

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place on Tuesday, July 19th, 2016 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Supervisor Carla Sloan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll called:

Present: Supervisor Carla Sloan, Trustees Helene Connolly and Mark Kelty

Absent: Mary O'Brien and Anna Romeo

Also present: Clerk Karen Taubman, Assessor Pamela Kende, Dick Chappell, MH/GA Administrator Avis Rudner, and Senior Coordinator Cathaleen Roach

Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular June 21, 2016 meeting, Trustee Kelty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation

- Supervisor Sloan presented a certificate to Jilly Cronin, a 2016 Oak Park and River Forest High School graduate, for winning the International High School BioGENEius challenge in environment June 7 in San Francisco. Cronin's project involved finding a new method to absorb heavy metal zinc pollution from water.

Assessor

Pamela Kende

- Second installment tax bills were mailed on July 1st; the office will be helping residents obtain corrected tax bills due to missing exemptions.
- If a senior passes away while living in their home or a nursing center (but the home is their primary residence) Cook County is requiring a letter of verification, which is almost impossible to get and causing difficulties for their families who have inherited the property. Kende and other assessors are trying to work with Cook County to change this process.
- The Board of Review will open in early August.
- Kende is working with Cook County for a Mapping Meeting.

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

Avis Rudner

- Oak Park's Parenthesis Family Center has announced its intention to merge with New Moms of Chicago in the fall. They have committed to keeping the organization in Oak Park.
- Sloan & Rudner continue to meet with Lisa DeVivo in regards to a planned community needs assessment for Oak Park & River Forest.
- Thrive Counseling has had a change in leadership; John Meister, from the Board of Directors, will serve as Interim President & CEO.
- SibShops will resume in the fall.
- The MHC committee will meet again in the fall.
- We have one current GA client.

Senior Services

Cathaleen Roach

- ICE packets are complete, and continue to be distributed.

- Roach continues outreach to various local and west suburban not-for-profits for possible partnerships.
- We have co-sponsored two recent events with the RF Library, Dooley Brothers concert and a flower arranging class. Roach provided trustees a summary of fall and early winter programs to be held at the River Forest Library.
- We continue to have an increase of residents calling and visiting the Township for services.
- Roach is working on a one-day aging parent fair.

Youth Services Committee (YSC)

Carla Sloan

- No report; many committees and organizations do not meet in the summer.

Supervisor's Comments

Carla Sloan

- Sloan met with a consultant to discuss the new website development. The consultant recommended another individual to the Township to act as project manager, since she could not make the time commitment. The cost of a short-term project manager has been allowed for in the new budget.

Approval of Bills

- Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve bills for July 2016 in the amount of \$47,712.83 See enclosure. Trustee Kelty seconded. Roll called
 - Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Connolly and Kelty
 - Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve July General Assistance in the amount of \$29.56. See enclosure. Trustee Kelty seconded. Roll called.
 - Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Connolly and Kelty
 - Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Carla Sloan

- Sloan has the audit in draft form, and will email it to the Trustees.

New Business

Carla Sloan

- The Township will be working with Oak Park Township and the Community Mental Health Board to provide an updated Community Health Needs Assessment & Plan.
- There is a potential opening for the Clerk's position. Sloan said the position would be posted on the website and on the River Forest Village August e-news.
- Sloan presented information on a new potential senior committee member, Ruth Reko. Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve her membership, Trustee Kelty seconded, and all approved.
- Township Day is Wednesday, September 21st. We are working jointly with OP Township, the OP Township will be doing an event at the Senior Center from 2p-4p and the RF Township will have an ice cream social from 4:30-6:30.

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

Trustee Connolly made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 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 August 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Taubman, Clerk