

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 21, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place on Tuesday, August 21, 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 Karen Taubman and Holly Economos (late arrival). Also present: Clerk Abby Schmelling, Mental Health/GA Administrator Avis Rudner and RFCCA Administrator Dick Chappell.

Trustees Connolly and Kelty were excused absences.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting was postponed until September.

Public Participation - None

Reports

Assessor

Pamela Kende (read by the Clerk)

- Tax bills were mailed out on-time. We have helped many residents get corrected tax bills and Certificates of Error due to missing exemptions.
- Board of Review opened for appeals on August 1. We will be hosting an outreach here at the River Forest Community Center in room 206, on Tuesday, August 21 with the Cook County Board of Review staff and the Commissioner.
- We continue to field inquiries from realtors and lawyers. There have also been calls regarding vacancy, sales, exemptions and possible purchases and their tax bill implications.
- All homes that sold in 2017 that are on record were sent a Welcome Letter to introduce the Township and our services.
- Deb DeChinistso, the Deputy Assessor retired in July after serving the River Forest residents for over ten years. She was a great asset to this office and will be missed.

Mental Health Services/General Assistance

Avis Rudner and Carla Sloan

- Support4U usage was fairly low over the summer, most coming from District #97 and related to friend issues. Now there is a larger rollout to all District #200, District #90 and District #97 students with an actual app. Locker magnets and IDs also have the phone number and app.
- The Opioid Task Force has continued to meet over the summer focusing on data collection, safe disposal of prescription drugs and how to get the word out.
- Aunt Bertha/Now Pow dialog continues among the selection committee regarding the pricing, customization options, reference checking features, etc. of each of the two systems.
- The ID/DD Consortium (Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities Consortium) is supported by the Township. The Consortium has identified needs for caregiver support in terms of

education: breakfast sessions, webinars, etc. It is also looking to consolidate resource information for both caregivers and social workers. The Consortium applied to Oak Park Community Health Board for a grant and received \$6,500, which our Township will supplement with another \$1,000 to hire someone to implement these goals. Because it is a Consortium, Opportunity Knocks is the fiscal agent for the grant. A Memorandum of Understanding for these funds is included in the monthly packet. The DD Consortium is already a line item in our budget.

- Sibshops will be starting up again in September.

Youth Services

Carla Sloan

- The Youth Interventionist Program (YIP) Intergovernmental Agreement was approved by ten taxing bodies. Work must continue to improve metrics and data reporting and Carla will continue to work with John Williams and Youth Services on this.
- YIP was selected by the Lt. Governor's office from among 240 entries as a model example of collaboration. The awards ceremony was held July 31 and included the Governor and Lt. Governor. Helene attended on our behalf, as well as a large group from Oak Park Township including the Youth Interventionists themselves.
- The Youth Services IGA will be voted on at this meeting under Old Business.
- The Youth Services Committee starts up again in September. The Committee still has openings that need to be filled.

Senior Outreach Coordinator

Carla Sloan read report/Cathaleen Roach

- Cathaleen mentioned the Library's successful program "Fun Places We've Loved" with 35 attendees.
- A dozen people attended the *Film Lovers Friday*
- September 10 at Coffee Monday, we are hosting Kelli Mitchell from Wellness House.
- The SHIP (Senior Health Insurance) Program, which includes Medicare counseling, through Oak Park Township, is now housed at our Township one Friday a month.
- Meaningful Living, a free eight-week Wellness Group for older adults is offered by graduate students through the Concordia Counseling Center starting in September.
- Carla reiterated the need to do more outreach for the Great Neighbors Program.

Supervisor's Comments

Carla Sloan

- Carla spoke about the preparation for the Rotary Food Truck Rally on Saturday, August 25.
- All of the various committees and task forces will be starting this fall after the summer hiatus.
- Township Day is September 21st. A flyer is included in the packet.
- There's a TOCC educational symposium Saturday, September 8.

New Business

- As Pam stated, Deb DeChinistso, the Deputy Assessor retired in July after serving the River Forest residents for over ten years. Carla read the drafted Certificate of Appreciation in her honor. A motion to approve the certificate was made by Trustee Taubman and seconded by Trustee Economos. The motion was approved unanimously.
- The auditors for FY2018 were at the Township and the approved document will be completed by the end of September.

At the end of New Business, the meeting was suspended until there were enough board members present to vote on items and Bills. During the pause, the RFCCA meeting began its monthly meeting. The meeting resumed at 6:57 pm.

Approval of Bills

- Trustee Economos made a motion to approve Community Bank Operating Fund bills as of August 31, 2018 totalling \$67,945.53. It was seconded by Trustee Sloan. Roll was called. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Taubman and Economos. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee Taubman made a motion to approve General Assistance MB Financial bills as of August 31, 2018 totalling \$607.12. It was seconded by Trustee Economos. Roll was called. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Taubman and Economos. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- A motion was made by Trustee Economos and seconded by trustee Taubman to approve the Youth Services IGA for FY2019 and FY2020. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Taubman and Economos. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the River Forest Township will be on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:00 pm. Trustee Economos made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Trustee Sloan seconded, the motion was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Abby Schmelling, Clerk