

Rock Island Township
2827 - 7th Avenue, Rock Island, IL. 61201
Town Board Minutes

Monday August 24th, 2015
4:15 p.m.

I. In attendance: Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Joan Clark, Trustees Heather Gray, Vincent Thomas, and Rita Kirk; Absent: Trustee James Kerr. Others in attendance: Assessor Brenda Carmen, Township staff Doris Quigley, Jim Taylor, CPA Carpentier, Mitchell, Goddard. 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 July 27th, 2015 Board Meeting Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed.

III. Audit Presentation – Carpentier, Mitchell, Goddard & Associates. Jim Taylor, representing Carpentier, Mitchell, Goddard and Associates presented the 2015 Audit. He stated there were no findings and the township is doing a good job. Motion to accept the 2015 Audit made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

IV. Assessor's Report: Assessor Carmen stated her office continued to catch up on administrative chores while other areas of her work have slowed down. She also stated there is new construction on 41st Street and 6th Avenue.

V. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds (7/21/15-8/18/15). Motion made by Trustee Kirk to approve the claims in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

VI. Supervisor's Report

Lease Renewals: Delacerda House*: Supervisor recommends rent remains at \$374.00 this year. Trustee Gray made a motion to accept the Supervisor's recommendation continuing rent at \$374 for this lease year. Trustee Thomas seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

Safer Foundation*: Supervisor recommends rent remains at \$364.00 this year. Trustee Kirk made a motion to accept the Supervisor's recommendation continuing the rent at \$364 for this lease year. Trustee Gray seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

Roofers Union Local 32*: Supervisor recommends rent remains at \$391.00 this year. Trustee Thomas made a motion to accept the Supervisor's recommendation continuing the rent at \$391 for this lease year. Trustee Gray seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

*Supervisor will continue to evaluate utility and other expenses over the upcoming year.

B) 1st Street TIF District Policy Position:

Supervisor Carmen gave a background of his involvement with the 1st Street TIF which resulted in his offering the Township's support of the project. He also stated we are a member of the Joint Review Board. Trustees Gray, Kirk & Thomas voiced concern about our support of the TIF. Stating the township board should not have become involved in this decision, given the TIF will pass the City Council without support from the township. Trustee Kirk made a motion based on the options available to take no position on the TIF District. Trustee Thomas seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed. This will be relayed to the City.

Trustee Kerr arrives at meeting.

C) Items of Interest

Item	Update
World War II Veterans' Breakfast	Event held 8/14/15. 50 Veterans attended. Approximately 6 were from Rock Island Township; 44 were from South Rock Island Township. Cost to Rock Island Township is \$806.70. Trustees Kirk and Kerr were praised for their help with the event. Rock Island Township residents who attended seemed very pleased with the Breakfast.
Emergency Food & Shelter Grant.	Grant is over. Rock Island Township residents received \$2,678 of the rental assistance.

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Township Facebook Page	Facebook page is being set-up. Trustees Kirk & Thomas have volunteered to help.
TOI Annual Conference	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 towns can benefit from their program. Doesn't look like it is going to work out.
Newsletter	Argus/Dispatch is soliciting advertising for the next township newsletter. Supervisor is expecting 8 or 12 pages. Targeted date of distribution is September 19 th . Board encouraged to write articles.
Trunk or Treat/Open House/Meal Site Service	Event scheduled for October 30 th . Greenbush Neighbors are on board for grilling and volunteers. 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 Carmen and Assessor Carmen represented the township. Attendance seemed down compared to other years.
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	In contact with Lange Sign regarding design and bid specifications. Hopefully a bid award will be on the September Board Agenda. Will contact locksmiths - hopefully the bid for new locks will be on the October Agenda.
2015 Tentative Assessed Valuation	Net EAV (minus exemptions and TIF districts) is \$119,535,460. Increase of 1.5% over last years net EAV.
Strategic Plan Update	We will be looking forward to updating our plan at the September board meeting.

D. Food Pantry / Meal Site: A total of 2,168 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal in July, 2015:

- Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 1,120, Fiscal year to date: 4,224
- St. Joseph Evening Meal – 1,048, Fiscal year to date: 4,269

E. General Assistance Activity – July, 2015

- a) Number of Active Clients – 48
- b) Number of Intakes – 5
- c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 15

VII. New Business: Trustee Kirk reported that our Greenspace had broken limbs hanging and the grass had not been mowed. Supervisor Carmen said it will be taken care of.

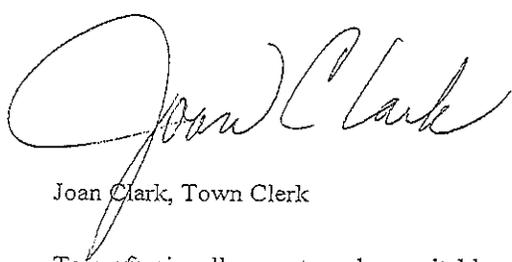
VIII. Public Comments: Trustees, Assessor, Supervisor, Public:

No public comments.

IX. Adjournment:

Trustee Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 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.