

RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – July 21, 2009

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Supervisor Veronica Krawczyk. The meeting took place Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at the River Forest Civic Center. Roll called

Present: Trustee J. Davis, M. Kelty, A. Romeo, Supervisor V. Krawczyk

Absent: Trustee M. O'Brien

Also present: Assessor Pam Kende, RF CC Executive Director Dick Chappell, Carla Sloan, resident

Trustee Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular, June 16th meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. Trustee Kelty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation

Assessor - Assessor Pam Kende reported that RF is now closed for appeals. A five percent reduction of property assessments was supposed to be given to all residences.

Mental Health Committee (MHC) – The Mental Health Committee is again meeting at the RF Civic Center. RF has not received the first quarter accounting and will not get it until September.

The Mental Health intergovernmental contract with OP is being reviewed. Administration costs are proposed to increase by \$20,000 due to the implementation of the data base accountability program and the additional administrative staff that has been hired.

Supervisor Krawczyk has met independently with the RF committee. The Committee stated that the increase of administration costs would take money away from mental health programs and felt that this was unacceptable. Supervisor Krawczyk will meet with Executive Director DeVivo to explore this issue further.

Supervisor Krawczyk handed out the new Mental Health Resource directory. Instead of being mailed to each household, the booklet will be placed in strategic locations throughout the village. The directory had the new website address for the Network of Care.

Youth Committee (YC) – Connie Geocaris is resigning from the YC. A new member is being sought.

Senior Committee (SC) – Supervisor Krawczyk proposed Linda Ryan as a new member for the SC. The application was passed around to the trustees. Trustee Romeo made a motion to appoint Linda Ryan to the SC. Trustee Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Supervisor's Comments - Supervisor Krawczyk reported that she had attended the TIF district meeting. The village must have projects in place to begin within 5 months, otherwise the money from the fund will be allotted to the various governmental agencies that are entitled to receive it.

The Volunteer Center has been given 30 days by the RF and OP Townships to get their finances in the black otherwise the Center will be dissolved or merged into another agency.

Bills - Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for July. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the bills for the General Fund totaling \$11,928.84. See Enclosure 2. Trustee Kelty seconded. Roll called.

Ayes: Trustees Davis, Kelty, Romeo, Supervisor Krawczyk

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee O'Brien

The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Krawczyk presented the July bills for General Assistance. Trustee Romeo made a

motion to approve the bills for General Assistance totaling \$225.00. See Enclosure 1. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee O'Brien

The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business – Supervisor Krawczyk stated that the General Assistance Fund has generated \$4,451.74 in interest from December 2007 to May 2009. Trustee Romeo made a motion to transfer the earned interest to the Capital Fund. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.

Ayes: Trustees Davis, Kelty, A. Romeo, Supervisor Krawczyk

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee O'Brien

The motion passed unanimously

The Freedom of Information Act has been signed. The supervisor and clerk will need to attend classes on the new law in January, 2010.

Supervisor Krawczyk asked for a motion to move into Executive Session for the discussion of an employment contract. Trustee Romeo so moved. Trustee Davis seconded.

The meeting recessed at 7:50 PM.

The Board of Trustees meeting reconvened at 8:00 PM

New Business – None

The next regular meeting of the River Forest Township Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center. Trustee Romeo made a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Davis seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Martin, Clerk