

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Carla Sloan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll called:

Present: Supervisor Carla Sloan, Trustees Mary O'Brien, Helene Connolly, and Mark Kelty

Absent: Anna Romeo

Also present: Cathaleen Roach, Attorney Pat Deady, Mental Health/GA Administrator Avis Rudner, Clerk Karen Taubman, Dick Chappell, Assessor Pamela Kende, Terry Sullivan, Terry Sullivan Jr, and Meg Sullivan

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular August 18, 2015 meeting, Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation

- Terry Sullivan Jr, an 8th grader at RMS, participated this summer at the Concordia University Robotics Camp, funded by the RF Township. Sullivan spoke to the Trustees about his highly positive experience at the Robotics Camp at Concordia that he attended this summer. At the camp, he learned how to program and build robots and enjoyed being in a college campus environment. He highly recommended the camp and thanked his family, his camp partner, and his professor, Dr. G.

Assessor

Pamela Kende

- The Board of Review (BoR) has closed. The River Forest Township wrote directions for residents to use the new on-line complaint filing system.
- A community outreach was held August 25th, with over 100 residents in attendance.
- Kende said the current Illinois Homeowners Exemption is likely to be adjusted through the budget process in Springfield.
- Kende will attend the Cook County Assessor Officers Association meeting this month.

Mental Health Committee (MHC)/General Assistance (GA)

Avis Rudner

- Three additional volunteer facilitators were SibShop trained; we will continue to expand our volunteer base.
- SibShops will continue through the fall, with programming in October, November, and December.
- The RF Mental Health committee will work as a committee of the whole to develop a suicide prevention and education program. It will be up to them at least initially to provide suggestions on where we go from here. The committee will meet in October to discuss.
- We have one current GA recipient.

Senior Services

Cathaleen Roach

- Outreach continues to other local organizations. Roach has spoken with Kiwanis, United Methodist in River Forest, Forest Park seniors with a focus on trips, and the Center for Gerontology at Concordia University.
- We continue our collaboration with the RF Library through Coffee Mondays, Computer Labs, and two well attended evening presentations.
- On Sunday, Oct 4th at 4pm, River Forest author and CSO violinist Melanie Kupchynsky shares her story through her book *Strings Attached*.

- Roach updated trustees on the partial development at Lake & Park. The lot will be developed as apartments, condos, or an assisted living community. There is a River Forest Village Committee Meeting of the Whole on September 21st, which Sloan and Roach will attend.

Youth Services Committee (YSC)

Carla Sloan.

- The YSC met on September 2nd. Discussed was the upcoming mentoring training, newly required for all grantees.
- Danielle Flikkema, Oak Park Youth Services Administrative Assistant, will be leaving her position at the OP Township.
- The Youth Interventionists reported less than normal activity this past summer.
- IMP.A.C.T. hired a new Program Director/Coalition Coordinator, Dr. Bakahia Madison for Oak Park and River Forest. Dr. Madison will work closely with Vicki Scaman, project director for the SAMHSA grant. The IMP.A.C.T. position is being funded by the Community Mental Health Board of OP; additionally, River Forest Township is providing the office space. Sloan participated in the interview process and will invite Dr. Madison and Ron Orzel (IMP.A.C.T. Board Chair) to the Township October and November meetings to discuss their mission and strategies.
- The next community coalition meeting will be led by IMP.A.C.T. and will meet on September 28th at the RFCC. The purpose is to discuss and prioritize implementation of the white paper on underage substance use in OP and RF
- Sloan and Roach met recently with Kevin McCole, President of Kiwanis. Kiwanis focus is primarily on youth.
- The Rotary Rally Day was held at Keystone Park a few weeks back. Success for All Youth had an info booth, which Sloan volunteered at.

Supervisor’s Comments

Carla Sloan

- Sloan noted Matt Baron, of Inside Edge Public Relations, has been very active lately in assisting the Township to successfully publicize upcoming programs.
- Sloan attended the first meeting of *Communityworks* (CW). Sloan will serve on the guidance committee that oversees all three priority groups (Planet Green, Leadership, and Success of All Youth).
- Surveys were sent to select seniors to gauge interest in a snow removal program. 2/3 of respondents are interested in participating in a program where they would pay a reduced rate for services.

Approval of Bills

- Trustee O’Brien made a motion to approve bills for September 30, 2015 in the amount of \$37,469.93. See enclosure. Trustee Kelty seconded. Roll called.
Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Kelty, O’Brien, and Connolly
Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee O’Brien made a motion to General Assistance for September 30, 2015 in the amount of \$314.12. See enclosure. Trustee Connolly seconded. Roll called.
Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Kelty, O’Brien, and Connolly
Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Carla Sloan

- The Township audit performed by Knutte & Associates was distributed to trustees for the year ending March 31, 2015. Our accounting has been converted to an accrual accounting vs cash, so there are modifications and prior year adjustments in this audit. Knutte has filed our Annual Financial Report with the Illinois Comptroller, due next week.

New Business

Carla Sloan

- The Treasurer’s Report, prepared from the audit, was presented to trustees for their approval.
 - Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve the Annual Treasurer’s Report of the River Forest Township Town Fund for fiscal year ending 3-31-2015 and the Annual Treasurer’s Report of the River Forest Township General Assistance Fund for fiscal year ending 3-31-2015. See enclosure. Trustee Kelty seconded. Roll called.
Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Kelty, O’Brien, and Connolly
Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

No executive session was held, minutes will be held for a future meeting.

Trustee O’Brien made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Trustee Kelty seconded, the motion was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned immediately.

The next regular meeting of the River Forest Township will be on Monday, October 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Taubman, Clerk