

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Supervisor Veronica Krawczyk.

Roll called:

Present: Trustees J. Davis, M. Kelty, M. O'Brien, A. Romeo, Supervisor V. Krawczyk

Absent: None

Also present: RFCC Executive Director Dick Chappell, Assessor Pam Kende, Attorney Pat Deady, Ange Davis

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular March 16, 2010 meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. Trustee O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Assessor –There is currently a lawsuit against the Cook County Assessor. A number of residents are calling Assessor Kende to request property pin numbers required in filing their income taxes.

Mental Health– Avis Rudner started as River Forest Township Human Services Administrator on April 1. Avis will work on Wednesdays. She may propose a new format for mental health agency contract hearings. This would include a one-night open house where the Township presents the contracts to the agencies and establishes mutual goals. The process may be combined for Mental Health and Youth Services, in order to encourage agencies to better work together for a common purpose, including outreach, cooperative programming, and funding opportunities.

Avis Rudner and Supervisor Krawczyk met with OPMHB staff to discuss access to the Mental Health data system. Oak Park may want to limit access, due to concerns about confidentiality. River Forest may consider using the old data system and format to interact with the agencies. Avis is working with the Mental Health Committee to make a recommendation.

Seniors – The Senior Committee is introducing a new program, *Are You OK?*, for both Oak Park and River Forest seniors and disabled. Police Departments will check on seniors living alone or individuals with disabilities on a daily basis via automated call; police will show up to check on those who don't respond.

Youth – A Wednesday Journal article highlighted activity by the Citizens Committee parents to curb drug and alcohol abuse at OPRF High School, as discussed in the March meeting.

Supervisor's Comments – Managers O'Brien and Romeo, Assessor Kende, and Supervisor Krawczyk attended the Town Meeting with Congressman Danny Davis at the River Forest Community Center. The meeting was well attended by citizens of multiple communities.

A new computer was ordered for use by Mental Health and the Clerk. The copy machine will be better utilized as fax and printer. A new computer will also be ordered for the Township office. Purchase of equipment is within budget.

Supervisor Krawczyk asked for feedback on the new website; response was very positive.

Statements of Economic Interest are due from the Trustees and Township employees to Cook County by May 1.

Greg Kramer is retiring from the Village of River Forest after 25 years; a reception is scheduled for May 7.

The Opportunity Knocks fundraiser was well attended and financially successful.

Old Business – Supervisor Krawczyk solicited questions on the draft budget distributed last month.

The Attorney General's office responded favorably to the Township regarding a citizen's recent FOIA request. They concluded that the information provided by the Township was in compliance with that FOIA request.

New Business – None.

Bills - Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for March. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the bills for the General Fund totaling \$31,441.58. See Enclosure. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.
Ayes: Trustees Davis, Kelty, O'Brien, Romeo, Supervisor Krawczyk
Nays: None The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Krawczyk presented bills for April. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the bills for the General Fund totaling \$15,484.57. See Enclosure. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll Called.
Ayes: Trustees Davis, Kelty, O'Brien, Romeo, Supervisor Krawczyk
Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve a General Assistance payment in the amount of \$225.00. See Enclosure. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.
Ayes: Trustees Davis, Kelty, O'Brien, Romeo, Supervisor Krawczyk
Nays: None The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Krawczyk asked for a motion to adjourn the Township meeting. The next regular meeting of the River Forest Township Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center. Trustee Romeo made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Davis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Sloan, Clerk