

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place on Tuesday, March 15th, 2016 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Carla Sloan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll called:

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

Absent: Mark Kelty

Also present: Clerk Karen Taubman, Assessor Pamela Kende, Dick Chappell, Senior Coordinator Cathaleen Roach, and Ginger Colamussi

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular February 16, 2016 meeting, Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation

- Ginger Colamussi, OPRFHS Prevention Wellness Coordinator/Social Worker, gave trustees an overview of the field of prevention, which has moved towards evidence based programs. Additionally, she highlighted what the risk and protective factors are within our own community. The Illinois Youth Survey and the White Paper are among the tools used to assess these factors. Ms. Colamussi provided details on what is successful in prevention and resources for evidence based programs.

Assessor

Pamela Kende

- We are assisting seniors with their senior exemptions, which must be filed every year.
- River Forest Township was open for appeals until Monday, February 29th.
- Kende provided trustees with a summary of property sales for the last year by neighborhood, where prices are trading upwards.

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

Carla Sloan

- Ten children are attending the spring sessions of SibShop. The last session will be held on April 23rd.
- IMP.A.C.T. has a coalition meeting at the RFCC on Monday, March 21st.
- Mental Health First Aid, a NAMI program, was held at the RFCC on March 1st.
- Ms. Rudner is now a member of the Developmental Disabilities Consortium, part of the Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township
- The NAMI PIAT Conference – Fostering Family Resiliency will be held on March 19th at Brooks Middle School in Oak Park. The conference is for parents, clinicians, teachers and everyone who cares for children and families with mental health needs.
- The Township currently has one GA client.
- Sloan encouraged trustees to attend a presentation by Tyra Manning on her new book, “Where the Water Meets the Sand” at the River Forest Library on May 1st. Manning is a retired River Forest D90 superintendent .

Senior Services

Cathaleen Roach

- We continue with the anticipated rollout of the ICE (In Case of Emergency) Packets in May. This is a partnership with the RFFD paramedics. The ICE Packet contains medical information for seniors; seniors will store the ICE Packet in their freezer, where it can be readily accessed by paramedics.
- At the Coffee Monday next month, Lila Pagni, will prepare a presentation on exercise and aging. The safety program last week was well attended.
- On March 6th about 50 seniors attended a program on the life and times of Marie Antoinette. The program was co-sponsored by the River Forest Township and the Library.
- Office phone call service inquiries are increasing.

Youth Services Committee (YSC)

Carla Sloan

- All grant applications have submitted to the YSC, so they will begin the review process. At their March meeting, they will begin making decisions on grants.
- Sloan interviewed candidates for the open position on the YSC.
- The Youth Interventionist Program (YIP) IGA is up for renewal on July 1st. Sloan organized a meeting for the RF taxing bodies on February 17th where John Williams and Bert Patania of Oak Park Township presented. The YIP is asking for an increase of 1.5% for each of the next two years.

Supervisor's Comments

Carla Sloan

- Sloan updated Trustees regarding bills introduced in the Illinois Senate regarding townships. Sloan is closely monitoring the situation.
- On March 31st, there is a meeting with the coterminous Townships at Evanston Township to hear more about their Township's dissolution.
- On April 6th, Sloan will attend Township Topics Day in Springfield.

Approval of Bills

- Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve bills for March 2016 in the amount of \$16,713.79. See enclosure. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Roll called.
Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Connolly, O'Brien, and Romeo
Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee Romeo made a motion to General Assistance for March 2016 in the amount of \$388.64. See enclosure. Trustee O'Brien seconded. Roll called.
Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Connolly, O'Brien, and Romeo
Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Carla Sloan

- IMP.A.C.T. has requested a grant for \$5904.00 for contractual services in grant development/grant writing and developing IMP.A.C.T. information technology. After a lengthy discussion, Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve the \$5904.00 grant. Supervisor Sloan seconded. Roll called. A tie vote occurred with:
Ayes: Supervisor Sloan and Trustee Connolly
Nays: Trustee O'Brien and Romeo
- The grant request will be re-visited at the next meeting.

New Business

Carla Sloan

- Lynn Hayes resigned from the Youth Services Committee. There were several applicants for the open position, and after careful consideration the position was offered to Cal Davis. Sloan provided trustees

a summary of his experience and volunteer work. Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve his membership to the YSC, Trustee Connolly seconded, and all approved.

- The Mental Health Committee (MHC), voted on their recommendations for the fiscal 2017 programming. A notable addition includes Housing Forward (formerly Prevail). The committee recommended \$137,500 in programs.
- The YSC, voted on their recommendations for the fiscal 2017 as well. Paper Heart, a social justice and art summer camp, is a new program.
- Sloan provided Trustees a copy of the agenda for the 2016 Annual Meeting, to be held on April 12th at 6:30pm. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to approve the agenda for the 2016 Annual Meeting, Trustee Romeo seconded, and all approved.

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

Trustee Romeo made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Trustee Connolly seconded, the motion was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned immediately.

The next regular meeting of the River Forest Township will be on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Taubman, Clerk