

RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 6:00 pm

The regular monthly meeting of the RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP Board of Trustees took place on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at the River Forest Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Carla Sloan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll called

Present: Supervisor Carla Sloan, Trustees Karen Taubman, Mark Kelty, Helene Connolly and Holly Economos. Also present: Clerk Abby Schmelling, Senior Outreach Coordinator Cathaleen Roach, RFCCA Administrator Dick Chappell, Attorney Patrick Deady and Assessor, Pam Kende. Absent: Mental Health Services/General Assistance Administrator, Avis Rudner.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 was made by Trustee Taubman and seconded by Trustee Kelty. The motion passed.

Public Participation – none

Reports

Assessor

Pamela Kende

Assessor Pamela Kende reported the following activities:

- Worked with Jennifer Tammen who is working on behalf of the Village of River Forest to evaluate the fiscal impact of the proposed senior housing development.
- Fielded questions regarding a new sale price and relationship to a tax bill.
- Completed and verified permits sent to County.
- Processed Certificates of Error.
- Attended Cook County Township Assessor Association meeting.
- Helped residents with re-review questions for Board of Review appeals.
- Fielded questions regarding when Board of Review will announce their results.
- Completed continuing education course work for the year.

Mental Health Services/General Assistance

Avis Rudner (given by Supervisor Sloan)

- Sibshops has had two sessions. There are ten kids registered. Most are returning families, and there is capacity for two to four more kids.

- Carla attended the National Suicide Prevention Summit held at Loyola College of Medicine. The summit focused on the AFSP's (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) goal of reducing suicide by 20% by 2025. The focus is on four areas: Large healthcare systems; emergency departments; firearm safety; and prisons. The VA comes out very positively as a model in these discussions.
- Carla attended the Women Leaders in Philanthropy suicide prevention panel at Dominican.
- The LOSS program is highly regarded. The attendance of our group is growing; there were seven new attendees in the last two months.
- NAMI has opened its second Living Room in Broadview; this is a drop-in counseling center, open daily 1-9 pm.
- National Prescription Take Back Day is Saturday, October 27 from 10am-2pm at Oak Park Township, 105 S. Oak Park Avenue.
- Aunt Bertha, our point of entry software project that was approved last meeting, needs a website name. The first implementation meeting is Friday, October 19. There will be a startup pilot with three to five agencies.
- Carla noted the important role played by Avis Rudner in the administration and oversight in the grant payment process to the mental health agencies.
- There is still one GA client.

Senior Outreach Coordinator

Cathaleen Roach

- Cathaleen and Carla attended "The Changing Aging Tour", hosted by Marc Blesoff and the *Wednesday Journal* on October 10. Approximately 100-120 people attended the afternoon event.
- On Saturday, October 13, Cathaleen, Carla and Senior Committee Member, Margie Rudnik manned the Township table for the River Forest Fire Department's Open House, with an estimated 300 people attending.
- On October 29, Carla and Cathaleen will represent the Township at the next community meeting regarding the Dementia Friendly River Forest project.
- We are coordinating with River Forest Fire Department paramedic Paul Zipperlick for a Coffee Monday appearance in early 2019 on Falls Prevention. This may lead to a broader forum on Senior Safety during Celebrating Seniors Week.

- We are working with Triton's RSVP program and with Arbor West Neighbors to recruit tax preparation volunteers to help with tax returns for low income seniors. Training is free and includes five consecutive Saturdays and IRS volunteer certification.
- We co-sponsored two presentations with the RF Public Library: *King Henry VIII and his Six Wives* (58 attended) and *Illinois Ghosts and the Afterlife*, in honor of Halloween. This weekend's program includes a portrayal of Jane Austen.
- RF resident ML Wahlfeldt spoke at this month's Coffee Monday on breathing techniques for positive physical and mental health. The November 5 Coffee Monday will feature Denise Murray from Forest Park's senior center, talk about the many senior trips open to RF seniors.
- There have been a number of constituent inquiries this month regarding various social service programs in the area.
- Carla shared that the new assisted care and memory care facility was approved by the Village Board. The Village negotiated an impact fee of \$10,000 annually for River Forest Township senior services.
- Senior wellness groups are full and meeting at Concordia weekly. The winter session will begin on January 29.
- Oak Park Township Senior Services has received a grant to start a Memory Café in 2019; this will be a program held at the Township Senior Services building for individuals living with dementia and their care partners.
- Pickleball for seniors will start up again in November at the Tennis and Fitness Centre in Oak Park.
- Carla attended the Mental Health Services Committee meeting and they are planning their grant review process and site visits. Avis is preparing packets.

Youth Services

Carla Sloan

- Carla was not able to attend the Youth Services Committee meeting; she noted the YSC is gearing up for the grant review process and site visits.

Supervisor's Report

Carla Sloan

- Carla attended the Sarah's Inn Capital Campaign Kickoff. Sarah's Inn receives funding from the Township. Sarah's Inn has outgrown its building and hopes to purchase a new building in Oak Park.

Approval of Bills

- Trustee Taubman made a motion to approve Operating Fund bills as of October 31, 2018 totalling \$65,135.37. It was seconded by Trustee Economos. Roll was called. Ayes: Trustees Taubman, Economos, Kelty and Connolly and Supervisor Sloan. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee Taubman made a motion to approve General Assistance bills as of October 31, 2018 totalling \$752.38. It was seconded by Trustee Economos. Roll was called. Ayes: Trustees Taubman, Economos, Kelty and Connolly and Supervisor Sloan. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Carla gave a recap of Township Day on Friday, September 21 held at Oak Park Township.

New Business

- Carla discussed the 2018 Levy with an increase in the CPI of 2.1%. Carla gave a handout to the board showing CPI history. The Levy will be voted on at the December board meeting.
- Carla explained Public Act 100-0983: Township Clerk attestation to payments, which takes effect on January 1. Carla gave TOI's recommendation. Pat Deady gave his recommendation of how to follow this by attaching a confirming affidavit to the monthly minutes. Discussion followed.
- A motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Great Neighbors Program, between Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly, Arbor West Neighbors, and Township Senior Services, was made by Trustee Economos and seconded by Trustee Kelty. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation was made by Trustee Connolly and seconded by Trustee Kelty, at 6:47 pm. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting resumed at 7:01 pm.

The next regular meeting of the River Forest Township will be on Tuesday, November 20 at 6:00 pm. Trustee Economos made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Kelty. The motion was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Abby Schmelling, Clerk