

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 17, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place on Monday, November 17, 2015 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Carla Sloan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll called:**

Present: Supervisor Carla Sloan, Trustees Helene Connolly, Mark Kelty, Mary O'Brien, and Anna Romeo

Absent: none

Also present: Mental Health/GA Administrator Avis Rudner, Clerk Karen Taubman, Dick Chappell, Assessor Pamela Kende, and Julia Gebert

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular October 19, 2015 meeting, Trustee Kelty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation**

- none

**Assessor**

**Pamela Kende**

- Residents who appealed to the Board of Review have received their decisions in the mail.
- The office continues to receive construction permits and assists residents with Certificates of Error.

**Mental Health Committee (MHC)/General Assistance (GA)**

**Avis Rudner**

- Rudner and Sloan attended the October meeting of the Youth and Family Behavioral Health Consortium; many agencies are reliant on state funding, and the budget impasse is affecting their services. Rudner expects agencies who receive Township funding to push for earlier payments.
- Rudner and Sloan attended a showing of The Walking Man movie on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Theatre, which was sponsored by NAMI and co-sponsored by the Township.
- The IMP.A.C.T Coalition meeting was held last Monday; reports were received from the School and Community Committees.
- The SibShop program had 18 local children attend the recent program, about half each from River Forest and Oak Park. The next SibShop program will be held on Saturday. After a follow up meeting with Thrive, the age range of attendees might be lowered, from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades to 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grades. Also, the target size of the group is 12.
- On Tuesday, the Township sponsored an IMP.A.C.T. Parent Café at Roosevelt Middle School. IMP.A.C.T. partnered with Be Strong Families, and offered ways for parents to strengthen their relationships with their children and strengthen their skills for successful navigation of their teen years.
- We presently have one General Assistance client.
- Holiday Food & Gift Basket program has arranged for Jewel gift cards for all people part of their program, including our GA clients.

**Senior Services**

**Carla Sloan for Cathaleen Roach**

- We continue to have a collaborative effort with the RF Library, with programming planned through April.
- Attendance at the RF Library Computer Labs has decreased, so Matt Baron is placing more notices in the local media, and we are trying to encourage more participation with detailed information on what

participants can learn and on available parking.

- We have added programming for the winter months to the Coffee Monday's, including a December talk with the OPRF Historical Society and a January Memoir writing talk by Cathleen Roach.
- Ongoing efforts continue with the VIP (Vital Information Project), which we hope to launch in May i/c/w Celebrating Seniors Week.
- Plans are set for a September 22, 2016 day long workshop as part of National Falls Prevention Day. Seniors will be invited to come in for a screening. The Township is co-sponsoring this event with the RF Fire Department and Grace Lutheran Church.
- Over 60 people attended, "Charles Troy speaking on the Making of the Fiddler on the Roof", an event co-sponsored by the Township and Library, held at the RFCC on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Youth Services Committee (YSC)**

**Carla Sloan**

- The YSC Committee met on November 4<sup>th</sup> to plan their retreat, held on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- An additional mentoring training, newly required for all grantees, was held on November 4<sup>th</sup> with John Williams of OP Township providing leadership.
- The SAMHSA Grant workgroup met on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to develop a vision statement, to be followed by a community assessment, and a strategic plan by the end of July.

#### **Supervisor's Comments**

**Carla Sloan**

- Sloan did recent senior outreach meetings with the Kiwanis on October 28<sup>th</sup> and Suburban Thursday Afternoon Retirees (S.T.A.R. is a joint effort between Oak Park Temple and West Suburban Temple) on November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- We co-sponsored with Oak Park Township a volunteer thank you breakfast held at the Carleton.

#### **Approval of Bills**

- Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve bills for November 30, 2015 in the amount of \$62,381.94 See enclosure. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Roll called.  
Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Connolly, Kelty, O'Brien, and Romeo  
Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee O'Brien made a motion to General Assistance for November 30, 2015 in the amount of \$546.24 See enclosure. Trustee Kelty seconded. Roll called.  
Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Connolly, Kelty, O'Brien, and Romeo  
Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Unfinished Business**

**Carla Sloan**

- Connolly and Sloan met with the River Forest Collaboration Subcommittee for the first time on Tuesday, Oct 27 at the River Forest Village Hall, with the intent of determining the focus of the group. The next meeting is Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business**

**Carla Sloan**

- Supervisor Sloan provided Trustees with data relating to the Township levy and fund balance. Supervisor Sloan proposed a minimal Town fund levy increase of 0.8% or \$4,500, based on the 2015 Consumer Price Index (CPI). Trustees will approve the levy on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Since 2010, the levy has only increased by 7% in total.
- Sloan is working on an abbreviated strategic plan for the Township.

No executive session was held, minutes will be held for a future meeting.

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Trustee Kelty seconded, the motion was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned immediately.

The next regular meeting of the River Forest Township will be on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Taubman, Clerk