

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 1, 2015

**Leonard Robinson Family Center
22013 Governors Highway, Richton Park, Illinois**

Call to Order: Supervisor Al Riley called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Supervisor Al Riley; Trustees Nick Bobis, Therese Goodrich, Elliott Johnson and Jackie Small (a quorum)

Officials Present: Clerk Bobbie King, Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan

Others Present: Tim Bradford, Administrator; Carney Barr, Finance Manager; Frank Garrett, Attorney; Debbie Pascarella, Deputy Clerk; Lynette Elmore, Assistant to the Highway Commissioner; Diane Sykes, Newspaper Editor; Christin Salley and family, Flossmoor; Cierra Osborne and family, Matteson; Lanisha Smith and family, Richton Park; Ademilola Tejuoso and family, Park Forest; Kaleah Phelps and family, Richton Park; George and Barbara Gomall, Samoa Martin, Louis and Laura Sylvester, Cheryl and Jamey Plath, Jesse Houst and Sharon Hughes Folten, all of Polk Avenue, Unincorporated Matteson.

Approval of Bills: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Town Fund checks #30092--30272 in the amount of \$356,283.13; General Assistance Fund checks #21897--22056 in the amount of \$38,629.70; Road District Fund checks #6039--6067 in the amount of \$19,902.47; Donations Fund checks #1583--1585 in the amount \$1,369.89; and Senior Companion Fund checks #9710--9767 in the amount of \$24,017.13 for the period of 04/28/15 thru 05/26/15.

Approval Of Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Small, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the May 4, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodrich, seconded by Trustee Bobis, and unanimously passed by voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the May 4, 2015 Executive Session meeting as presented.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

All of the above named residents of Polk Avenue in Unincorporated Matteson expressed concerns regarding the road extension at the end of Polk Avenue, and the township's lack of knowledge that it had been extended. Other concerns noted were lack of notification to the residents of Polk Avenue, additional traffic issues, quiet and safety concerns, and nature and appearance of the area. George and Barbara Gomall added that they were having difficulty getting in and out of their own driveway.

Supervisor Al Riley suggested that a meeting be arranged with Village of Richton Park's Village President and public works director, U.S. Congresswoman Robin Kelly's office, Cook County Commissioners Deborah Sims and Joan Murphy, Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan and himself to address the residents' questions and concerns.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor: Supervisor Al Riley attended the Lupus Society Walk, the TOI meeting, and met with area school children in Springfield.

Clerk: Clerk Bobbie King reported that unincorporated Cook County vehicle stickers are available, and that the due date for display is July 1st. She thanked Trustees Nick Bobis, Therese Goodrich, Jackie Small and Highway Commissioner Calvin Jordan for presenting the Good Citizenship Scholarship Awards. Clerk King noted that TOCC was encouraging townships to share information and milkweed seeds with residents in an effort to save the monarch butterfly. She attended the Pantry Volunteer Luncheon.

Assessor: Absent

Highway Commissioner: Commissioner Calvin Jordan reported that he had approved and signed Ordinance 15-07-Adopting the Prevailing Wage Act. He noted that his staff would be planting flowers as part of a beautification project, and that he presented the Good Citizenship Scholarship Award at Homewood-Flossmoor High School.

Trustee Goodrich: Attended the Pantry Volunteer Luncheon, the Township's Senior Fair, the Annual League of Women Voters meeting, the Governors State University Gala Fundraiser for Performing Arts, and presented the Good Citizenship Scholarship Award at Rich East High School.

Trustee Johnson: Attended the Pantry Volunteer Luncheon, School District 159's graduation, and was guest speaker at the Cook County Assessor's Association meeting. Trustee Elliott Johnson reported that he was humbled by his election as President of the TOCC Board.

Trustee Bobis: Attended the TOCC Spring Conference, the TOCC Trustees Division meeting, was guest speaker at the Pantry's Volunteer Luncheon, and presented the Good Citizenship Scholarship Award at Rich South High School. Trustee Nick Bobis noted that he is especially proud to serve on the TOCC Board with fellow Trustee Elliott Johnson as President.

Trustee Small: Presented the Good Citizenship Scholarship Award at Rich Central High School.

Attorney: No report

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Riley named the students that received the Good Citizenship Scholarships awarded by the Township to students attending each of the five high schools located in Rich Township. Christin Salley of Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Lanisha Smith of Rich Central High School, Ademilola Tejuoso of Rich East High School, Kaleah Phelps of Rich South High School, Cierra Osborne of Southland Charter High School introduced themselves, and briefly spoke about their accomplishments and of their future plans.

Ordinance 15-06 Adopting Prevailing Wage Act/ Township: Upon a motion made by Trustee Bobis, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board approved Ordinance 15-06.

Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes: Upon a motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Goodrich, and unanimously passed by roll call vote, the Board agreed not to release executive session minutes of January 6, 2003, July 6, 2004 and September 7, 2004 at this time citing employee issues, and that the need for confidentiality still exists. They will review them again in six (6) months.

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

Supervisor

Clerk

Approval by the Board of Trustees

Date: _____

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