

RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING –April 14, 2009

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Supervisor Veronica Krawczyk. on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at the River Forest Civic Center. Roll called.

Present: Trustee R. Davis, M. Kelty, M. O'Brien, A. Romeo, Supervisor V. Krawczyk

Also present: Assessor Pam Kende, Executive Director of OP Mental Health Board Lisa DeVivo, RF CC Executive Director Dick Chappell, Angelika Davis, Attorney Greg Melnyk

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular March 17, 2009 meeting. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation

Assessor - Assessor Pam Kende reported that the Board of Review is closed.

She is currently helping residents with filing for the various exemptions.

The Senior Housing Expo will be on May 1st with the RF Community Center again hosting the event and she is planning to attend.

Mental Health Committee (MHC) – Supervisor Krawczyk introduced Lisa DeVivo, the Executive Director of the Community Mental Health Board or Oak Park and the RF MHC, to the Trustees. Together, Supervisor Krawczyk and Director DeVivo reported on their meeting with Oak Leyden about the two CILA residents. Oak Leyden was told that it was incorrect for that agency to ask for funding from RF Township since these two residents were no longer living in River Forest and had not been for the last 6 years. The MHC has been asked to suspend funding for this program to Oak Leyden and Oak Leyden has offered to return the money. Questions remain for the future on how to handle other similar situations that may arise. What works for our level of funding and what kinds of programs does the Township wish to service. Should purchase of service or case management grants be used? Trustee Romeo suggested that funding go towards more educational services.

Youth Committee (YC) – See Supervisor's report.

Senior Committee (SC) – See Supervisor's report.

Supervisor's Announcements and Comments – Supervisor Krawczyk congratulated the Trustees on being re elected to the Township Board. Attorney Melnyk stated that the offices of Collector and Clerk will need to be appointed within 60 days of the election. The appointment of the vacant officers should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The West Cook YMCA is requesting that local agencies write letters of support to help them in their search for funding. Trustee O'Brien made a motion that a letter of support be written for the Y's service to the community. Trustee Romeo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

On May 7th there will be a party honoring Village President Frank Paris' service to RF. It will be at Dominican. Supervisor Krawczyk will attend representing the Township.

The Community Managers meeting was hosted by the RF Park District.

Mark Enenbach of the Westside CEDA Organization has been contacting local agencies to inform them of the programs and services that CEDA offers. He also asked Supervisor Krawczyk to consider joining the CEDA Board as a Township representative.

Bills – Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for March and April. See Enclosure 1.

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the April bills for the General Fund totaling \$16,248
Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.

Ayes: Trustees Davis, Kelty, O'Brien, A. Romeo, Supervisor Krawczyk

Nays: None

Absent: None The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to approve the March bills for the General Fund totaling \$3,397.62.
Trustee Kelty seconded. Roll called.

Ayes: Trustees Davis, Kelty, O'Brien, A. Romeo, Supervisor Krawczyk

Nays: None

Absent: None The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business -

New Business - Supervisor Krawczyk passed out a draft of the Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2009-2010. She asked that the Trustees review it.

The next regular meeting of the River Forest Township Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center. There will be a public hearing on the proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and the newly elected Township Officials will be sworn into office.

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Romeo seconded. The motion passed.
The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Martin, Clerk