

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 18, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 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: Avis Rudner (RF Township Human Services Administrator), Bill Dwyer (*Pioneer Press*), Ben Myerson (*Wednesday Journal*).

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular April 13, 2010 meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. Trustee O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Assessor –None.

Mental Health– Avis Rudner reported that the Mental Health Committee is proposing to change its meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of the month; final decision is pending.

The Grant Application sub-committee will meet this summer to develop a new grant application for River Forest Mental Health. In the future, the grant application process will have increased focus on agency outreach to residents.

The Community Needs Assessment is almost completed. Results will help guide River Forest Mental Health in its funding efforts.

Trustee O'Brien inquired about the pending decision to use and pay for Oak Park Mental Health Board's database. Supervisor Krawczyk indicated that River Forest Mental Health will not pay for use of that database. Agency funding will be grant based in 2010-2011. Avis Rudner will collect relevant data directly from the agencies throughout the year. The data process will be simplified in 2011-2012 because agencies will be reimbursed based on standardized rates for specific services.

Seniors – None.

Youth – The Citizens Council will hold a forum at OPRF High School on May 19; the agenda includes expert speakers and an open panel discussion regarding drugs and local youth.

Supervisor Krawczyk reported that David Boulanger wants to change the membership structure of the Youth Committee. He is proposing that since River Forest only funds 20% of joint programs, River Forest's Committee votes on joint programs should be reduced to 5, vs. Oak Park's 9. Trustees generally felt this was unfair; Supervisor Krawczyk agreed to search for a more equitable solution.

Supervisor's Comments – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Township participation in the River Forest Memorial Day parade was discussed.

Supervisor Krawczyk asked for questions on the draft budget for 2010-2011. She clarified differences between the budget handed out at this meeting vs. the draft distributed previously. She noted that the Town Fund is increasing, due to reduced expenses. The goal is to bring the tax levy and the budget in line with each other.

Township Officials of Cook County (TOCC) has asked Townships to consider passing a Resolution urging officials of Cook County to not delay issuance of 2nd installment of real estate tax bills. Clerk Sloan will email copies of the Resolution to the Trustees, for consideration at the next meeting.

Bills - Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for May. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the bills for the General Fund totaling \$31,441.58. See Enclosure. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.

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

Nays: None The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve a General Assistance payment in the amount of \$225.00. 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, June 15 at 7:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center. Trustee Kelty made a motion to adjourn. Trustee O'Brien seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Sloan, Clerk