

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 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: Clerk Karen Taubman, Assessor Pamela Kende, Dick Chappell, MH/GA Administrator Avis Rudner, Senior Coordinator Cathaleen Roach, Resident Susan Altier

Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular May 17, 2016 meeting, Trustee Kelty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation

- Susan Altier, who lives at 12 Ashland, spoke to trustees about the potential TIF district on Madison Street, and the effect of it on the homes included in the TIF district.

Assessor

Pamela Kende

- Second installment tax bills will be mailed on July 1st; we will be helping residents obtain corrected tax bills due to missing exemptions.
- The Board of Review will most likely be open for appeals in early August.
- Joan Rock, the RF Village Finance Director, contacted the office about new properties in order to increase the Village of River Forest tax levy. She questioned some properties and whether the permit amount had been put onto the value of the homes. Our office is doing a survey of permits to verify.
- We are working with the Cook County Assessor's office and Riverside so we have a smooth triennial reassessment in 2017.

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

Avis Rudner

- On May 16th the Developmental Disabilities consortium met, attending agencies update the group on their activities. The consortium is funded by the Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park and administered by Seguin. It is requesting funding for outreach and support DD awareness, but a formal request has not been received.
- The MHC annual dinner meeting was held on June 7.
- Sloan & Rudner met with Lisa DeVivo from the Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park on June 15th in regards to a proposed community needs assessment for Oak Park & River Forest.
- We have one current GA client.

Senior Services

Cathaleen Roach

- Author Jane Hamilton spoke to a capacity crowd of 80 at the River Forest Library on May 22nd.
- We have completed our participation in Celebrating Senior Week. A wide range of activities were available. We hope to expand our public relations efforts for next year.
- ICE packets are complete, and being distributed.
- We continue to have an increase of residents calling and visiting the Township for services.

Youth Services Committee (YSC)

Carla Sloan

- Sloan is on the School Committee for IMPACT. They are in the process of developing a communications campaign for OPRF High School on the riskiness of marijuana. Focus groups were held among high school students last week to determine which messages and which forms of media are meaningful to students. The group is now looking to develop taglines and concepts for poster-type media, which is the first part of the campaign.
- All taxing bodies in OP and RF have approved the Youth Interventionist Program IGA for the next two years.
- We are receiving a healthy amount of scholarship requests related to summer activities.

Supervisor's Comments

Carla Sloan

- The Township participated in the River Forest Memorial Day parade. Thanks to all who helped out.
- Sloan continues to work on development of a new website and is still reviewing the proposals which have been received. She strongly recommends that a project manager be hired on a short-term, independent contractor basis, as the new website development process will require more resources and expertise than are currently available.
- Our audit is close to completion, a draft will follow.

Approval of Bills

- Trustee Romeo made a motion to approve bills for June 2016 in the amount of \$18,709.56 See enclosure. Trustee Kelty seconded. Roll called
 - Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Romeo, O'Brien, Connolly, and Kelty
 - Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee Romeo made a motion to General Assistance in the amount of \$629.56. See enclosure. Trustee Kelty seconded. Roll called.
 - Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Romeo, O'Brien, Connolly, and Kelty
 - Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Carla Sloan

- None

New Business

Carla Sloan

- After considering the Township attorney's memorandum to the board, public participation, and considerable discussion, Trustee Romeo made a motion that Trustees give Township JRB representative, Helene Connolly, the authority to recommend disapproval of the TIF, as proposed. The primary reason given by the Trustees was the failure of the proposed TIF ordinance to specifically covenant that the Village would not use eminent domain to acquire the non-commercial properties in the TIF. O'Brien seconded. Roll called:
 - Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees O'Brien, Kelty, Romeo, Connolly
 - Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- Supervisor Sloan presented trustees with Ordinance 2016-1, the 2016-2017 River Forest Township budget. Lines adjusted from the budget presented in May include: Youth Services initiatives, substance abuse programs, a MHC needs assessment, and website redevelopment. Trustee O'Brien made a motion

to approve Ordinance 2016-1, The River Forest Township 2016-2017 Budget. Trustee Kelty seconded. Roll Called.

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

Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

- Supervisor Sloan presented trustees with Ordinance 2016-2, the 2016-2017 the Notice of Prevailing Wage. There were no changes in the document, and Romeo made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-2, the 2016-2017 the Notice of Prevailing Wage. Kelty seconded. Roll Called.

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

Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Trustee Romeo made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 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, July 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Taubman, Clerk