

Rock Island Township

2827 - 7th Avenue, Rock Island, IL. 61201

Town Board Minutes

November 24, 2014

4:15 p.m.

I. In attendance: Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Joan Clark, Trustees Heather Gray, Rita Kirk and James H. Kerr Sr.; Trustee Vince Thomas, Absent. Others in attendance; Rock Island Township Assessor Brenda Carmen, Township staff Doris Quigley. Also attending were Doug & Jude Dee representing Papa's Helping Vets, Inc. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carmen at 4:15 p.m. The following township business was transacted:

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of the Minutes from the October 27th, 2014 Board Meeting: (Attachment A) Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed.

III. Assessor's Report: Assessor Carmen presented a written report (Board of Review Cases by Category). There were no hearings before the Board of Review on Rock Island Township property assessments – but there were many compromises. The board congratulated the Assessor on the number of business assessments that were updated!

IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds: October – November 2014. (Attachment B) Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Absent; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

V. Supervisor's Report

A) Papa's Helping Vets, Inc. Funding Request (Attachment D) Mr. Dee presented the organization's request for \$5000.00 to be used for the organization's operating expenses. Trustee Kirk asked about the organization's board and how the organization would use the funding. Mr. Dee named 6 persons who were considered board members. Funding would be used to benefit Rock Island Twp. veterans in need of housing start-up items (beds, refrigerators stoves etc.) The items are donated by the public and the need for funding was to pay for storage of the items. Trustee Kerr asked if other Veterans organization's had been contacted and what the response had been. Mr. Dee said some had been contacted but little funding had been obtained. Trustee Kerr made a motion to grant the organization \$1000.00 and apply for future funding next year with documentation about the number of people served from Rock Island Township. Trustee Gray seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Absent; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, No; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

B.) 2015-2016 Tax Levy (Attachment E): Supervisor Carmen reviewed the Tax Levy Ordinance with the board. Final approval by the board would be in the amount of Five hundred forty-six thousand and seventy-five dollars (\$546,075.00) Motion to approve the 2014, collectable in 2015 Levy made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll call: Trustee Thomas, Absent; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

Trustee Thomas enters the meeting.

C) Senior Holiday Dinner Catering Proposal Award (Attachment F) Motion to approve the Holiday Dinner Food Proposal offered by the Montford's at \$8.25 per guest plus gratuity made by Trustee Thomas. Seconded by Trustee Kerr. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

D) Senior Holiday Dinner – Approval of Expenses (Attachment G) Motion to approve the expenses associated with the 2014 Holiday Dinner (food included) made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Abstain; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

E) Items of Interest (Attachment H)

Item	Update
Christmas Party	Set up for Christmas Party December 9 th at 6:00 p.m. Board should be at the Township December 10 th at 10:00 a.m.
Emergency Food & Shelter grant.	Too little time to get funding out. Approximately \$7000.00 will have to be sent back.
Renovation	Renovation is nearly complete.
TOI Conference	Board found Conference informative. Some of the sessions did not apply to townships without Road Districts.

Newsletter	Supervisor will meet with Dispatch staff in early December. Board members writing a column need to have articles in as soon as possible.
Opportunities for Quad Citizens	Supervisor attended the Conference on November 12. Information shared on creating an anti-poverty program in the Quad Cities.
Youth Program	\$500 check sent to RICAP for TRY-PLAY. To date funding has not been used.
Baseball Academy	Supervisor & South Rock Island Supervisor attended meeting with City officials about the possibility of sponsorship for youth baseball by our townships.

F) **Sacred Heart Food Pantry/St Joseph Evening Meal:** A total of 2,399 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal from October 1, 2014 - October 31, 2014. Sacred Heart Food Pantry - 1,274; St. Joseph Evening Meal - 1,125

G) **General Assistance Activity – October 2014**

- a) Number of Active Clients – 45
- b) Number of Intakes – 13
- c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 5

VI. **New Business: None**

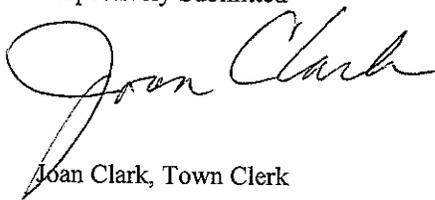
VIII. **Public Comments: Trustees, Assessor, Supervisor, Public**

Township Clerk, Joan Clark announced that previous Clerk, Mary Ellen Penny is in Heartland Rehab. Center in very serious condition. She urged the board to send cards or stop in to see her.

VIII. **Adjournment:**

Trustee Kerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectively Submitted



Joan Clark, Town Clerk

Rock Island Township Mission Statement

To professionally, courteously, equitably and efficiently administer General Assistance, property assessment and other programs and to properly maintain the Township Hall and property for the benefit of Township residents and the building's tenants.