

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, June 15, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Supervisor Veronica Krawczyk.

Roll called:

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

Absent: None

Also present: Human Services Administrator Avis Rudner, RFCC Executive Director Dick Chappell, Assessor Pam Kende, Mental Health Committee member Jim Hartzler.

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular May 18, 2010 meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. Trustee Romeo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Assessor** – River Forest is open for appeals with Assessor until July 1; Assessor Kende is receiving 10-20 calls per day. Long-term homeowners exemptions were just sent out; these are financially-based exemptions for homeowners living in their homes 10 years, whose assessments have increased by a specified amount.

**Mental Health**– Human Services Administrator Rudner attended a Strategic Planning Committee session for Oak-Leyden to develop a long-term plan for the agency. The next meeting of the Teen Drug and Alcohol Action Committee will take place on July 17 at OPRF High School to develop the ideas from the roundtable into a formal action plan. Regarding the Community Needs Assessment being conducted with Oak Park: researchers from the University of Illinois delivered a power point presentation focusing on research methods. Raw data and copies of the presentation were disseminated to Mental Health Committee (MHC) members. U of I researchers will also present an Executive Summary in the near future. Trustee O'Brien stated that the 80 page document would be "whittled down" by the MHC to 3-4 pages of key ideas.

The Grant Application sub-committee of the MHC is working to revise the application and funding process. Heavy emphasis will be placed in the next year on outreach to River Forest residents. Input from the Needs Assessment will also go into the grant application.

MHC meetings have been officially changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

MHC member Jim Hartzler stated that River Forest would be moving from grant funding to fee-for-service in the 2011-2012 funding period. He indicated that the MHC spends carefully while delivering much-needed services in a tough state spending environment.

**Seniors** – None.

**Youth** – Supervisor Krawczyk noted that the Citizens Forum dealing with the substance abuse issues among youth represents a strong, proactive and community-based approach to the problem. She hopes the new OPRF High School Superintendent will play a leadership role in this process.

**Supervisor's Comments** – Supervisor Krawczyk has asked Attorney Pat Deady not to attend monthly meetings unless necessary, in order to minimize legal expenses. His services may be needed on an increased basis in the future, in regard to upcoming lease issues.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business** – Trustee Romeo make a motion to approve Resolution R-10-1 urging the responsible officials of Cook County to stop the politics concerning the issuance of the 2nd installment of real estate tax bills and to adopt meaningful tax billing and collection reform, pending attorney review. Trustee O'Brien seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to approve the River Forest budget for 2010-2011 of \$526,748. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.

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

Nays: None The motion passed unanimously.

**Bills** - Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for May. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the bills for the General Fund totaling \$28,913.79. See Enclosure. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.

Ayes: Trustees Davis, Kelty, 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, July 20, 2010 at 4:30 PM at the River Forest Civic Center. Trustee Romeo made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Davis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Sloan, Clerk