

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 17, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place on Monday, July 17, 2018 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Carla Sloan and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll called

Present: Supervisor Carla Sloan, Trustees Mark Kelty and Helene Connolly. Also present: Clerk Abby Schmelling, Township Assessor Pam Kende, Senior Outreach Coordinator Cathaleen Roach, Mental Health/GA Administrator Avis Rudner and RFCCA Administrator Dick Chappell.

Trustees Taubman and Economos were absent.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting was made by Trustee Connolly and seconded by Trustee Kelty. The motion passed.

Public Participation - None

Reports

Assessor

Pamela Kende

- The Board Review dates: Opening August 1 and Closing August 30. The scheduled Outreach Tuesday date is August 21 at 6:30 pm in room 206, the same evening as the August Township meeting.
- Second installment tax bills were sent out on time July 1. We will be helping residents obtain corrected tax bills due to missing exemptions.
- Permits are up-to-date.
- Pam worked with a journalist for an article published in the Wednesday Journal.
- Pam completed fifteen hours of continuing education.
- Pam updated press releases for the Township's Assessor website.
- Pam received phone calls regarding the Special Village E-Newsletter and correction letter that was written by Cathy Adduci. Some of the information was incorrect and caused residents to call this office for clarification.

Carla mentioned that the River Forest Township fliers have been made envelope size as requested by Pam.

Mental Health Services/General Assistance

Avis Rudner

- In August, Support4U data will be coming for the first quarter of usage. We continue to work on the elements of more formalized rollout to schools in the fall.
- The Opioid Task Force meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 19.

- Aunt Bertha/Now Pow dialog continues among the selection committee regarding the pricing, benefits, features, flexibility, etc. of each of the two systems.
- There is the potential for a new GA client. Carla and Avis talked about the Township's responsibilities for health care insurance coverage of its GA clients.

Youth Services

Carla Sloan

- The Youth Services Intergovernmental Agreement draft was handed out to the Board for their review to be voted on at the next meeting. This two year renewal has few changes except for dates and a nominal increase based on the CPI.

Senior Outreach Coordinator

Cathaleen Roach

- Cathaleen covered:
 1. **Celebrating Seniors All Year Long**, the free program series we co-sponsor with River Forest Public Library. June 30's program told the story of the Star Spangled Banner; 130 turned out to hear the Dooley Brothers on July 13.
 2. **Gather, Discover, Engage**, the trio of programs which we co-sponsor with the RFPL, including:
 - a) *Film Lovers Friday*: Friday, July 20 will feature Hitchcock's 'Shadow of a Doubt'; next quarter will be a Jimmy Stewart Series.
 - b) *Coffee Mondays*- no Coffee Mondays in July.
 - c) *Connect with Tech*- continues with numbers up and costs down.
- Cathaleen spoke about Senior Services continued outreach, including 1) the SHIP (Senior Health Insurance) Program, which includes Medicare counseling, through Oak Park Township, housed at our Township every Friday due to the flooding at 105 S. Oak Park Avenue; in future, they will come one Friday a month; 2) Steve Smith from Oak Park Township is hosting a free lunch and movie, 'I Can Only Imagine', on Friday for local seniors; 3) Marc Blessoff and Dan Haley are looking at a partnership for a Changing Aging Tour with Dr. Bill Thomas, a noted speaker; and 4) Meaningful Living, a free eight-week Wellness Group for older adults offered by graduate students through the Concordia Counseling Center.
- Cathaleen is handling a regular flow of constituent calls.
- There were three referrals this month for local mature workers to work with Laina Krisik at the American Job Center on First Avenue, seeking employment and/or training.

Supervisor's Comments

Carla Sloan

- The Village had a JRB hearing for the North Avenue TIF. Holly attended for the Township. The JRB voted to support the TIF. The public hearing was the week before.
- Carla marched in the Oak Park 4th of July parade.

Approval of Bills

- Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve Community Bank Operating Fund bills as of July 31, 2018 totalling \$14,526.67. It was seconded by Trustee Kelty. Roll was called. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Kelty and Connolly. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve General Assistance MB Financial bills as of July 31, 2018 totalling \$121.90. It was seconded by Trustee Kelty. Roll was called. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Kelty and Connolly. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Carla sent everyone the public comments she made at the Village Board meeting concerning the Village's not approving the renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Youth Interventionist Program. This was for the public record. All the other entities have voted continued support for the program. Press coverage has been factual and fair. The Village of Oak Park met the same evening as the Village of River Forest. They supported the program with a vote of 5-2. Carla met with John Williams about improving the metrics and data.

New Business

- The Lieutenant Governor's Journal on Shared Best Practices has selected the Youth Interventionist Program as one of this year's winners from among 240 entries. Helene will represent the Township at the Tuesday, July 31 event to honor the YIP, where the Governor and Lt. Governor will be present.
- The Rotary Rally will be Saturday, August 25.
- Township Day will be Friday, September 21.

The next regular meeting of the River Forest Township will be on Tuesday, August 21 at 6:00 pm. Trustee Connolly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. Trustee Kelty seconded, the motion was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Abby Schmelling, Clerk