

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Supervisor Veronica Krawczyk.

Roll called:

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

Absent: Mark Kelty

Also present: Attorney Pat Deady, Assessor Pamela Kende,
Mental Health Services Administrator Avis Rudner

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular September 20, 2011 meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the special September 28, 2011 meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation – None.

Assessor – Tax bills are due November 1. Assessor Kende reports that residents are confused as to why tax bills have gone up while their homeowners exemptions and assessments have gone down. In addition, many seniors didn't receive their senior exemptions this year, since this was the first year seniors had to apply for exemptions vs. receiving them automatically. Assessor Kende has spent much time helping residents resolve these questions.

The Board of Review is closed. Assessor Kende continues to help residents prepare for their upcoming Board of Review hearings.

Mental Health – The Mental Health Committee will meet October 19, 2011. There will be a presentation by the new NAMI leadership. NAMI is partnering with Thrive and Thresholds to host a series of anti-stigma programs in October in Oak Park, as part of a broader statewide effort.

A parent cafe sponsored by Impact will be held at Roosevelt Middle School on October 19. The purpose is to discuss dilemmas arising from a middle school party.

The MHC is considering funding applications for the next fiscal year.

Paraphrase is completing a program called "Mommy is Mad", held at First Presbyterian Church in River Forest. The RF MHC provided funding; there was not a strong turnout from River Forest. Avis Rudner is uncertain how effective the outreach was in River Forest and will evaluate further RF MHC commitment.

Supervisor Krawczyk met with Lisa DeVivo from OP Community Mental Health Board, who inquired if River Forest is interested in supporting some of Oak Park's anti-stigma programs. River Forest's name would be part of the PR; programs would be open to RF residents. Avis Rudner will review these opportunities.

Youth – Supervisor Krawczyk attended the Youth Committee meeting. John Williams from Oak Park Township Youth Services met with a River Forest group called MOB (Mothers of Boys) to discuss substance abuse and bullying at the 8th grade level. OP Youth Services did a 2-day training on bullying in Oak Park and hopes to expand to River Forest, targeting the junior high age group.

The Holiday Food and Gift Basket Program is up and running. The program is recruiting recipient families until October 21.

Seniors – The Senior Committee meeting is upcoming; Supervisor Krawczyk will attend.

Supervisor's Comments – None.

Bills - Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for October. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the bills for the General Fund totaling \$27,450.22. See Enclosure. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.

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

Nays: None The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve payments out of the General Assistance fund in the amount of \$1286.55. See Enclosure. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Roll called.

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

Nays: None The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business – The Treasurers Report has been posted. The final audit has been received and is available for review.

New Business – 1.5% is the most the Township can levy for next year, which brings us to \$529,566 for the upcoming levy. This is close to last year's levy of \$521, 740. We have reached a balanced budget. The levy will be reviewed in November and approved in December.

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 held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center. Trustee Davis made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Romeo seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Sloan, Clerk