

Rock Island Township

2827 - 7th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

Town Board Minutes

February 23, 2015

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 Thomas, absent (late). Others in attendance: Assessor Brenda Carmen and Township staff Doris Quigley. 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 January 26, 2015 Board Meeting: Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed.

Trustee Thomas arrives.

III. Assessor's Report: Assessor Carmen - No report.

IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds: January 2015 – February 2015: Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

V. Supervisor's Report

A) 2015-2016 Draft Budget (2nd Draft): The board reviewed handouts. Trustee Kirk asked various questions about line items and amounts for program grants. Trustee Thomas asked how people were made aware of denture/senior programs. Supervisor Carmen stated our website and the upcoming newsletter. Potential clients were also told at the window when they come for other reasons. Trustee Kirk suggested consideration of an Emergency Assistance Program that would address the basic needs of the working poor. Supervisor Carmen suggested Trustee Kirk, Clerk Joan Clark and Trustee Thomas meet to discuss the new program. A report on that meeting will be available at the March meeting, 2015-2016 Proposed Budget – Total Appropriation: \$696,825.00.

B) Annual Town Meeting Agenda Approval: The Board reviewed the Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting. Trustee Gray made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Trustee Thomas seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

C) Martin Luther King Community Center 40th Anniversary Ad: Motion made by Trustee Thomas to purchase a full page ad at a cost of \$150.00 for the Center's 40th Anniversary Ad Book. Trustee Gray seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Abstain; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

D) Items of Interest

Item	Update
Newsletter/Logo	The Dispatch has sent the current newsletter to the printer. It is a 4 page publication. Supervisor is hoping for more ad sales to increase the number of pages in the Fall. The new logo will be used for all office purposes.
Emergency Food & Shelter	The 2015 EF&S grant application was submitted by Moline Township.
Additional Building Improvements	Smokers Station – finalize locations. Carpeting – obtaining bids; could have a problem with asbestos when old carpet is removed. Ceiling tile replacement – doing count of damaged tiles and then will order tiles. Tiles will be installed by janitor as time permits. Programmable thermostats – will be installed by Love Electric in the future. New Locks & keys – calling locksmiths in March. Mid American rebate for electrical work – should have check in approximately 5 weeks. Amount: \$5300.00. Building Remodeling Event – held off pending cleaning and waxing floors. Option of coordinating event with newsletter and logo under consideration by Supervisor.
Little League Update	Registration underway. Will cut check (probably \$1500.00) when we have total Rock Island Township participants.

Papa's (to help veteran's) contribution and monitoring of other grant recipients	Will be discussed at March meeting.
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F) Sacred Heart Food Pantry/St Joseph Evening Meal:

Sacred Heart Food Pantry - 1,154 people were provided with food in January 2015; fiscal year to date: 11,407.

St. Joseph Evening Meal – 747 served hot meals in January 2015; fiscal year to date: 8,970.

G) General Assistance Activity – January 2015:

a) Number of Active Clients – 59

b) Number of Intakes – 9

c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 6

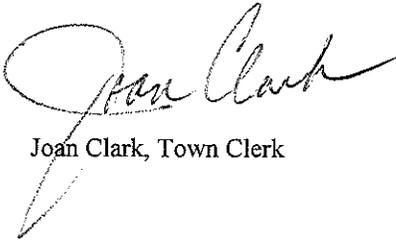
VI. New Business: Thank you from township residents were passed around the table for Board review.

VII. Public Comments: Trustees, Assessor, Supervisor, Public – None

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.

Respectfully 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.