

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 7, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Supervisor Veronica Krawczyk.

Roll called:

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

Absent: Trustee J. Davis, M. Kelty

Also present: Assessor Pam Kende, RFCC Executive Director Dick Chappell, Attorney Pat Deady, Mental Health Committee member Margaret Tafilaw

Note: Trustee Kelty arrived at 7:30 PM following Roll Call.

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

Public Participation – None.

Assessor – Property tax bills are due December 13. The Assessor's office is still busy correcting tax bills, mostly for Seniors and for the Senior Freeze exemptions. River Forest will be reassessed as of January 1, 2011. Reassessment notices have historically been mailed to residents in March. Mr. Barrios, the new Cook County Assessor, may reopen some satellite offices including Maywood. Supervisor Krawczyk noted that tax revenues are starting to trickle in.

Mental Health – The Mental Health Committee was represented by member Margaret Tafilaw. MHC members are completing their liaison reports and agency visits, in preparation for contract reviews in January. The contract was simplified this year for all agencies with the exception of Opportunity Knocks, which is a first-time applicant.

Trustee Romeo noted the efforts of RF resident Jean Meister to obtain a Pepsi grant on behalf of CABF, an organization which advocates on behalf of childhood schizophrenia. She asked that people support the grant effort by text or internet. Clerk Sloan relayed the efforts of Jean Meister to lead a local support group called FRED, for parents of children with mental illness or developmental disabilities. She noted that Jean should meet with the MHC to raise its awareness of her efforts. Trustee O'Brien indicated that the MHC has expressed interest in providing greater support of parent-based groups.

Youth – The Youth Committee had its retreat and is doing its strategic planning for next year. Regarding the interventionist program, David Boulanger is still looking into the proposed insurance increases for next year. Supervisor Krawczyk stated that the interventionist program is being redesigned to enhance follow-through with youth offenders regarding their volunteer obligations. A recent article in the local paper indicated that the RF Park District is still not financially supportive of the interventionist program.

Seniors – Supervisor Krawczyk attended the Senior Christmas party. Seniors are excited about the upcoming Senior Proclamation in May. The Senior Committee is putting together a pamphlet to answer questions regarding local senior services.

Bills - Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for December. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the bills for the General Fund totaling \$14,484.50. See Enclosure. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Roll called.

Ayes: Trustees Kelty, O'Brien, Romeo, Supervisor Krawczyk
Nays: None The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve General Assistance in the amount of \$450.00. See Enclosure. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Roll called.

Ayes: Trustees Kelty, O'Brien, Romeo, Supervisor Krawczyk
Nays: None The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor's Comments – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Clerk Sloan announced a special meeting to approve the Annual RF Township 2010 Levy on December 15, 2010 at 3:30 pm and confirmed that a quorum would be present.

The Trustees reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2011. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to accept the proposed meeting dates for 2011. Trustee Kelty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Romeo made a motion to appoint Supervisor Krawczyk and Clerk Sloan as FOIA Officers and OMA designees for River Forest Township. Trustee O'Brien seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Krawczyk reviewed the most recent FOIA request from resident Molly Hague, with which Clerk Sloan complied, following direction from Attorney Deady.

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, January 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center. Trustee Romeo made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kelty seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Sloan, Clerk