

**River Forest Township  
Minutes of Annual Town Meeting  
Tuesday, April 18, 2017**

Township Supervisor Carla Sloan called the Annual Town Meeting of the Township of River Forest to order on Tuesday April 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Sloan stated that the official Notice of the Annual Town Meeting was published in the Pioneer Press and posted in three public places within the Township and our website, ten days prior to the meeting. The Public Notice is available for inspection and is attached. Supervisor Sloan also reminded electors that by law only items on the agenda may be considered. If electors have an issue not on the agenda, it may be considered at a special Town meeting, pursuant to the provisions in the Code regarding special Town Meetings. In addition, if electors have concerns on matters not covered on the agenda, they may make those concerns known to the trustees during the Public Participation section of the regular monthly meeting, which follows tonight's annual meeting. She asked all those attending the meeting to please sign in and pick up an agenda. All River Forest electors may vote, and this process is through a show of hands. This is why the room is separated into two groups, River Forest Township electors and non-River Forest Township electors.

Roll Call of Township Officials/Identification and Introduction of Township Officials

Clerk Schmelling called the roll of Township Officials:

Supervisor Sloan, Trustees Kelty, O'Brien and Connolly. Trustee Romeo was absent.

Supervisor Sloan introduced the Township officials to include herself, Assessor Pamela Kende, Clerk Abby Schmelling, Trustees Mark Kelty, Mary O'Brien, Anna Romeo and Helene Connolly.

Selection of Moderator for Town Meeting—Oath of Moderator administered by Township Clerk

Trustee O'Brien moved that Elizabeth "Buff" Martin be named Moderator for the River Forest Township Annual Meeting. Trustee Connolly seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by those present.

The nomination having been approved, Clerk Schmelling administered the Oath of Office to Elizabeth Martin. That Oath, properly executed, is attached. Moderator Martin asked Clerk Schmelling to act as the Secretary for the Annual Meeting; Clerk Schmelling agreed.

Minutes of Last Annual Town Meeting

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to forego reading of the April 12, 2016 Annual minutes, seconded by Supervisor Sloan. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2016 Annual Town Meeting. Supervisor Sloan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Moderator Martin stated that copies are on file with the Clerk and available for public viewing and will also be posted on the Township website.

Identification of Electors Present at Town Meeting and execution of Affidavits of Standing as Electors

Moderator Martin noted the Clerk would notarize each affidavit containing River Forest elector signatures.

Annual Financial Statements of Supervisor

The Clerk stated that the Statement of Income and Expenditures for the Township Fund and for General Assistance was attached to the agendas. The statements will be subject to audit and placed on file with the Clerk and publicly posted.

#### Reports of Committees and Other Programs

Moderator Martin stated that copies of all Reports are available at the meeting and will be on file with the Clerk and available for public viewing.

**Mental Health Committee** – Mental health Administrator Avis Rudner submitted a written report.

**Youth Services Committee**—John Williams of Oak Park Township submitted a written report.

**Senior Services Committee**—Pamela Mahn of Oak Park Township submitted a written report.

**Supervisor Report**—Supervisor Sloan provided a recap of the written report submitted.

**Assessor Report**—Assessor Kende submitted a written report.

**General Assistance**—General Assistance Administrator Avis Rudner submitted a written report.

**Senior Outreach Coordinator**—Cathaleen Roach of River Forest Township submitted a written report.

**River Forest Civic Center Authority**—River Forest Civic Center Authority Facilities Administrator Dick Chappell provided a recap of the written report submitted.

**River Forest Community Center**—River Forest Community Center Executive Director Dick Chappell provided a recap of the written report submitted.

#### Resolutions

Moderator Martin stated that she would read a short description of each resolution and ask for a motion and a second to approve each resolution. She stated that once the motion was made and seconded, the floor would be open for questions on that particular resolution. The vote would be taken by a show of hands. Copies of the proposed resolutions were available at the meeting.

Trustee Connolly moved to adopt **Resolution 1** regarding Insurance as submitted and presented. Assessor Kende seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Supervisor Sloan moved to adopt **Resolution 2** regarding Mental Health Services as submitted and presented. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee O'Brien moved that **Resolution 3** regarding Financial Support and Contractual Service regarding Senior Citizen and Youth Programs be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee Kelty seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Kelty moved that **Resolution 4** regarding Senior Services Programs be adopted as submitted and presented. Elector Holly Economos seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee O'Brien moved that **Resolution 5** regarding Youth Services Programs be adopted as submitted and presented. Assessor Kende seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Connolly moved that **Resolution 6a** regarding Approval of Banks and **Resolution #6b** regarding Audit be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee O'Brien seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Kelty moved that **Resolution 7** regarding Support of River Forest Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium and Office Building Authority (River Forest Civic Center Authority) be adopted as submitted and presented. Assessor Kende seconded. One question was asked by Elector Holly Economos. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Assessor Kende moved that **Resolution 8** regarding Intergovernmental Agreements be adopted as submitted and presented. Elector Holly Economos seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee O'Brien moved that **Resolution 9** regarding Authority to Borrow Funds be adopted as submitted and presented. Supervisor Sloan seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Assessor Kende moved that **Resolution 10** regarding Township Space in Civic Center Authority Building be adopted as submitted and presented. Trustee Kelty seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee O'Brien moved that **Resolution 11** regarding Presentation of Proposed Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal year April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 be submitted and presented. Trustee Connolly seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Trustee Kelty moved that **Resolution 12** regarding Expenditure of Township Funds per Cooperative Agreements or Contracts with Other Governmental Entities and Not for Profit Corporations be adopted as submitted and presented. Assessor Kende seconded. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the electors present.

Moderator Martin announced that the next regular meeting of the River Forest Township Board of Trustees will take place following this meeting and next on May 16, 2017 at 7 pm.

Moderator Martin announced that the next Annual Township Meeting for 2018 will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the River Forest Civic Center Authority Building, 8020 Madison Street, River Forest.

Moderator Martin asked for an adjournment of the River Forest Township Annual Town Meeting at 7 pm and thanked all for attending. Trustee O'Brien made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kelty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Schmelling, Township Clerk