

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

**October 3, 2023**

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

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Calvin Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present: Supervisor Calvin Jordan; Trustees Jackie Small, Therese Goodrich, and Nick Bobis (a quorum)

**Officials Present:** Clerk Sugar Al-Amin and Assessor Sam Brown.

**Others Present:** Priscilla Centeno, Attorney; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Devon Taylor, Deputy Clerk; Dorothy Calhoun, Administration; Schunita Carter, Accountant; Paula Farr, Deputy Assessor; Phalese Binion, Rich Township Resident; John Stryker, Jeff Boyer, and Ken Chastain, Farnsworth Group.

**Approval of Bills:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #42094--42195 in the amount of \$311,567.14; General Assistance Fund checks #31321--31361 in the amount of \$22,123.09; Road District Fund checks #8974--8991 in the amount of \$36,259.32 for the period of 8/30/23 thru 09/26/23 as amended.

**Approval of Minutes:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board approved the Minutes of the October 3, 2023, Board of Trustees meetings as amended.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Phalese Binion of Rich Township expressed her concern with the home assessments dramatically increasing. Phalese also wanted to know what can be done to help bring business to Rich Township to help taxes get lowered and how residents can get more info on the tax/assessment process. Supervisor Calvin Jordan thanked Phalese for attending and speaking up about her concerns. Supervisor Jordan also reassured Phalese that he, Assessor Sam Brown, and the Board of Trustees are working hard to help Rich Township residents during this time of high tax rates. Trustees Jackie Small, Goodrich, and Bobis all reassured Phalese that they understood and are working hard to find solutions.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution 23-16 Approving The Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Cook County Sheriff's Office And Rich Township, Cook County, Illinois:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Small seconded by Trustee Goodrich, unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board of Trustees voted to approve Resolution 23-16.

**Ordinance 23-14 Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$650,000 Tax Anticipation Warrants In Anticipation Of The Collection Of Taxes Levied For Tax Year 2022, By Rich Township, Cook County, Illinois, For General Corporate Purposes And Authorizing The Sale Of Said Warrants To The Purchaser Thereof:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis seconded by Trustee Small, unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board of Trustees voted to approve Ordinance 23-14.

**Administrative Update:** The Farnsworth Group architecture company gave a presentation.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS

**Supervisor:** No Report

**Clerk:** Clerk Al-Amin expressed that Rich Township's Senior Resource Fair was amazing.

**Assessor:** Assessor Sam Brown highlighted the amount of calls he's received, stemming from an outreach event. Assessor Brown and Deputy Assessor Paula Farr attended a Conference for their CIAO Certification. Assessor Brown also attended a property tax event in Olympia Fields. Assessor Brown was excited to share that his grandson turned two.

**Highway Commissioner:** No Report

**Trustee Bobis:** Trustee Bobis stated that Rich Township's Resource Fair was excellent. Trustee Bobis also complimented Trinette for providing all information and keeping the Board informed.

**Trustee Burris:** No Report

**Trustee Goodrich:** Trustee Goodrich expressed how impressed she was with Rich Township's Resource Fair and the Organ Donation table. Trustee Goodrich attended several events including Park Forest's Board Meeting, the opening of Somonauk Park in Park Forest, and an Annual Meeting for the Park Forest Historical Society. Trustee Goodrich also stated that Park Forest Fire Department is having an Open House for the community on Friday, October 13th.

**Trustee Small:** Trustee Small expressed that Rich Township's Resource Fair was Excellent. Trustee Small gave a big thanks to Deputy Assessor Paula Farr for helping Trustee Small with the reassessment of her home. Trustee Small attended several events including the Townships of Illinois Trustees Division Meeting, the Chamber 57 Breakfast, and a Discussion Panel on Organ/Tissue Donation. Trustee Small also thanked Supervisor Jordan for his initiative in the Organ/Tissue Panel Discussion

**Attorney:** Attorney Priscilla Centeno explained the two packets handed out to the Board of Trustees. Attorney Priscilla stated the EEOC released guidelines for the Board to review. Attorney Priscilla also stated her wishes for the Board to attend the OMFM upcoming event.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Supervisor

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Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

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

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