

RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING - January 20, 2009

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Supervisor V Krawczyk at 7:06pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at the River Forest Civic Center. Roll called.

- Present: Trustees R. Davis, M. Kelty, M. O'Brien, A. Romeo, Supervisor Krawczyk
- Absent: Clerk E. Martin
- Also Present: Assessor P. Kende, RFCC Executive Director R. Chappell, A. Davis

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the River Forest Township Board of Trustees held on December 2, 2008. Trustee Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation -Assessor -reported that: the Board of Review appeal deadline is January 23rd. Senior Citizens Freeze applications were/will be mailed this week to those who qualified or got a certificate of error last year. Sales figures for 2008: highest number of sales in any class was in condominium sales -38; Class 206 (2 stories, 2000-5000 sq ft) was the most popular type of house sold. There were 124 total sales and the average sales price of \$651,483. The number of sales is substantially down from prior years.

Supervisor's Report -see enclosure 2. In addition,

- Mental Health - At the next meeting on March 10th, Bob Atkins of Oak Leyden to explain billing for services provided to clients who no longer reside in River Forest. Funding is frozen pending the outcome of this meeting. Supervisor Krawczyk requests that a Trustee accompany her to this meeting. A new digital client service tracking program will assure more accurate billing in the future. Abby Schmelling will appear for the Volunteer Center - ENUF program. Funding is frozen due to insufficient information on number of clients served.
- Holiday Food and Gift Program sent a thank you letter for use of township facilities.
- IMRF cost will decrease this year, but will increase next year.
- CPI for next year's levy will be capped at 1%.
- Youth - Teen Link, a youth job opportunity web site put up by Roberta White of Youth Services. This vehicle allows for feedback from job providers and from teens after they are hired. Senior Services is facilitating a way to link 14-16 year olds with seniors who want to hire them to get odd jobs done.
- Received letter from Matt Murphy requesting support for an advisory referendum regarding support of the continuation of the Cook County sales tax. Consensus: Such a referendum would not benefit our residents. The question as stated in the letter is not valid.
- Max-Safe, an investment opportunity - township funds fall below the required amount.
- Supervisor position may be contested. Documents must be filed by the 26th.
- Attended a meeting at the RF Library to discuss the ASK (After School Kids) program. Library staff were seeking advice from school administration, police, youth services/interventionists and RFCC to improve the program and address behavioral issues of participating youth.

Approval of Bills

Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for January -Enclosure 1. Trustee Romeo moved to approve payment of the bills totaling \$102,640.08. Trustee Kelty seconded. Roll was called.

