

Rock Island Township

Attachment A

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

Town Board Minutes

Monday July 27th, 2015

4:15 p.m.

I. In attendance: Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Joan Clark, Trustees Heather Gray, Vincent Thomas, James Kerr Sr., Rita Kirk Others in attendance: Assessor Brenda Carmen, 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 June 22, 2015 Board Meeting Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed.

III. Assessor's Report: Assessor Carmen stated this is the time of year for cleaning out files and other administrative chores. She displayed a binder of pictures of township properties, completed by a member of her staff that provides help to the public when looking for comparable properties. The book is a continual work in progress.

IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds (6/21/15-7/21/15). Trustee Kirk asked if there were a large number of clients living at Spencer Towers. Supervisor Carmen stated that there were approximately 20 clients living at Spencer Towers. Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the claims in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

V. Supervisor's Report

A) Labor Day Parade Co-sponsorship of Metro Youth: Supervisor Carmen stated that he had talked with Supervisor Shirk at South Rock Island Township about co-sponsorship of Metro Youth. Trustee Gray made a motion to co-sponsor the Metro Youth Group with South Rock Island Township at a cost of \$200.00. Trustee Thomas seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Abstain; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

B) World War II Veterans' Breakfast Funding: Supervisor Carmen asked the board to approve \$1000.00 as our township's half of the World War II Veterans' Breakfast which is co-sponsored with South Rock Island Township. Trustee Kirk asked how many World War II Veterans' were committed to the event from Rock Island Township. Supervisor Carmen stated so far there was only 1. He said he and Assessor Carmen were going to contact potential participants from the Assessor's lists. South Rock Island Township has 12 participants, most of them from Friendship Manor where the event will be held. Trustee Kirk offered to contact past trustee Matthew Parker. Trustee Kerr stated he would also make contacts. Trustee Gray stated she would be unable to attend because she would be returning to her job. Clerk, Joan Clark stated she would not be able to attend because she would be out of town. Trustee Thomas made a motion to approve the spending of \$1000.00 as our portion of the cost. Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

C) Items of Interest

Item	Update
Little League Update	A check for \$1500.00 was made to the Little League for 24 Rock Island Township youth in need of scholarship assistance. Supervisor Carmen stated he told the leadership from Little League that we were disappointed we had not been told when games would be played.
TOI Workshop	Trustee Kirk and Thomas, Clerk, Joan Clark and Assessor & Supervisor Carmen attended the workshop. All felt the workshop was helpful and would help them with their duties. Trustee Kirk was excited about the potential of setting up a Facebook Page.
TOI Trustee Division Award for Excellence	Supervisor Carmen stated there was a nomination form for Trustee of the Year in this month's packet. He encouraged board members to nominate one of our trustees if they were so inclined.
Township Facebook Page	The board discussed the potential advantages there would be to setting up a Facebook. Trustee Kirk volunteered to be involved in this effort. Trustee Thomas also volunteered. Supervisor Carmen stated he would set up a meeting with the volunteers and get the Facebook Page off the ground.

TOI Annual Conference	Conference is scheduled for November 8 th – 10 th . Supervisor Carmen submitted our revised website design and our first newsletter for the Mighty Message contest. Trustee Kirk, Clerk, Joan Clark, Assessor Carmen, and Supervisor Carmen will attend. Other board members will notify the Supervisor at a later date.
Joint Purchasing	Awaiting word from Bi-State Regional Commission staff about how townships can benefit from their program.
Newsletter	Argus/Dispatch is soliciting advertising for the next township newsletter. Supervisor is expecting 8 or 12 pages. Board encouraged to write a story. Deadline August 17 th .
Trunk or Treat/Open House/Meal Site Service	Event scheduled for October 30 th . Anticipated help from Greenbush neighbors. Supervisor expects good turn out for Open House. We will be serving the Evening Meal along with providing Halloween Trunk or Treat for the township children.
King Center Family Fun Day	Supervisor and Assessor Carmen will represent the Township scheduled for 8/1/15, 9:30-2:00 p.m. Board encouraged to join them.
NAACP Resource Fair	Will be held September 12 from Noon to 4:00 at the King Center. Assessor Carmen and Supervisor Carmen will provide information about Township programs, services and property assessment details. Board encouraged to attend if available.
Signs and keys/locks	Moving forward on these next month.
Budget/Actual for the 1 st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-16	We are at approximately 25% spending in the 1 st quarter. There was a discussion on the possible loss of Replacement Tax dollars and how devastating that would be to the township.
Strategic Plan Update	We will be looking forward to updating our plan at the August board meeting.

D. Food Pantry / Meal Site: A total of 2,270 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal in June, 2015:

Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 1,125, Fiscal year to date: 3,104

St. Joseph Evening Meal – 1,145, Fiscal year to date: 3,221

E. General Assistance Activity – June, 2015

a) Number of Active Clients – 59

b) Number of Intakes – 10

c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 8

VI. New Business:

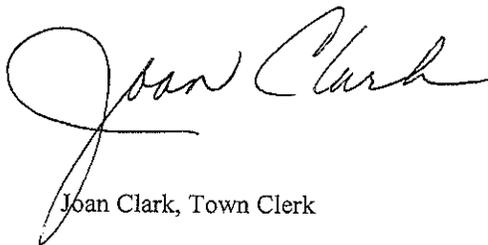
VII. Public Comments: Trustees, Assessor, Supervisor, Public:

No public comments.

IX. Adjournment:

Trustee Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Kerr. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 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.