

RIVER FOREST CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF MANAGERS
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Manager Romeo called the meeting to order at 7:21 PM on July 19, 2011 at the River Forest Civic Center. Roll called.

Present: Managers M. Kelty, M. O'Brien, V. Krawczyk, A. Romeo

Absent: Managers J. Davis

Also present: Attorney Pat Deady, RFCC Executive Director Dick Chappell, RF Community Center Board members Lewis Rieck, Mary Roberts, and George Vukotich, Pioneer Press reporter Bill Dwyer, RF Park District Board member Molly Hague

Manager O'Brien made one correction to the minutes of the June 14, 2011 regular meeting of the River Forest Civic Center Authority. Clerk Sloan duly noted the correction. Manager Krawczyk made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Manager Kelty seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Participation – RF Park District Board member Molly Hague spoke. She requested that the Township and the CCA publish meeting agendas online. In addition, she opposes a lease agreement between the RFCC and the RF CCA, based on her current assumptions.

- Under what Ms. Hague believes is the proposed lease, she estimates taxpayers will each receive "probably \$10/year" to lease about 85% of the building.
- Based on Ms. Hague's current assumptions, she stated that the Township and taxpayers pay Dick Chappell's salary of over \$60,000, in addition to other benefits. Based on these assumptions, she estimates his total compensation is around \$100,000. (Clerk's note to record: these assumptions are incorrect.)
- Ms. Hague believes this is not the most fiscally responsible way to spend taxpayer dollars.
- She stated that taxpayers have a right to know how many hours Dick Chappell spends as CCA Building Manager and RFCC Executive Director.
- Ms. Hague asked why the RFCC is not responsible for the Building Manager's salary and benefits.
- She noted that one should look at how the CCA Building and tax dollars could be better used.
- As a Park Commissioner, she believes that Park District programs should be run out of the CCA building.
- She noted that the RF Park District did submit an offer to the CCA to lease the building, in addition to renovating the building, but that the CCA was not interested in replacing its tenant.

Attorney Deady asked Ms. Hague to submit specific questions in writing to the CCA. He noted that Ms. Hague has not necessarily made correct assumptions and does not know the terms and conditions of the lease currently in negotiation. He affirmed that approval of the final lease will be a matter of public record in a publicly noticed meeting. Attorney Deady and Manager Krawczyk stated that discussion of the lease has been on the published CCA agenda for several months. Ms. Hague made a FOIA request for past CCA meeting agendas. Manager Krawczyk noted that Ms. Hague does not have correct facts in regard to the draft lease agreement, including details of Mr. Chappell's compensation. Ms. Hague stated that 48 hours notice is required to move into Executive Session from a regular meeting to discuss the lease. (Clerk's note to record: this assumption is incorrect.)

Bills – Manager Romeo made a motion to approve payment of July bills in the amount of \$702.38 (see enclosure). Manager Kelty seconded. Roll called:

Ayes: M. Kelty, M. O'Brien, V. Krawczyk, A. Romeo

Nays: None.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Director's Report – RFCC Executive Director Dick Chappell reported HVAC unit damage due to the recent power outages. He is determining whether claims will go through ComEd or the insurance company. Supervisor Krawczyk noted that she would forward information from FEMA regarding the storm. Summer camps are ongoing.

New Business – None.

Old Business – Manager Romeo suggested postponing any discussion of the CCA Building lease agreement.

The next regular meeting of the RF Civic Center Authority will take place on Tuesday, August 16, 2011. Manager O'Brien made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Manager Kelty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Sloan, Secretary