

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM by Supervisor Veronica Krawczyk.

Roll called:

Present: Trustees M. Kelty, A. Romeo, Supervisor V. Krawczyk

Absent: Trustees J. Davis, M. O'Brien

Also present: Attorney Pat Deady, Assessor Pam Kende, RFCC Executive Director Dick Chappell, Mental Health Services Administrator Avis Rudner

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular May 17, 2011 meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. Supervisor Krawczyk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation – None.

Assessor – River Forest is closed for appeals; the reassessment is over. Decisions will be mailed to residents. There is a re-review process where citizens can discuss their case with a taxpayer advocate. Assessor Kende's office was busy with over 300 appeals.

An outreach session was held on June 1 with employees from the Cook County Assessor's office, with 110-120 River Forest residents in attendance. All exemptions have been mailed out. A new computer has been purchased for the Assessor's office.

Mental Health – Administrator Rudner reported that funding letters have been delivered to the mental health agencies. Formal agreements are being prepared.

A Mental Health Options meeting was sponsored by FRED, a local parent group led by Jean Meister. The purpose was to inform River Forest and Oak Park citizens about mental health services for children. About 20 people attended. Administrator Rudner reported that it was a very informative meeting. People in crisis are often unaware of community youth mental health services. Hospitals appear to inform people only about therapy opportunities, rather than telling them about community services. Discussions covered management of violence within the home, including working with the local police on a proactive basis. Hopefully, attendance will be higher next time with more publicity, more advanced notice and fewer competing activities.

Youth – The Youth Committee meeting is coming up. Supervisor Krawczyk distributed the interventionist contract, which is up for 2-year renewal. She will check if previous Trustee questions about insurance cost increases have been addressed. The RF Park District is now going support the interventionist program. The RF Library is reassessing the amount of its contribution to the program; the Township will need to absorb any shortfall.

Seniors – The Senior Committee meeting will be held on June 14. Supervisor Krawczyk will not attend due to the Mental Health Committee annual dinner.

Supervisor's Comments – None.

Bills - Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for June. The first is from the General Fund totaling \$44,922.62. See Enclosure. Two bills will also be written by the end of June: 1) \$12,091 for building insurance and 2) \$890.22 for dues to Township Officials of Illinois.

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve these bills. See Enclosure. Trustee Kelty seconded. Roll called.

Ayes: Trustees Kelty, Romeo, Supervisor Krawczyk

Nays: None The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve two payments out of the General Assistance fund in the amount of \$150.25. See Enclosure. Trustee Kelty seconded. Roll called.

Ayes: Trustees Kelty, Romeo, Supervisor Krawczyk

Nays: None The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Public Hearing on 2011-2012 Budget – Trustee Romeo noted one typo and a date which need to be corrected. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the corrected 2011-2012 Budget; Trustee Kelty seconded.

Roll called:

Ayes: Trustees Kelty, Romeo and 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 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center. Trustee Romeo made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kelty seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Sloan, Clerk