

**River Forest Township**  
**Minutes of Annual Town Meeting - APPROVED**  
**April 8, 2014**

Township Supervisor Carla Sloan called the Annual Town meeting of the Township of River Forest to order on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6:40 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Sloan stated that the official Notice of the Annual Town Meeting was published in the Pioneer Press and posted in three public places within the Township and our website, 10 days prior to the meeting. The Public Notice is available for inspection and is attached hereto. Supervisor Sloan also reminded electors that by law only items on the agenda may be considered, if electors have an issue not on the agenda it may be considered at a special Town meeting, pursuant to provisions in the code regarding special meetings. In addition, if electors have concerns on matters not covered on the agenda, they may make those concerns known to the trustees during the public participation section of the regular monthly meeting, which follows tonight's annual meeting. She asked all those attending the meeting to please sign in and pick up an Agenda. All River Forest electors may vote, and this process is through a show of hands, which is why the room is separated into two groups, River Forest Township electors and non-River Forest Township electors.

Roll Call of Township Officials/Identification and Introduction of Township Officials

Clerk Taubman called the roll of Township Officials:

Present: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Mark Kelty, Mary O'Brien, and Anna Marie Romeo

Not Present: Veronica Belmonte

Supervisor Sloan introduced the Township officials to include: herself, Assessor Pamela Kende, Clerk Karen Taubman, Trustee Mark Kelty, Trustee Mary O'Brien, and Trustee Anna Romeo. She also introduced the Township attorney, Pat Deady, and Mental Health and General Assistance Administrator Avis Rudner.

Selection of Moderator for Town Meeting--Oath of Moderator administered by Town Clerk

Trustee Romeo moved that Elizabeth "Buff" Martin be named Moderator for the River Forest Township Annual Meeting. Trustee Kelty seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

The nomination having been approved and accepted, Clerk Taubman administered the Oath of Office to Elizabeth Martin. That Oath, properly executed, is attached hereto. Moderator Martin asked Clerk Taubman to act as the Secretary for the Annual Meeting; Clerk Taubman agreed.

Minutes of Last Annual Town Meeting

Trustee O'Brien moved to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2013 Annual Town Meeting. Trustee Kelty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Moderator stated that copies are on file with the Clerk and available for public viewing.

Moderator Martin greeted the residents. She stated that copies of the minutes are available here and will be on file with the Clerk for public viewing, and will also be posted on the Township website.

Identification of Electors Present at Town Meeting and Execution of Affidavits of Standing as Electors

Moderator Martin asked all electors to sign the affidavit affirming they are a River Forest registered voter (if not, please do so). The moderator asked all electors to stand individually and state their name and address. Lastly, the moderator noted the clerk would notarize each affidavit containing River Forest elector signatures.

Annual Financial Statements of Supervisor and Report on Posting Thereof and Filing Thereof with Clerk's Office  
Clerk Taubman read the Statement of Income and Expenditures for Township Fund and for General Assistance for the fiscal year 4/1/2014 through 3/31/2015. The statements will be subject to audit, will be placed on file with the Clerk and will be publicly posted.

Reports of Committees and other Programs:

**Youth Committee** – Supervisor Sloan provided a recap of the written report submitted. Copy will be filed with Clerk.

**Senior Citizens Program Committee** – Supervisor Sloan provided a recap of the written report submitted. Copy will be filed with Clerk.

**Mental Health Committee** – Mental Health Administrator Avis Rudner provided a recap of the written report submitted. Copy will be filed with Clerk.

**Supervisor Report** -- Supervisor Sloan provided a recap of the written report submitted. Copy will be filed with Clerk.

**Assessor's Report**- Assessor Kende provided a recap of the written report submitted. Copy will be filed with Clerk.

**General Assistance** – General Assistance Administrator Avis Rudner provided a recap of the written report submitted. Copy will be filed with Clerk.

**River Forest Civic Center Authority**- River Forest Civic Center Authority Building Manager, Dick Chappell, provided a recap of the written report submitted. Copy will be filed with Clerk.

**River Forest Community Center**- River Forest Resident and RFCC Board Member, George Vukotich, provided a recap of the year.

RESOLUTIONS

Copies of the proposed resolutions were available at the meeting, but Moderator Martin read each resolution to all present.

Trustee Romeo moved to adopt **Resolution 1** re Insurance as submitted and presented. Assessor Kende seconded. The motion was adopted by a vote of the electors present. Copy of the resolution is attached.

Trustee Romeo moved to adopt **Resolution 2** re Mental Health Services as submitted and presented. Trustee Kelty seconded. The motion was adopted by a vote of the electors present. Copy of the resolution is attached.

Trustee Romeo moved that **Resolution 3** re Financial Support and Contractual Service re Senior Citizen and Youth Programs be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee Kelty seconded. The motion was adopted a vote of the electors present. Copy of the resolution is attached. Resident Molly Hague questioned that the resolution read by Elizabeth Martin was not identical wording to the resolutions distributed. It was noted Clerk Taubman had made incorrect copies to distribute to the electors, but the resolutions read by Moderator Martin were correct.

Trustee Romeo moved that **Resolution 4** re Senior Citizens Programs-Bus Transportation, etc. be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee O'Brien seconded. The motion was adopted by a vote of the electors present. Copy of the resolution is attached.

Trustee Romeo moved that **Resolution 5** re Youth Committee Programs be adopted as submitted and presented. Assessor Kende seconded. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the electors present. Copy of the resolution is attached. Again, Resident Molly Hague questioned that the resolution read by Elizabeth Martin was not identical wording to the resolutions distributed. The motion was adopted.

Trustee Romeo moved that **Resolution 6a** re Approval of Banks for Deposit of Township funds be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee O'Brien seconded. The motion was adopted by a vote of the electors present. Copy of the resolution is attached.

Trustee Romeo moved that **Resolution 6b** re Approval of Hiring a Certified Public Accountant to audit the accounts of all Township Funds be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee O'Brien seconded. The motion was adopted by a vote of the electors present. Copy of the resolution is attached.

Trustee Romeo moved that **Resolution 7** re Support of River Forest Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium and Office Building Authority (River Forest Civic Center Authority) be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee Kelty seconded. The motion was adopted by a vote of the electors present. Copy of the resolution is attached.

Trustee Romeo moved that **Resolution 8** re Intergovernmental Agreements be adopted as submitted and presented. Assessor Pamela Kende seconded. The motion was adopted by a vote of the electors present. Copy of the resolution is attached.

Trustee Romeo moved that **Resolution 9** re Authority to Borrow Funds be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee O'Brien seconded. The motion was adopted by a vote of the electors present. Copy of the resolution is attached.

Trustee Romeo moved that **Resolution 10** re Township Space in Civic Center Authority Building be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee Kelty seconded. The motion was adopted by a vote of the electors present. Copy of the resolution is attached.

Moderator Martin announced the date of the Statutory Budget Hearing, which will be at the next Township meeting on May 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center Authority Building. The adoption of the budget will take place at the regular Township meeting on June 17, 2014.

Trustee Romeo moved that **Resolution 11** re that the Proposed and Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 in the amount of **\$598,972** be approved subject to revision by the Board of Trustees following the public hearing on the budget as required by the Illinois Municipal Budget Law. Trustee Kelty seconded. The motion was adopted by a vote of the electors present. Copy of the resolution is attached. Molly Hague questioned the time of the meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Romeo moved that **Resolution 12** re Expenditure of Township Funds per Cooperative Agreements or Contracts with Other Governmental Entities and Not For Profit Corporations be adopted as submitted and presented. Assessor Kende seconded. The motion was adopted by a vote of the electors present. Copy of the resolution is attached. A resident questioned if this resolution covered items outside of the budget, and they were advised it did not.

Moderator Martin announced that the next regular meeting of the River Forest Township Board of Trustees will take place on May 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center Authority Building.

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The Annual Township Meeting for 2015 will be on **April 14, 2015** at 6:30 followed by the regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees, but subject to change if there is a conflict with a holiday.

Moderator Martin asked for an adjournment of the River Forest Township Annual Town Meeting at 7:40 PM and thanked the citizens for attending. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Taubman, Town Clerk