

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

**June 5, 2023**

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

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Calvin Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Officials Present:** Clerk Sugar Al-Amin, Assessor Sam Brown, Highway Commissioner Dennis White

**Others Present:** Priscilla Centeno, Attorney; Trinette Britt, Township Administrator; Alana Thompson, Finance Director; Devon Taylor, Deputy Clerk; Schunita Carter, Accountant II; Paula Farr, Deputy Clerk of Assessors Office; Mayme Buckley, Senior Services Director; Diana Klein, Senior Services; Gloria Rossen, Rich Township Resident; Georganne Higgins, Bourbonnais; Blanchic Green, Rich Township Resident; Joe Ann Hailey, Rich Township Resident; Geraldine Tyler, Rich Township Resident; Retired Cook County Judge Raymond Funderburk; Natalia Hill, University Park; Patricia George, Rich Township Resident; Laurie Walter, Homewood; Milley Just, Bourbonnais; Keith L. Spence Sr., Rich Township Resident; Debbie Pascarella, Former Deputy Clerk; Joyce Ebster, Rich Township Resident; CouSandra Armstrong, Rich Township Resident; Jan Marcotte, Rich Township Resident; Vincent William, La Grange; Evelyn Pharms, Beecher; Cynthia Butler, Richton Park Trustee; Rhonda Campbell, Beecher; Teawana Coles Chambers, Frankfort; Jacqueline Moses, Rich Township Resident; Cheryl Washington, Rich Township Resident.

**Approval of Bills:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #41562--41701 in the amount of \$466,620.76; General Assistance Fund checks #31101--31177 in the amount of \$66,872.16; Road District Fund checks #8862--8886 in the amount of \$137,953.97 for the period of 4/28/23 thru 05/30/23.

**Approval of Minutes:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board approved the minutes of the May 1, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## NEW BUSINESS

**Presentation of Proclamation Honoring Retired Cook County Circuit Court Judge Raymond Funderburk:** Supervisor gave a huge thanks to Judge Funderburk for his time and service to this country. Multiple residents of Rich Township, employees, and the Board gave congrats and showed gratitude to Former Judge Funderburk.

**Resolution 23-12 Establishing A Decennial Committee For Rich Township To Study The Efficiency Of The Township's Services And Overall Operations:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution 23-12.

**Resolution 23-13 Establishing A Decennial Committee For The Road District Of Rich Township To Study The Efficiency Of The Road District's Services And Overall Operations:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Small, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution 23-13.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS

**Supervisor:** Supervisor Calvin Jordan attended several events and meetings in the month of May consisting of holiday events, parades, and Rich Township events. Supervisor gave thanks to the Senior Services and Crete NJROTC Program for their continued great work. Supervisor Jordan also gave a great thanks to the Village of Matteson President, Sheila Chalmers for allowing the Senior Walk. Supervisor showed respect to the late, former Trustee of Olympia Fields, Willis Penington. Also, he attended the Homewood TIF Review Board Meeting, The Property Tax Town Hall Meeting, and HF's Honors Convocation. Supervisor reminded the board about Mega Fest, several parades, and The Man Cave to come. Supervisor was excited to share that Rich Township will obtain \$6.2 million.

**Clerk:** No Report

**Assessor:** Assessor Sam Brown reported that the Assessor's Office welcomed Jackie Vazquez as their new addition to the Assessor's Department. Assessor was a keynote speaker at the Property Tax Town Hall Meeting along with Cook County Assessor, Fritz Kaegi. Deputy Assessor of Rich Township, Paula Farr attended the Town Hall Meeting as well along with over 50 Rich Township residents. Assessor also attend the swearing in of Trustee Burris as the new City Treasurer for Country Club Hills. The Assessor's Office received over

500 office visits through the months of April and May while also receiving over 2,000 calls in the months of March, April, and May. Assessor Brown stated that home sales rose in the years 2021 and 2022, anticipating and effect on reassessments. Assessor Brown also expressed that the Disabled Veterans Exemption has not been mailed out yet and that Cook County has extended the deadline for all exemptions to August 18, 2023.

**Highway Commissioner:** Commissioner White expressed his excitement for the department's two new summer employees.

**Trustee Bobis:** Trustee Bobis attended the Mother's Day event on May 10, 2023, as well as the Park Forest Ice Cream Social on May 21, 2023. Trustee stated that it was a great time and informative event on the history of Park Forest.

**Trustee Burris:** Trustee Burris applauded the Senior Services for a great Mother's Day event, and he enjoyed the Memorial Day Parade. Trustee expressed his want in setting up a partnership with Country Club Hills to utilize their Amphitheater for a Rich Township Day event.

**Trustee Goodrich:** Trustee Goodrich attended the swearing in of Mayor Joe Woods of Park Forest. She also attended a special summer concert event.

**Trustee Small:** Trustee Small thanks Administration for the department report. She also commended the Senior Services for their great work. Trustee Small attended the Township of Illinois Association Meeting on May 13, 2023. Trustee Small mentioned that she would like to invite the Mentoring Youth to Technology program to present at a future Board Meeting.

**Attorney:** Attorney expressed that a Trustee can sit on the Food Pantry Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Supervisor

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Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

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

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