

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place on Tuesday, December 1, 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, and Attorney Pat Deady

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular November 17, 2015 meeting, Trustee Kelty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation**

- none

**Assessor**

**Pamela Kende**

- The office continues to receive construction permits, records of sales, and assists residents with Certificates of Error and Homeowners Exemptions.
- Kende continues to attend meetings of the Cook County Township Assessors' Association.

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

**Avis Rudner**

- The second SibShop program was held on November 21<sup>st</sup>; there was a mix of returning and new participants. The last program will be held on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Funding applications are out for the new fiscal year.
- We presently have one General Assistance client; one client left the program and another one has begun.
- Holiday Food & Gift Basket reported that all clients have been adopted, but financial contributions are down. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

**Senior Services**

**Carla Sloan for Cathaleen Roach**

- Senior Services had a holiday dinner, much of the conversation focused on Celebrating Seniors Week.
- The Celebrating Seniors Coalition held an informational session for prospective sponsors at The Little Gem Cafe in Oak Park called *Bourbon, Bacon, and Boomers*.

**Youth Services Committee (YSC)**

**Carla Sloan**

- No report

**Supervisor's Comments**

**Carla Sloan**

- No report

**Approval of Bills**

- Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve bills for December 1, 2015 in the amount of \$28,335.20 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 December 1, 2015 in the amount of \$147.76 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**

- Supervisor Sloan presented Trustees the 2015 River Forest Township Levy, with a 0.8% increase for the Town Fund, based on the 2015 Consumer Price Index (CPI), and a reduction of 14% in General Assistance.

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the total levy of \$578,144.00 (\$12,000.00 for General Assistance and \$566,144.00 for the Town Fund). Trustee O'Brien seconded. Roll called.

Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Connolly, Kelty, O'Brien, and Romeo

Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

- Sloan presented Trustees a draft statement of goals and strategies for the Township. Sloan requested Trustees review the document so it can be posted on the website.
- Connolly and Romeo met with the River Forest Collaboration Subcommittee on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The goals and focus of the subcommittee are still in development.

### **New Business**

**Carla Sloan**

- Trustees agreed to the 2016 Meeting dates. Dates will be posted on the website and in the newspaper.

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, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Taubman, Clerk