

RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – October 21 2008

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Supervisor Veronica Krawczyk. The meeting took place Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at the River Forest Civic Center. Roll called

Present: Trustee R. Davis, M. O'Brien, A. Romeo, Supervisor V. Krawczyk

Absent: Trustee M. Kelty

Also present: Assessor Pam Kende, Attorney Greg Melnyk, RF CC Executive Director Dick Chappell

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular, September 16, 2008 meeting. Trustee O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation

Assessor - Assessor Pam Kende reported that tax bills are out and due by November 3rd.

Board of Review opened yesterday October 20th for RF residents and will be open for 45 days. She is planning an outreach to the community so taxpayers can ask questions, fill out their appeal forms and submit them that evening to representatives from the Board of Review. So far she has mailed out 160 packets of appeals to residents and to those who have bought homes in RF within the last 3 years.

A letter containing misinformation was sent out by someone regarding flood damage claims for tax appeal. Assessor Kende is having to correct that misinformation resident by resident as they call in.

There is an appeal for help by a group of concerned citizens who are helping flooded residents move out damaged articles from their homes.

The assessor's salary review was discussed among the Trustees. Trustee O'Brien wants an hourly accounting of the activities the Assessor engages in not a comparison to what other townships pay for the office.

Mental Health Committee (MHC) – Patty Duke spoke at a program sponsored by Family Services. It was well received. Family Services hopes to offer more programs like this.

Youth Committee (YC) – The advertisement against teenage drinking published to coincide with OPRF High School Homecoming was well received within the community. Various events planned around the Homecoming weekend also kept the teens busy so there was less temptation to drink.

Senior Committee (SC) – See Supervisor's report.

Supervisor's Comments – The OPRF Community Foundation received a \$2 million grant to develop community wide resolutions to solving problems.

Election packets will be distributed at the next meeting so the Trustees, Supervisor and Assessor may begin to collection signatures. Clerk Martin will not be running for re-election.

The League of Women Voters has a website that lists meetings of government bodies and whether their minutes are available on the internet. RF Township's minutes are not currently available. Supervisor Krawczyk proposed that the minutes be available on the Township's website. After discussion the Trustees agreed that the minutes should be so posted.

Molly Hague of the RF Park District Board has requested copies of the Township Budget and other financial information. Supervisor Krawczyk gave her Freedom of Information forms to fill out for her requests.

Bills – Supervisor Krawczyk announced that Township operating account is very tight and will remain so until funds from payment of real estate tax bills are received.

Supervisor Krawczyk presented the bills for October. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the bills for the General Fund totaling \$14,802.17. See Enclosure 1. Trustee Davis seconded. Roll called.

Ayes: Trustees Davis, O’Brien, A. Romeo, Supervisor Krawczyk

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Kelty The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business - None.

New Business – RF CC Executive Director Dick Chappell reported that he had received a call from a Deerfield firm that has an employee who lives in the RF area. The firm offered to donate food and /or cash to the Holiday Food and Gift Baskets. Appropriate follow up action will be taken.

Supervisor Krawczyk distributed a draft of the proposed levy. She has proposed that the levy be increased to the maximum.

The next regular meeting of the River Forest Township Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center. Mr. Chappell will be out of town. Trustee Davis made a motion to adjourn. Trustee O’Brien seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Martin, Clerk