for the senior residents as well as within our General Assistance Department. Administrator Britt introduced the Board to possible renovations to the Administration Building as Rich Township has received grant funds for the project. Administrator Britt expressed to the Board a draft budget for the new construction as well as a possible partner for the project and is happy to be a part of Rich Township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Calvin Jordan thanked Rich Township and the Staff for their dedicated work. Supervisor Jordan also gave a huge thanks to Trinette Britt for her work in setting up the Rich Township Tree Lighting Ceremony. Supervisor Jordan explained the importance of community within Rich Township. The Supervisor attended several holiday events and appreciated all the great work and service to the community. He expressed that the Tree Lighting and Turkey Drive were amazing. Supervisor Jordan looks forward to Christmas in the Southland as it continues to grow. Lastly, Supervisor Jordan attended the Big Dipper Basketball Tournament where he was proud to see Rich Township High School District 227 win the Championship as well as Homeland Security helping to keep the environment safe. Supervisor Jordan is proud to serve Rich Township.

Clerk: Deputy Clerk Devon Taylor reported the department notarizing for one resident and administered three handicap placards. Clerk Al-Amin attended several events such as: Black Women Lead Illinois Holiday Reception, Township Officials of Cook County Clerk's Division Meeting, Rich Township Tree Lighting Ceremony, and Flossmoor Holiday Lights. Clerk Al-Amin and Deputy Clerk Taylor wished a Happy New Year and is happy to serve Rich Township.

Assessor: Assessor Sam Brown stated the Assessor's department processed 13 exemptions, 76 residents came in for an office visit, 355 permits were recorded, and the Assessor's Office took in 302 phone calls. Assessor Brown expressed to the Board that the deadline for appeal is January 7, 2025. Assessor Sam Brown and Deputy Farr attended the Rich Township Tree Lighting Ceremony and shared that Jackie Vazquez of the Assessor's Office welcomed her first born. Assessor Brown is happy to be a part of Rich Township.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Dennis White updated the Board that his team is ready for upcoming winter storms as they have already salted the roads. Commissioner White also expressed submitting the receipts for unused salt so that the Road District is reimbursed. Highway Commissioner White attended various holiday events within the Township, which he enjoyed. Highway Commissioner White wishes a Happy New Year and is happy to be a part of Rich Township.

Trustee Herron: Absent.

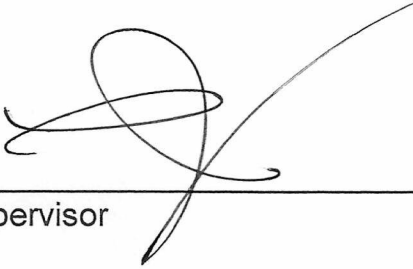
Trustee Bobis: Trustee Bobis stated he participated as a member of the Rich Township Electoral Board and is looking forward to a great year in 2025. Trustee Bobis also thanked Deputy Taylor for his good work. Trustee Bobis wished a Happy New Year and is happy to be a part of Rich Township.

Trustee Burris: Trustee Burris attended many holiday events consisting of the amazing Rich Township Tree Lighting Ceremony, Christmas in the Southland, and Country Club Hills Tree Lighting. Trustee Burris also expressed how much fun he had at the Jingle Mingle with the seniors and family. Trustee Burris enjoyed the Youth Program and is happy to serve Rich Township.

Trustee Small: Trustee Small thanked the parents of the students in the Rich Township Youth Program for coming to the meeting and expressing their thoughts. Trustee Small also expressed how magical and fun the Rich Township Tree Lighting Ceremony was. She thanked the staff and Rich Township for a great event. Trustee Small attended Richton Park's Tree Lighting, the December Senior Luncheon, as well as a Township Official of Illinois Board of Directors Meeting. Trustee Small wished a Happy New Year and is glad to be a part of Rich Township.

Attorney: Attorney Priscilla Centeno expressed to the Board that updates to the Employee Handbook and the construction project will be available soon. Attorney Centeno also expressed a memo being made with new laws passed to be available soon.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Burris, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



Supervisor



Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: 01/21/25

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