

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Supervisor Veronica Krawczyk.

Roll called:

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

Absent: Mark Kelty

Also present: RFCC Executive Director Dick Chappell, Assessor Pamela Kende,
Mental Health Services Administrator Avis Rudner

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular August 18, 2011 meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Kelty arrived at the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Public Participation – None.

Assessor – The Assessor's office has been busy. The Board of Review is open until October 6; Assessor Kende's office will accept appeals until noon on October 4. She proactively mailed appeal letters to recent (last 3 years) home buyers, homeowners with assessments over 10% of the sale price, and homeowners expressing an interest in appealing.

Assessor Kende attended a county-wide meeting hosted by the Board of Review regarding its new on-line system. She noted that the system is not yet 100% usable, as certain data cannot be included in on-line submissions.

Assessor Kende will host a community-wide outreach meeting on September 27 at 7 PM at the RFCC.

The state equalizer has been set; the Township rate is not yet available. Tax bills are coming out in October.

Mental Health – The Mental Health Committee will meet on September 21. Bert Patania will present an update about the Face It program. The new CEO of Community Support Services will also do a brief presentation.

Administrator Rudner attended the Community Mental Health Board meeting in Oak Park. The CMHB has funds available to support a program for families of children with mental health issues. The RF MHC has a small pilot underway with Hephzibah to support similar families; it is too early to assess results.

Administrator Rudner attended an anti-stigma meeting hosted by Thrive and NAMI. Presentations are being planned at OPRF High School.

Youth – The Youth Committee held its September meeting. The Face-It Program is up and running for the fall; response continues to be positive. The Program plans to track and report results over time.

Seniors – The next Senior Committee meeting will be held on September 21.

Supervisor's Comments – None.

Bills - Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for September. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the bills for the General Fund totaling \$64,154.31. See Enclosure. Trustee O'Brien 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 payments out of the General Assistance fund in the amount of \$675. See Enclosure. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.

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

Nays: None The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Supervisor Krawczyk does not yet have the final Annual Treasurer's Report for the year ending March 31, 2011. Trustees reviewed a working copy. There will be a special meeting on Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 PM to approve the final Annual Treasurer's Report.

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, October 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center. Trustee Romeo made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Davis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Sloan, Clerk