



## RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP

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### PROPOSED AGENDA

#### RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020, 6:00 p.m.  
RIVER FOREST CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY BUILDING  
8020 MADISON STREET, RIVER FOREST, IL

1. Call to Order by Supervisor
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of Public Notice
4. Roll Call of Township Officials
5. Identification and Introduction of Township Officials
6. Selection of Moderator for Town Meeting - Oath of Moderator Administered by Town Clerk
7. Town Clerk to Act as Secretary/Clerk of the Annual Town Meeting
8. Approval of the Minutes of Last Town Meeting, April 9, 2019.
9. Identification of Electors Present at Town Meeting and Execution of Affidavits of Standing as Electors
10. Clerk to Note Availability and Posting Thereof and Filing Thereof the Annual Financial Statements
11. Reports of Township Services Administrators:
  - River Forest Mental Health Services
  - OP RF Township Youth Services
  - OP RF Township Senior Services
12. Other Reports:
  - Supervisor
  - Assessor

- General Assistance Administrator
- RF Senior Outreach Coordinator
- River Forest Civic Center Authority Building Manager
- River Forest Community Center Executive Director

13. Resolution 1 re Insurance
14. Resolution 2 re Mental Health Services
15. Resolution 3 re Financial Support and Contractual Service  
(Senior Services and Youth Services Programs)
16. Resolution 4 re Senior Services Programs
17. Resolution 5 re Youth Services Programs
18. Resolution 6a re Approval of Banks for Deposit of  
Township Funds and Resolution 6b re Approval of Auditor
19. Resolution 7 re Support of River Forest Metropolitan  
Exposition Auditorium and Office Building Authority  
(River Forest Civic Center Authority)
20. Resolution 8 re Intergovernmental Agreements
21. Resolution 9 re Authority to Borrow Funds
22. Resolution 10 re Township Space in Civic Center Authority  
Building
23. Announcement of Statutory Budget Hearing - May 19, 2020
24. Resolution 11 re Presentation of Proposed Tentative Budget  
and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year April 1, 2020  
to March 31, 2021
25. Resolution 12 re Expenditure of Township Funds per  
Cooperative Agreements or Contracts with Other  
Governmental Entities and Not For Profit Corporations
26. Motion by RF resident Steve Lefko to place the following question  
on the November 2020 ballot as an advisory referendum:  
  
*"Shall Oak Park and River Forest High School eliminate  
separate, standalone freshman honors courses in English, history  
and science?"*
27. Regular Meetings of Township Board of Trustees -  
Next Meeting: following this meeting, April 14, 2020
28. Date, Hour and Place of 2021 Annual Town Meeting:  
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., River Forest Civic  
Center Authority Building - 8020 Madison Street, River  
Forest.
29. Adjournment

Township Senior Services

RIVER FOREST RESIDENT USAGE

	est FY2020	FY2019	F20 v F19 % Change	FY2018	F19 v F18 % Change	FY2017
Bus	1537	1294	19%	938	38%	992
Meals						
Delivered	4255	3974	7%	2740	45%	2939
Congregate	554	373	49%	361	3%	324
Case Mgmt	624	597	5%	694	-14%	796
Info & Asstnce	907	1304	-30%	1380	-6%	1101
Adult Protective Svcs	41	14	193%	57	-75%	66
Programs (Chores, Caregiver Support, Money Mgmt)	824	845	-2%	737	15%	964

increase

decrease

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR  
SENIOR SERVICES BETWEEN  
OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIPS**

The Oak Park and River Forest Townships (hereinafter OAK PARK and RIVER FOREST, respectively) have parallel responsibilities for enhancing the well-being of seniors in the communities. Each Township, through its Senior Services Committees, works to enhance the quality of life for seniors by providing a broad array of supportive services that promote the values of independence, self-esteem, and dignity.

OAK PARK and RIVER FOREST are desirous of high quality and cost effective administrative services to assist in meeting their responsibilities. In order to maximize the quality of the services and achieve cost effective administration of the services provided, OAK PARK and RIVER FOREST agree to enter into this Intergovernmental Agreement ("Agreement") as follows:

I. OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEES

OAK PARK and RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIPS agree as follows:

Oak Park and River Forest Townships will maintain separate Senior Services Committees with a maximum of 7 members each.

A Joint Senior Services Committee will be established. The Joint Committee will be comprised of all members from the separate Committees.

A. The Senior Services Committees will be structured as follows:

1. The Committees will elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chair and a Secretary from either community as officers for one year terms. The terms of office and the responsibilities of the officers will be in accordance with Illinois statutes governing Township committees for senior citizens' services.
2. Subcommittees will be formed by requesting members to volunteer for the subcommittee. If an insufficient number of Committee members volunteer, the Chairperson will appoint members with the recommendation of the Director of Senior Services.

B. The Committees will conduct business as follows:

1. The Committees may meet up to eight times per year as designated by the Committee. Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at Oak Park Township Senior Services. A schedule of meetings for the year will be distributed at the first meeting of the calendar year. The Committees may elect to alternate meeting places between Oak Park and River Forest. River Forest members will vote on issues pertaining to River Forest only. Oak Park members will vote on issues pertaining to Oak Park only. The Joint Committee will vote on

issues pertaining to both Oak Park and River Forest. Recommendations pertaining to program administration will be made to the Oak Park Township Board of Trustees. Recommendations pertaining to policies will be made to both the Oak Park and the River Forest Townships Boards of Trustees.

2. In order to pass a motion, there must be a majority present from each separate Committee (4/7). Any motion passed by the Joint Committee must be passed by a super majority vote (9/14). Any time the number of members on either Committee should fall below nine (or fourteen for super majority), the number of votes needed is the majority vote based on the actual number of filled positions on the Committee.
3. The meeting agenda for Committee will be as follows:

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Call to order  
Approval of Minutes  
Public Comments  
Liaison's Report  
Director's Report  
Other Business and Announcements  
Adjournment

4. Sub-Committees may be developed and will meet as needed.

## **II. ADMINISTRATION**

OAK PARK and RIVER FOREST agree that OAK PARK will provide administrative support for RIVER FOREST as follows:

- A. OAK PARK will operate an administrative office at the Oak Park Township Senior Services offices.
- B. OAK PARK will employ one full-time Director and one full-time Assistant to the Director. Part-time secretarial staff may be employed at the discretion of the Director.
- C. The services will be available on all regular business days of OAK PARK.
- D. Through its administrative staff, OAK PARK will provide the following administrative functions for RIVER FOREST:
  1. Management of telephone inquiries, in-person inquiries and

correspondence;

2. Establishing and developing an ongoing dialog with River Forest agencies connected with seniors in the community, such as, The Park District of River Forest, Community Center, and the River Forest Public Library;
3. Ongoing monitoring of all funded agencies and representation of RIVER FOREST interests regarding service needs;
4. Assistance in development of budget recommendations for RIVER FOREST Senior Services;
5. Representation of RIVER FOREST at the state and local level by attendance at meetings;
6. Public notification of all committee meetings for the Committee;
7. Taking and preparation of minutes for the Committee;
8. Preparation and distribution of committee packets for the Committee;
9. Attendance at Committee meetings;
10. Record keeping and maintenance of a system of computerized and non-computerized files.

### III. FINANCIAL

OAK PARK and RIVER FOREST agree that there are two financial aspects to this Agreement, administrative expenditures and program contribution, and that the costs will be as follows:

A. Administrative Expenditures:

RIVER FOREST shall pay OAK PARK a fee for administrative expenses of **\$19,493** annually for the period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. These administrative fees shall be increased for the period of April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 based on the cost of living and salary increase scale determined by OAK PARK and agreed to by RIVER FOREST prior to March 1, 2021.

B. Program Contribution

RIVER FOREST shall pay OAK PARK **\$105,897** annually for the period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. These charges represent actual current levels (based on FY 20) of operating costs for services provided to RIVER FOREST residents under the all of the

programs provided by Oak Park Township Senior Services including:

Transportation	Aging & Disability Resource Center
Information & Assistance	Senior Lunch Program
Home Delivered Meals	Dine Out
Options Counseling	Caregiver Support Program
Caregiver Support Respite	Gap Filling
Key Box Program	Affordable Wills
Senior Health Insurance Program	Benefit Access Applications
Energy Assistance	Medicare Part D Assistance
Senior Health Assistance Program	Educational Programs
Holiday Food & Gift Basket Referrals	Adult Protective Services
Illinois Volunteer Money Management	Case Management
Case Advocacy	Comprehensive Care Coordination
Choices for Care	Chore
Farmer's Market Coupons	Memory Café
Food Pantry - HDM	

Contributions for all program areas will be renegotiated annually. Estimates will be calculated based on actual units of service provided during FY 21.

Older Adult Behavioral Health Care services – New Program added FY 2021  
Payment for this program will be billed in equal amounts for the first three quarters. At the end of the third quarter, the service provision will be reviewed and payment for fourth quarter will be determined.

C. Payment

Payment for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 shall be made by RIVER FOREST in four (4) equal installments at the end of each fiscal quarter beginning June 30, 2020.

Payment shall be due following receipt of an invoice from OAK PARK and within thirty (30) days following each quarter of service.

Payment for the period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 shall be determined prior to April 1, 2021 and shall be based on the cost of living and salary increase scale determined by OAK PARK and agreed to by RIVER FOREST as well as the number of River Forest residents receiving services.

**IV. EVALUATION AND RENEWAL**

- A. An evaluation of the Committee structure and process, as well as administrative relationship between OAK PARK and RIVER FOREST will be conducted in January 2022.

- B. Renewal may be for a two year period beginning April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024.
- C. Payment for the renewal period of April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024 shall be determined prior to April 1, 2022 and shall be based on the evaluation of the administration and budget relationship between Oak Park and River Forest Townships, the number of River Forest residents receiving services and the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (the same CPI used to determine the allowable increase in the Township levy.)

**V. TERMINATION**

Either OAK PARK or RIVER FOREST may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice.

**VI. NOTICE**

Any concerns regarding the administration, implementation, interpretation or renewal of this Agreement should be directed to:

Oak Park Township  
 Gavin Morgan  
 Township Manager  
 105 South Oak Park Avenue  
 Oak Park, IL 60302  
 (708) 383-8005

River Forest Township  
 Carla Sloan  
 Supervisor, River Forest Township  
 8020 W. Madison Street  
 River Forest, IL 60305  
 (708) 366-2029

**VII. AUTHORIZATION**

In witness whereof, OAK PARK and RIVER FOREST have entered into this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives.

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 Clarmarie I. Keenan  
 Oak Park Township Supervisor

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 Carla Sloan  
 River Forest Township Supervisor

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Notary \_\_\_\_\_

Notary \_\_\_\_\_



# D200 to delay frosh curriculum changes

*Officials say more time needed to iron out details of the initiative*

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 1:49 PM



By Michael Romain  
Staff Reporter

District 200 administrators announced on Feb. 27 that they will delay restructuring of the freshman curriculum at Oak Park and River Forest High School, a plan conceived to help eliminate the opportunity gap between white students and students of color.

The restructuring, which would end the practice of dividing incoming freshmen into separate college placement and honors curriculum levels, was initially scheduled to start in the 2021-22 school year.

Administrators said that, due to a variety of issues related to the rollout, they'll need to extend the start date to the fall of 2022.

"We have been working together to ensure that the majority of our freshman students experience one high-level, rigorous curriculum in English, history, science and world languages; we are also making curricular adjustments in math," the school's administration and the Faculty Senate said in a joint statement released on Feb. 27.

"Over the past several months, we have started developing the new curriculum, identifying professional development needs, and establishing support structures to ensure that all students benefit from the shift. In the course of the process, one thing has become clear: in order to carry out our plan with fidelity, the implementation date must be shifted to the fall of 2022."

Sheila Hardin, president of OPRF's Faculty Senate, during the school board meeting on Feb. 27 said that one major reason for changing the implementation date was the looming deadline for teachers to make proposals for new courses.

and have we considered breaking the project up in some other way?" board member Craig Iseli asked.

Johnson said he doesn't think "stretching out" and "parceling out" the implementation over different time periods "would effectively capture the problem we're aiming to address."

He added that the inequities administrators observed were not particular to one division; rather, those inequitable outcomes were systemic and reflective of "how the whole school functions."

Johnson said the extended timeline would allow administrators to more effectively address this systemic inequity with the necessary "fidelity" the work requires.

Board member Ralph Martire recommended that administrators develop a "rubric with outcomes that you expect to be generated over the process in each of the divisions that show you're moving ahead of pace to meet this new deadline.

By reporting that to the board, I think it creates a lot more transparency on the progress to the community because, as board members, we're not sitting in on those meetings; we don't know what's going on and don't see the depths of the work you're doing at the faculty level," he said.

"I will say it has been disappointing to arrive at this point and not have all of the information," said board President Jackie Moore. "It makes it very challenging to set forth goals, to know how we're doing our strategic plan, to communicate to our communities about being ambassadors for this work."

Board member Tom Cofsky said the extended timeline also presents a political quagmire. The terms of four of the seven members of this board, which unanimously supports the freshman curriculum changes, are due to expire in 2021. That means final approval for the curriculum changes could be up to a new board majority that may or may not support them.

"You have the support of this board, but we're pushing it to the next board in terms of approval and timeline," said Cofsky, whose own term expires next spring. "Secondly, the timing of this will then happen during teacher contract negotiations. The focus needs to be 100 percent on the best interests of our students."