

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place on Tuesday, June 13 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 and Karen Taubman. Not present: Trustee Economos

Also present: Assessor Pamela Kende , Clerk Abby Schmelling, MH/GA Administrator Avis Rudner, Senior Outreach Coordinator Cathaleen Roach, and RFCCA Administrator Dick Chappell. Public attendance included retiring River Forest Fire Chief James Eggert and retired Oak Park Township Supervisor David Boulanger.

Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular May 16, 2017 meeting, Trustee Taubman seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2017 Budget Hearing meeting, seconded by Trustee Kelty. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation**

Supervisor Carla Sloan read aloud proclamations from the Board of Trustees of River Forest Township honoring our guests, retiring River Forest Fire Chief James Eggert and retired Oak Park Township Supervisor David Boulanger. The framed proclamations signed by the Trustees along with River Forest Township tokens of appreciation were presented to the honorees. Both honorees made remarks in response to their being honored with these proclamations.

**Reports**

**Assessor**

**Pamela Kende**

- Second installment tax bills will be sent out on time July 1. 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 August.
- Daily activities of the office are continuing, i.e. returning phone calls, permits, sales, etc.
- The assessor's office is working with the Cook County Assessor's office and Riverside so that there is a smooth triennial reassessment with the Board of Review.

- Details of a FOIA request were discussed.

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

**Avis Rudner**

- The Committee is preparing the funding contracts for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Agencies continue to struggle with providing services due to the lack of an Illinois state budget.
- The Committee is on vacation for July and August and will resume meeting in September.
- There are two GA clients and another one pending. Avis attended a meeting in Shorewood where the topic was the difficulty of getting disabled residents on Social Security Disability and services provided by the Salvation Army.

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

**Carla Sloan**

- Bert Patania has resigned after nineteen years as head of the Youth Interventionist Program. River Forest Township wishes him well. Carla enjoyed working with him and found him to be very effective in working with River Forest youth and families in need and with our Township personnel.

### **Senior Services**

**Cathaleen Roach.**

- Senior Services completed the seventh annual Celebrating Seniors Week. There were more than forty free programs in the three suburbs of River Forest, Oak Park and Forest Park. Locally, River Forest conducted and/or supported nine of its own programs, collaborating with both the River Forest Library and the Police Department. Included in the monthly meeting packet is a reprint of a Wednesday Journal article describing the enthusiastic response to the new Movement, Memory and Joyful Aging class held during this week.
- Following Celebrating Seniors Week, the other events for this month of June include Coffee Monday's program with local high school junior, Ethan Bernhaert's demonstration of a 3-D printer he programmed and created himself; a Celebrating Seniors All Year Long presentation by Al Popowitts on his continuing talks about Historic River Forest; and a Saturday afternoon presentation on Frank Lloyd Wright in celebration of his 150th birthday.
- Cathaleen attended the Community Health Needs Assessment gathering of local stakeholders looking at strategies for our community for the next five years, in particular how they might help local seniors. She and Carla will also meet in July with the River Forest Library to determine programming for winter.
- Cathaleen mentioned future developments including Oak Park and River Forest Senior Service subcommittee research on Evanston's 3-1-1 system and its adoption locally; interest in further classes in Memoir Writing, Movement and Memory for Joyful Aging, and Ma-jong; as well as the newly named Wednesday Learning Labs into the new Connect With Tech beginning this summer.

### **Supervisor's Comments**

**Carla Sloan.**

- Carla gave an update on the next stage of the Community Health Needs Assessment, which follows the community survey and data analysis. Along with the support of Avis, and Cathaleen for the seniors, stakeholder meetings are being held in June. This includes the kickoff meeting where the group as a whole identified the key problems in physical health, behavioral health and developmental disabilities.

Two subsequent meetings have been held to determine contributing factors in the physical health and behavioral health areas including seniors. The next meeting on June 15 is in regard to developmental disabilities' contributing factors and strategies.

Two final meetings will be held at the end of the month to determine strategies in physical health and behavioral health.

These meetings have followed the public health APEX model and participants have been very pleased with the consultant, LHF. The attendance and quality of participation from stakeholders has been excellent and enthusiastic.

- Carla spoke with Dennis Healy, a member of the mental health committee. There will be a special week in July to get people with developmental disabilities registered to vote. It's a worthwhile project for the Township to be involved in.
- For the 100th anniversary, we will be installing a banner on the side of the building. Also, banners were made for the parade and Carla will be meeting with Matt to strategize how to publicize the interviews that were done for the anniversary.
- Carla thanked all who attended the parade: Holly who drive her convertible and her daughter Lucy; Ali from Oak Park Township; Dennis Healy from the Mental Health Committee; Cathaleen and Abby, along with Ann O'Connell and Ruth Reko from the Senior Services Committee who rode in the convertible; Pam Mahn and her husband and daughter; and Carla's husband Ed.
- Carla also thanked Karen, Abby, Avis and Cathaleen who attended the TOCC Spring Conference with her.
- Carla gave a legislative update: Senate Bill 3, a more palatable consolidation bill, is the one that prevailed in both houses and passed on May 31. The much less favorable house bill 495 is dead. SB 3 is on the governor's desk for his signature. Representative Welch did not sign on as a co-sponsor of this bill.

### **Approval of Bills**

- After discussion, Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve bills totalling \$42,714.79. It was seconded by Trustee Kelty. Roll was called. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Connolly, Kelty and Taubman. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee Connolly made a motion to approve General Assistance bills in the amount of \$776.90. It was seconded by Trustee Taubman. Roll was called. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Connolly, Kelty and Taubman. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Carla gave an update on leasing a new color copier. She is in conversation with three vendors, one referral is from the Community Center, one from Mark Kelty and one from Dominican. She has received a proposal from one and is waiting for the other two.

## **New Business**

**Carla Sloan**

- A motion was made by Helene Connolly and seconded by Karen Taubman to approve Ordinance No. 2017-1 River Forest Township Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017-18: From the Town Fund, a total of \$661,602; from the General Assistance Fund, a total of \$13,996; and from the Component Unit: RFCCA Capital Fund, a total of \$66,630 for a total of \$742,228. Roll was called. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Connolly, Kelty and Taubman. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Trustee Taubman and seconded by Trustee Connolly to approve ordinance No. 2017-02 of the River Forest Township, Cook County, Illinois Ascertain the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics employed on Public works of Said Township. Roll was called. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Connolly, Kelty and Taubman. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Alcohol Prevention Grant work has been divided into teams including community engagement, parent engagement and youth engagement. A board trustee is being asked to participate on one of the teams.
- A motion was made by Trustee Taubman and seconded by Trustee Connolly to let the record show for bank reference that we are deleting from our signature cards and documents: Veronica Krawczyk Belmonte, Mary O'Brien, Anna Marie Romeo; adding Helene Connolly where relevant, keeping Carla Sloan and Mark Kelty and adding Karen Taubman and Holly Economos. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the River Forest Township will be on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Trustee Taubman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kelty seconded, the motion was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Abby Schmelling, Clerk