

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 19, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting took place Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Supervisor Veronica Krawczyk.

Roll called:

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

Also present: RFCC Executive Director Dick Chappell, Assessor P. Kende, Attorney Pat Deady

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular December 1, 2009 meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Assessor** – Assessor Pam Kende announced that tax bills will be mailed January 23, before the referendum vote on February 2. This bill will be more heavily weighted (55% of last year's total) than the next tax bill. Supervisor Krawczyk noted this will result in better cash flow for governmental entities. Taxes will be due March 2. Exemption booklets will be mailed on January 27th.

Assessor Kende observes more real estate sales activity in the Village. The sales range is from \$400,000 to \$2.1 million.

**Mental Health Committee (MHC)** – Supervisor Krawczyk and Trustee O'Brien spoke with Lisa DeVivo, CMHB Director, regarding the termination of the mental health administrative agreement. Supervisor Krawczyk also sent a formal termination letter but did not hear comments or concerns from anyone on the Community Mental Health Board.

Lisa DeVivo inquired whether the Township wants to continue with the reporting of the agency stats. This information is already in the database. She stated it would be a minimal cost to the Township and will let Supervisor Krawczyk know the exact amount. Board consensus was to maintain the reporting, contingent on the cost.

The Human Services Administrator position (20 hours/month) is posted on the Township website.

**Youth Committee (YC)** – There will be two nights of contract reviews next month, resulting in recommendations for programs and services. John Williams feels very strongly about the need for a mentor program. He has established a goal to recruit, screen and train 100 mentors for 2010. Mentorship will involve volunteering 10-15 hours per month working with youth. Youth are being adversely affected by the economy's impact on their families. Their stress is often overlooked and can result in negative behaviors.

Bert will not be able to manage the I-Search Program, due to insufficient flexibility in his current job. Since the Volunteer Center will no longer be managing the TIME program, Supervisor Krawczyk suggested that one individual could possibly manage both the TIME program and the I-Search Program. John Williams will approach the Oak Park Police Department to see if they can pick up the I-Search Program.

**Supervisor's Comments-** Supervisor Krawczyk shared letters from Oak Park Township, responding to negative TV news coverage about township governments.

**Bills** - Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for January. Bills include those previously held and not paid due to late tax revenues. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the bills for the General Fund totaling \$129,319.69. See Enclosure. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.

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

Nays: None The motion passed unanimously.

There is no General Assistance in January.

**Old Business** – Supervisor Krawczyk requested a motion for the three positions of Assessor, Building Manager and Supervisor to be enrolled in the IMRF, based on duties of at least 1000 hours per year. Trustee Romeo questioned whether the hours required for the Assessor should be set at 600 hours per year. She wants to review the website and table the issue until the next meeting.

The Township will be receiving \$30,000-\$50,000 in excess TIF Funds. Supervisor Krawczyk inquired whether any further action is necessary in order to receive the funds. Attorney Deady advised that Cook County will distribute funds and that no Township action is necessary.

**New Business** – None.

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, February 16, 2010 at 4:30 PM at the River Forest Civic Center. Supervisor Krawczyk made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Davis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Sloan, Clerk