

River Forest Township
Minutes of Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Township Supervisor Carla Sloan called the Annual Town Meeting of the Township of River Forest to order on Tuesday April 11, 2023 at 6:02 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This was a meeting held both in person and electronically by Zoom.

Supervisor Sloan stated that the official Notice of the Annual Town Meeting was published in the Forest Leaves and posted in three public places within the Township and our website, ten days prior to the meeting. The Public Notice is available for inspection and is attached. Supervisor Sloan also reminded electors that by law only items on the agenda may be considered. If electors have an issue not on the agenda, it may be considered at a special Town meeting, pursuant to the provisions in the Code regarding special Town Meetings. In addition, if electors have concerns on matters not covered on the agenda, they may make those concerns known to the trustees during the Public Participation section of the regular monthly meeting, which follows tonight's annual meeting. She asked all those attending the meeting to please sign in and pick up an agenda. All River Forest electors may vote, and this process is through a show of hands. This is why the room is separated into two groups, River Forest electors and non-River Forest Township electors.

Roll Call of Township Officials/Identification and Introduction of Township Officials

Clerk Druckman called the roll of Township Officials: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Taubman, Strom, Herrman and Connolly.

Selection of Moderator for Town Meeting—Oath of Moderator administered by Township Clerk

Trustee Keith Strom moved that River Forest resident Ed Sloan be named moderator for the River Forest Township Annual Meeting. Trustee Deana Herrman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by those present.

The nomination having been approved, Clerk Druckman administered the Oath of Office to Ed Sloan. That Oath, properly executed, is attached. Moderator Ed Sloan asked Clerk Druckman to act as the Secretary for the Annual Meeting. Clerk Druckman agreed.

Minutes of Last Annual Town Meeting

Trustee Taubman made a motion to forego reading of the April 12, 2022 Annual Minutes, seconded by Trustee Connolly. Trustee Strom made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2022 Annual Town Meeting. Trustee Connolly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Moderator Ed Sloan stated that copies are on file with the Clerk and available for public viewing and will also be posted on the Township website.

Identification of Electors Present at Town Meeting and execution of Affidavits of Standing as Electors

Moderator Ed Sloan noted the Clerk would notarize each affidavit containing River Forest elector signatures.

Annual Financial Statements of Supervisor

The Clerk stated that the Statement of Income and Expenditures for the Township Fund and for General Assistance was attached to the agendas. The statements will be subject to audit and placed on file with the Clerk and publicly posted.

Reports of Committees and Other Programs

Moderator Ed Sloan stated that copies of all Reports are available at the meeting and will be on file with the Clerk and available for public viewing.

Youth Services Committee—Megan Traficano, Director of Township Youth and Family Services, provided a recap of by zoom of the written report submitted.

Senior Services Committee—Pamela Mahn, Director of Township Senior Services, provided a recap of by zoom of the written report submitted.

Mental Health Committee—Mental Health Administrator Sarah Schwarting provided a recap of the written report submitted.

Supervisor Report—Supervisor Sloan provided a recap of the written report submitted.

Assessor—In the absence of Assessor Pam Kende, Deputy Assessor Kathy Elliott provided a recap of the written report submitted by Assessor Kende.

General Assistance—Supervisor Sloan provided a recap of the written report submitted by General Assistance Administrator April Dugal.

Senior Outreach Coordinator—Senior Outreach Coordinator Betsy Kelly provided a recap of the written report submitted.

River Forest Civic Center Authority—River Forest Civic Center Authority Facilities Administrator, Dick Chappell, was not present and his report was not read. It is filed with the annual meeting minutes and available upon request.

River Forest Community Center—River Forest Community Center Administrator, Dick Chappell, was not present and his report was not read.

Resolutions

Moderator Ed Sloan stated that he would read a short description of each resolution and ask for a motion and a second to approve each resolution. He stated that once the motion was made and seconded the floor would be open for questions on that particular resolution. The vote would be taken by a show of hands. Copies of the proposed resolutions were available at the meeting.

Trustee Strom moved to adopt **Resolution 1** regarding Insurance as submitted and presented. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Strom moved to adopt **Resolution 2** regarding Mental Health Services as submitted and presented. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Strom moved that **Resolution 3** regarding Financial S

upport and Contractual Service regarding Senior Citizen and Youth Programs be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Strom moved that **Resolution 4** regarding Senior Services Programs be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Strom moved that **Resolution 5** regarding Youth Services Programs be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Strom moved that **Resolution 6a** regarding Approval of Banks, seconded by Trustee Connolly, be adopted as submitted and presented. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present. Trustee Strom moved that **Resolution 6b** regarding Audit, seconded by Trustee Connolly, be adopted as submitted and presented. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Strom moved that **Resolution 7** regarding Support of River Forest Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium and Office Building Authority (River Forest Civic Center Authority) be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Strom moved that **Resolution 8** regarding Intergovernmental Agreements be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Strom moved that **Resolution 9** regarding Authority to Borrow Funds be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Strom moved that **Resolution 10** regarding Township space in Civic Center Authority Building be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Moderator Ed Sloan announced that the Statutory Budget Hearing will be held on May 16, 2023.

Trustee Strom moved that **Resolution 11** regarding Presentation of Proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal year April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 be submitted and presented. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Strom moved that **Resolution 12** regarding Expenditure of Township funds per Cooperative Agreements or Contracts with Other Governmental Entities and Not for Profit Corporations be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Moderator Ed Sloan announced that the next regular meeting of the River Forest Township Board of Trustees will take place on May 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Moderator Ed Sloan announced that the next Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the River Forest Civic Center Authority Building, 8020 Madison Street, River Forest.

Moderator Ed Sloan asked for an adjournment of the River Forest Township Annual Town Meeting at 7:09 p.m. and thanked all for attending. Trustee Strom made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Druckman, Township Clerk