

**RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 18, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place on Monday, June 18, 2018 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Carla Sloan and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll called

Present: Supervisor Carla Sloan, Trustees Karen Taubman, Holly Economos, Mark Kelty and Helene Connolly. Also present: Clerk Abby Schmelling, Senior Outreach Coordinator Cathaleen Roach, MentalHealth/GA Administrator Avis Rudner and RFCCA Administrator Dick Chappell.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting was made by Trustee Connolly and seconded by Trustee Kelty. The motion passed.

Public Participation - None

Reports

Senior Outreach Coordinator

Cathaleen Roach

- There have been two programs with the Library in June and a very successful Coffee Monday on June 4. This event featured Senior Job Opportunities and Work Search Assistance at the American/Maywood Job Center, which has services for job search, resume writing and other help for those looking for work, full or part time.
- There are no Coffee Mondays in July. There will be only one evening event, the Dooley Brothers concert. The Friday Film Lovers will continue in the summer as well as Connect With Tech.
- Cathaleen attended an ageism presentation sponsored by the Senior Committee exploring explicit bias.
- June 1, Carla and Cathaleen attended a large conference on dementia at Rush Hospital. As follow up, they will continue to work on dementia-related programs, including the new initiative Bracelet Program with the River Forest Police Department.
- ENCORE is starting a Good Memories Chorus for seniors with dementia and their caregivers.
- Cathaleen discussed a new elder “Uber type” transportation program from Envoy America.
- May 18 was Older Americans Mental Health Awareness Day. We held mental wellness screenings at the Township Senior Services building. Sixty seniors were screened by Concordia graduate students; follow up will be offered by Thrive and Presence. The focus on senior mental health comes out of the Community Needs Assessment.
- Arbor West Neighbors hosted an asset mapping meeting relating to senior needs. The two largest identified needs were transportation and how to raise awareness of existing community resources.

Assessor

Pamela Kende

All 2018 Exemptions are now closed, all 2018 exemptions will need a Certificate of Error. 2018 Certificates of Error applications will not be processed without proper ID.

Pam aided the Cook County Treasurer's office in information regarding River Forest residents that have delinquent taxes.

The Illinois Department of Revenue issued the final 2017 equalization factor for Cook County. It is 2.9627. The Community tax rate is expected to be announced in June or July.

Pam continued to process Senior Exemptions, continued to respond to potential buyers concerning assessed value and their relationship to property tax bills.

Tax bills may be out later than July 1st.

Permits are up to date.

Mental Health Services/General Assistance

Avis Rudner

- The Committee held their annual dinner at their June meeting, having completed grant applications review. The Committee will not meet in July or August although Avis will be in the office.
- Avis will be working on the contracts for the current fiscal year as well as starting preparation for the next fiscal year and the mental health budget.
- Carla talked again about Support4U (formerly Text-a-Tip), a mental health-related prevention and support resource for middle and high school students through Districts #90, #97 and #200, by which they can text, using a unique code (SAFE, HOPE, HELP) to identify each school. The program had a soft rollout in May, so students and parents were notified of the service and number. Ads were placed in local media. The Support 4U app is in development. The first quarter of usage data will be available in August.
- Carla attended the monthly Opioid Task Force meeting. Hospitals are now getting involved, specifically West Suburban and Rush Oak Park. Various groups are presenting data on overdoses and Narcan use. Overdoses and Narcan use in River Forest are currently low.
- Aunt Bertha and Now Pow are two mental health point of entry software systems being evaluated by the Oak Park Community Mental Health Board, River Forest Township and various providers. Demos were held to help determine which is the better system. Attendees are providing feedback.
- A new substance use prevention flier has just been completed, in partnership with the Oak Park Community Mental Health Board.
- The Suicide Prevention Task Force has placed a series of informational ads in local media for Mental Health Awareness Month.

Youth Services

Carla Sloan

- The two year Youth Interventionist Intergovernmental Agreement will be voted at tonight's meeting. The Village of River Forest is pulling its financial support from the YIP program. Carla included the letter from the Village at the meeting. Carla explained that this is a community safety program whose success rests on the shared responsibility of all taxing bodies in the safety and well-being of our youth. Eleven taxing bodies have consistently funded this program, and we feel strongly that it is not just a Township program related to youth services. The YIP is cost effective and proactive. The Village made this decision as an administrative decision and did not put it on the agenda at a public meeting or to Trustee vote. This is a different from the other ten taxing bodies where it was a public discussion and decision. Carla will make her concerns known at the next Village meeting on June 25 for public record.

- The RF Park District did approve the YIP agreement but expressed the need for better program metrics. The RF Public Library votes tonight and District #90 will vote tomorrow night. The outcome from both looks favorable, based on conversations with trustees and administrators. School social workers and library staff have provided positive about the YIP. Discussion followed about other possible sources of funding for the YIP, given the withdrawal of Village support.

A motion was made at 6:30 pm by Trustee Economos and seconded by Trustee Kelty to temporarily suspend the meeting to go into the Civic Center meeting. The motion passed.

A motion was made at 6:45 pm by Trustee Economos and seconded by Trustee Taubman to return to the meeting of the Trustees. The motion passed.

Supervisor's Comments

Carla Sloan

- Carla attended the Rotary breakfast honoring many of the people the Township funds, including NAMI and Sarah's Inn.
- The TOCC spring conference was attended by Carla and Karen on May 16. The Lieutenant Governor made an appearance. She announced that the Youth Interventionist Program had been selected to appear in the annual Journal of Best Government Practices as a model of government collaboration. The Lt. Governor noted that it was unusual to have significant collaboration on a social service related program, as they usually see collaboration on programs of a more physical nature, such as sharing equipment. Carla also received a TOCC Outstanding Leadership Award at the conference.
- Carla thanked all who marched at the Memorial Day parade including Trustee Economos for driving and Trustee Connolly for marching. Oak Park Township officials and staff turned out as well; it was effective for both Townships to march together.
- There was a JRB hearing for the North Avenue TIF where neighbors spoke about different concerns. District 200 requested a postponement of the JRB vote, which has been rescheduled for later in June.

Approval of Bills

- Trustee Taubman made a motion to approve Community Bank Operating Fund bills as of June 30, 2018 totalling \$27,443,83 . It was seconded by Trustee Economos. Roll was called. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Taubman, Economos, Kelty and Connolly. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee Taubman made a motion to approve General Assistance MB Financial bills as of June 30, 2018 totalling \$468.78. It was seconded by Trustee Economos. Roll was called. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Taubman, Kelty, Economos and Connolly. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Approval of the IMP.A.C.T. grant was tabled.

New Business

- Carla went over the draft of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Youth Interventionist Program for 2018-2020 and discussed the change of percentages without the Village's participation in the program. The Township share was previously 5.5% of the total program, but Carla stated that the

Township is willing to pay an additional \$4,000 to cover the shortfall from the Village's 5.5% share, thus paying 7.1% of the program. District #90 will pay 3%, and the Park District and Public Library will pay 1.5% each, leaving 3.9% of River Forest's funding to be covered by small grants or other organizations. A motion was made by Trustee Taubman and seconded by Trustee Connolly to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Youth Interventionist Program for 2018-2020. Roll was called. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Taubman, Economos, Kelty and Connolly. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

- Carla reviewed the Prevailing Wage for 2018. A motion was made by Trustee Taubman and seconded by Trustee Kelty to approve Ordinance 2018-02, the Prevailing Wage for 2018. Roll was called. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Taubman, Economos, Kelty and Connolly. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- After Carla discussed minor changes to the budget draft from last month, a motion was made by Trustee Economos and seconded by Trustee Connolly to approve the FY2018-2019 Budget in three parts: The total of the Town Fund of \$677,494, the Total of the General Assistance Fund of \$12,262 and the Total of the Component Unit of the RFCCA Capital Fund of \$62,000 for a Total of \$751,756. Roll was called. Ayes: Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Taubman, Economos, Kelty and Connolly. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- Carla presented the new Township flier. Assessor Kende asked that it be made into a #10 envelope size, so she can use it in her upcoming resident mailing. Carla will complete this.

The next regular meeting of the River Forest Township will be on Monday July 17 at 6:00 pm. Trustee Taubman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Trustee Kelty seconded, the motion was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Abby Schmelling, Clerk