

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, July 20, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 4:51 PM by Supervisor Veronica Krawczyk.

Roll called:

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

Absent: Trustee M. Kelty

Also present: Human Services Administrator Avis Rudner, RFCC Executive Director Dick Chappell.

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular June 15, 2010 meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. Trustee O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation – None.**

**Assessor** – Assessor Kende was absent. Clerk Sloan read the Assessor's report. River Forest is now closed for the appeal period. July 16<sup>th</sup> was the last day to hand in new evidence. 65 residential permits were pulled in the first 6 months of 2010 (\$4.7 million) vs. 73 in the first 6 months of 2009 (\$5.1 million). Residential sales = 111 for 3/1/2009- 3/1/2010 vs. 124 for 3/1/2008- 3/1/2009. Condo sales = 32 (avg. selling price \$209,459) for 3/1/2009- 3/1/2010 vs. 38 (avg. selling price \$212,795) for 3/1/2008- 3/1/2009.

**Mental Health**– Human Services Administrator Rudner reported that agency contracts have been signed and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter payments are being processed. The Grant Application sub-committee met to revise the application and funding process for 2011-12. A draft of the application will be presented to the Mental Health Committee (MHC) on July 21, 2010.

The Executive Summary of the Community Needs Assessment (CNA) has been received and is 70 pages in length. Administrator Rudner will print a 2-sided version for Trustee review. The CNA will be addressed at the July and August meetings of the MHC, as it dovetails into what the River Forest grant application will need to look like.

Trustee O'Brien asked if an abridged Executive Summary could be made available. Administrator Rudner said she would inquire.

The Teen Drug and Alcohol Action Team (of the OPRF Citizens' Council on Substance Abuse) met June 17. The goal was to translate ideas from the round table meeting held earlier into a formal action plan. The "Mom Squad" met on July 8. This group is the result of the parent action committee and is a network of parents committed to stopping the alcohol and substance abuse culture at OPRF. The majority of members of this group appear to be River Forest residents. Supervisor Krawczyk noted that the Mom Squad started a Facebook site and is publicly acknowledging its zero tolerance of drugs and alcohol. Other parents are supporting these actions in growing numbers. Thus far, these groups are not asking for funding from the Township. Instead, they are looking for direction and more of a liaison function.

**Seniors** – Jim Flanagan, chair of the Senior Committee, is a strong advocate for seniors. Jim is proposing an Older Americans Proclamation, to be issued in May 2011 by both the Township and the Village. This would involve a number of activities for seniors set up in the community (RF Library, Village Hall, etc.) related to health, nutrition, driving, etc. This would be an annual event. Jim estimates there are about 1500 residents over age 60 in our community. Supervisor Krawczyk will speak with RF Village President John Rigas in regard to co-sponsoring the Proclamation.

**Youth** – Trustee Davis inquired as to the status of the Interventionist Program. The RF Park District has cut its funding of the program. District 90 is scheduled to vote on program funding in July. The RF Library will fund the program for one more year at half the requested amount, with reevaluation for the second year. Veronica will work with the other RF entities, including the Village, to determine a funding strategy going forward.

**Supervisor's Comments** – David Boulanger is hosting a corn roast at his home and garden on August 21 from 5-8 p.m. All are cordially invited.

Supervisor Krawczyk and Clerk Sloan completed their mandatory FOIA and OMA training by the June 30 deadline.

**Old Business** – Attorney Deady did not yet review the approved draft of Resolution R-10-1 urging the responsible officials of Cook County to stop the politics concerning the issuance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of real estate tax bills, etc. This will hopefully be ready for the Board's final review at the August meeting.

**New Business** – Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve Ordinance 2010-02, the Notice of Prevailing Wage. Trustee Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RFCC Executive Director Dick Chappell reported that the construction at OPRF High School is delayed to due to the construction workers' strike. RFCC will not participate in the Clear Sky Festival. RFCC efforts to hire summer help through a the State of IL job program were hindered by the program's restrictions.

**Bills** - Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for July. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the bills for the General Fund totaling \$23,021.55. 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 General Assistance in the amount of \$587.90. See Enclosure. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.  
Ayes: Trustees Davis, 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, August 17, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Davis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Sloan, Clerk