

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Supervisor Veronica Krawczyk.

Roll called:

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

Absent: Mark Kelty

Also present: RFCC Executive Director Dick Chappell, Attorney Pat Deady, Assessor Pamela Kende, Mental Health Services Administrator Avis Rudner

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular November 16, 2011 meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation** – None.

**Assessor** – The permits have all been completed for the year. The Board of Review is done; all data have been uploaded. Sales data input is up to date.

**Mental Health** – Funding applications have been sent to the current agencies for the next fiscal year. An application for new funding was sent to Oak Park Township Youth Services for its Face It Program. Supervisor Krawczyk observed a strong turnout at a recent Face It meeting. Face It staff reports growing success, especially now that the program is reaching a more appropriate target audience.

The MHC will meet on January 18, when Thrive's new Executive Director will present a program overview. The Hephzibah program pilot, which helps families of mentally ill and developmentally disabled children, has its third River Forest resident. Assessment is ongoing. Avis Rudner will introduce RF Township and MHC to the FRED parent group tomorrow at its Christmas lunch.

Trustee O'Brien stated that Seguin will be asking RF Township for \$4000 to help fund a film festival in April (total cost \$40,000), which will focus on anti-stigma. Most of the funds will be used for marketing. A decision needs to be made in January. Trustees will need to assess whether this is an effective use of taxpayer dollars. RF Township commitment can be less than \$4000.

**Youth** – The Youth Committee meeting is tomorrow, followed by the annual Christmas party.

**Seniors** – Construction is halted on the renovation of Oak Park Township's senior building due to structural issues.

**Supervisor's Comments** – None.

**Bills** - Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for December. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the bills for the General Fund totaling \$68,432.82. It was noted that this total includes 3 payments dated 12/22/11 for payroll to Dick Chappell, as well as federal and state payroll taxes for all employees. See Enclosure. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Roll called.

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

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve payments out of the General Assistance fund in the amount of \$1165.21. See Enclosure. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.

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

Supervisor Krawczyk noted that GA for a single person is increasing by \$20 to \$245.

**Old Business** – The 2011 tax year levy will be voted upon at a special meeting on December 15. Trustees reviewed the proposed levy.

Attorney Deady has drafted an ordinance for capital funds to be part of future levies, after such funds become part of the approved budget next June. Trustees should approve this ordinance in February.

Trustee Romeo noted that dollar signs (\$) should be added to the levy. It was also noted that a specific Mental Health agency was erroneously omitted from the levy. Supervisor Krawczyk agreed to send out a revised levy which includes the correct Mental Health dollars. The total levy remains correct as posted.

**New Business** – Trustee Romeo made a motion to approved the proposed 2012 meeting dates for the River Forest Township Board of Trustees. Trustee Davis seconded. 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 held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center. Trustee Romeo made a motion to adjourn. Trustee O'Brien seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Sloan, Clerk