

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 5, 2024

**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, Candyce Herron, Steven Burris, and Nick Bobis (a quorum)

Officials Present: Clerk Arlene "Sugar" Al-Amin and Assessor Sam Brown

Others Present: Priscilla Centeno, Attorney; Trinette Britt, Administration; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Devon Taylor, Deputy Clerk; Paula Farr, Deputy Assessor; Dorothy Calhoun, Percy Harris, Administration; Mayme Buckley, Tina Chambers, Senior Services; Michelle Howard, ESDA.

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 #43285--43431 in the amount of \$479,985.20; General Assistance Fund checks #31723--31773 in the amount of \$48,141.03; Road District Fund checks #9225--9248 in the amount of \$94,691.72 for the period 06/26/24 thru 07/30/24.

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 July 1, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Assessor Sam Brown and Deputy Assessor Paula Farr gave a huge thanks to Michelle Howard of ESDA for her continued great work. Michelle was awarded with a Certificate of Achievement plaque from the Assessor's Office. Mayme Buckley of Senior Services thanked Tina Chambers and the Senior Services Team for their great work while she was out.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 24-10 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and Rich Township for Transportation Services: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board of Trustees voted to approve Ordinance 24-10.

Administrative Update: Trinette Britt reassured the Board that Rich Township's services are ramping up and that Rich Township is continuing to strive for better quality services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Calvin Jordan gave a big thanks to Assessor Brown and Deputy Assessor Farr for their continued work and education to Rich Township residents. Supervisor Jordan also gave a huge thanks to the Elected Officials of Rich Township as well as the Department Heads for their continued great work. Supervisor Jordan attended several events including Rich Township Senior Legal Services event, Matteson Property Tax Town Hall Meeting, and several other meetings. Supervisor Jordan shared with the Board, Rich Township received a \$2,000.00 donation from Starbucks as well as how amazing Trustee Hardin of the village of Matteson is serving and giving back to the community.

Clerk: Clerk Arlene "Sugar" Al-Amin reported two residents in need of notary completed, registered over 15 residents to vote, and administered three temporary handicap placards. Clerk Sugar and Deputy Clerk Devon Taylor attended several events such as: the Flossmoor Chamber Night, Rainbow Ice Cream's Grand Opening, Rich Township's 4th of July Senior Event, Park Forest's Youth Event, and the HazelNut Parade. Clerk expressed Triniti Gilliam, Intern for the Clerk's Office, being a huge help to not only the Clerk's Office but other departments as well. Clerk Sugar Al-Amin gave a shoutout to the month of July and August birthdays.

Assessor: Assessor Brown reported the Assessor's Office processed 302 exemptions, entered over 125 permits, took in 952 calls, and scheduled over 280 office visits. Assessor Sam Brown, Deputy Assessor Paula Farr & Assistant to the Assessor, Toni Davis attended the Tax Appeal Forum sponsored by Rich Township Supervisor Calvin Jordan & Village of Matteson President, Sheila Chalmers-Currin. Deputy Assessor Farr & Toni Davis were seated in the rear of the forum and assisted numerous residents with questions and concerns they had. Residents that both Paula & Toni were able to speak with were directed to contact

our office to schedule an appointment with the assurance that they did not need to go downtown. Assessor Sam Brown and Deputy Assessor Paula Farr also attended Commissioner Larry Rogers Property Tax Appeal Forum. Assessor Brown was the lead-in speaker and was able to give those residents in attendance insight on why the property taxes are so high compared to the North Suburbs, and what needs to be done to get Governor Pritzker's attention.

Highway Commissioner: No Report.

Trustee Herron: Trustee Herron attended Joshua Small's Graduation Party. Trustee Herron also shared with the board her daughter giving thanks to Rich Township for the support as she received her first scholarship offer from Purdue University.

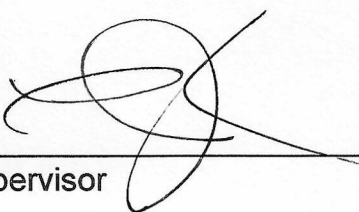
Trustee Bobis: Trustee Bobis was appreciative of all the great work the Assessor's Office does. Trustee Bobis also shared his concerns about the property taxes. Trustee was elated to share that he turned 80 years old.

Trustee Burris: Trustee Burris attended the Property Tax Town Hall Meeting as well as the Country Club Hills Back to School event. Trustee Burris expressed his excitement that his mother is turning 88 in September.

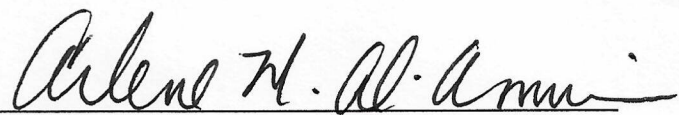
Trustee Small: Trustee Small attended the 4th of July Senior Event, which she loved. Trustee Small attended a Property Tax Town Hall Meeting.

Attorney: No Report.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Trustee Herron, seconded by Trustee Burris, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Supervisor



Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: Sept 9, 2024

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