

RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 6:00 pm

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Carla Sloan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll called: Supervisor Sloan, trustees Karen Taubman, Mark Kelty and Helene Connolly. Trustee Holly Economos was absent. Also present: Clerk Abby Schmelling, RFCCA Administrator Dick Chappell, and Mental Health Services/General Assistance Administrator, Avis Rudner.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Connolly and seconded by Trustee Taubman to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2018 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation – none

Reports

Assessor

Pamela Kende

Clerk Abby Schmelling read the Assessor's report:

- Completed inputting of permits and sales.
- Helping residents apply for their homeowner's exemption and/or Certificates of Error, for the exemptions they qualify for.
- Attending meetings with the Cook County Township Assessor's Association.
- Explained how to find one's Board of Review decisions and what it would mean to them.

Mental Health Services/General Assistance

Avis Rudner

- As reported in November, applications went out and are waiting for them to be returned by December 14. Avis is completing the preliminary work that needs to be done. Liaison lists went out to the River Forest mental health committee so they can plan their visits.
- Carla talked about the training sessions for the HUB, the mental health point of entry/referral website.
- Carla mentioned that the developmentally disabilities consortium will meet on December 13.

- Carla met with the Housing Forward street team and the River Forest police and fire paramedics who had never met with each other before. They shared ‘what-if’ scenarios, outreach strategies. Housing Forward talked about their programs for the homeless, their various sites, shelters and mental health center in Broadview. They also learned about the River Forest Legal Aid attorney.

Youth Services

Carla Sloan

- Carla reported that there was no new information since the November meeting.

Senior Outreach Coordinator

Cathaleen Roach/Carla Sloan

- The big “Dementia Friendly River Forest” meeting was held on Monday, December 3. Pamela Mahn attended for River Forest. An update on this meeting will be coming.
- There will be a kick-off orientation meeting for the Great Neighbors program for seniors and volunteers on December 10.

Supervisor’s Report

Carla Sloan

- For the community portal soft launch, Carla has made a River Forest Township 2019 community calendar using Google to be integrated with the website.
- At the Administrators’ meeting, the main topic of discussion was our collective moving forward with the consultant Gil Herman to discuss the space needs assessment and potential renovation, expansion and/or relocation of the CCA building and an IGA. Dick and Carla, who both attended, made additional comments. Carla has also chosen board member Mark Kelty to work with Dick and Carla on this project as well. Discussion followed including the role of Opportunity Knocks and other entities and what they might bring to this endeavor.
- Carla attended the TOCC Board meeting.
- Carla will be attending the Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation Education Foundation meeting to share with all entities about scholarships and how to do a better job getting the word out about them.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve Operating Fund bills as of December 31, 2018 totalling \$13,204.08. It was seconded by Trustee Kelty. Roll was called. Ayes: Trustees Taubman, Connolly, Kelty and Supervisor Sloan. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

- Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve General Assistance bills as of December 31, 2018 totalling \$121.90. It was seconded by Trustee Kelty. Roll was called. Ayes: Trustees Taubman, Connolly, Kelty and Supervisor Sloan. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Carla presented the proposed 2018 Levy (with a CPI increase of 2.1% for the Town Fund and an overall increase of 1.4% for all funds) to be approved. A motion was made by Trustee Connolly and seconded by Trustee Kelty to approve the tax levy for the Town Fund of \$604,600 and for the General Assistance fund for \$8,000 for a total of \$612,600. Roll was called. Ayes: Trustees Taubman, Connolly, Kelty and Supervisor Sloan. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

- A motion was made by Trustee Taubman and seconded by Trustee Kelty to approve the 2019 meeting dates of the River Forest Board of Trustees. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business – none

Executive Session – Minutes of the November executive session will be approved at the January meeting.

The next regular meeting of the River Forest Township will be on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Trustee Connolly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Kelty. The motion was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Abby Schmelling, Clerk