

Rock Island Township

Attachment A

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

Town Board Minutes

Monday September 28th, 2015

4:15 p.m.

I. In attendance: Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Joan Clark, Trustees James H. Kerr Sr., Heather Gray, Vincent Thomas, and 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 August 24th, 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 announced beginning October 1, 2015 her office will be open until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 9:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays. The new schedule will take effect through Saturday, October 17th. This action is being implemented so working homeowners have an opportunity to come into the office to discuss their Assessment Change Notice or to pick up appeal papers. Assessor Carmen stated 50 appeals have been filed with the County to date.

IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds (8/19/15-9/22/15) – Attachment B: Motion made by Trustee Thomas to approve the claims in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds. 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) Funding Request from Quad Cities Missing Person Network – Attachment C: The board reviewed the request. Motion made by Trustee Kirk to deny the request from Quad Cities Missing Person Network. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

B) Bus Tickets for Rock Island High School Students: Supervisor Carmen requests that the board approve \$125.00 of the unspent funds allocated to the Rock Island Area Project for the TRY-Play program be used to pay for bus tickets for Rock Island High School students who live in Rock Island Township. Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the reallocation of unspent funds for Rock Island High School students to take the bus to school. Documentation of the students' addresses will be maintained for township purposes. Seconded by Trustee Kerr. 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
Township Emergency Assistance Program	New program started 9/14. To date \$800.00 has been granted for township residents. The program did bring in a few new General Assistance clients.
Signs	Supervisor Carmen put a bid package together for the new signs that was mailed to 10 potential bidders. A bid notice appeared in the Argus on September 17 & 18 th . He also spoke to Brad Long, business agent for the Laborers Union. He said Mr. Long said the signs made sense and are a good idea.
Township Facebook Page	The new Facebook Page is up and running. Trustees Kirk, Thomas and Supervisor Carmen are the administrators. Photos depicting the Supervisor and Assessor Carmen representing the township at various community events were displayed. Also the Supervisor's appearance with Don Wooten from WVIK was announced. Trustee Kirk said she will be posting an announcement about the need for cooks for the Evening Meal.
TOI Annual Conference	Trustee Kirk, Clerk, Joan Clark will not be attending the Conference due to conflicts. Assessor Carmen and Supervisor Carmen's registrations have been made. Other board members wishing to attend need to notify the office by 10/16.
Newsletter	The Supervisor thanked Clerk Joan Clark, Trustee Kirk and Assessor Carmen for writing articles and providing pictures for the newsletter. Distribution of the Fall/Winter Newsletter began mid September and it will continue as we hear of people who have not received it. It has been posted on our Webpage and our Facebook Page. Comments about the content have been good.

Trunk or Treat/Open House/Meal Site Service	Scheduled for October 30 th . Greenbush Neighbors will be helping. Other details regarding purchase of food and how much we need to contribute will be worked out prior to the event.
NAACP Resource Fair	Supervisor and Assessor Carmen provided information about the Township at the Resource Fair held on September 12 th .
Little League	Picture of Township sponsored Little League team was given to the Supervisor. League is looking for new board members.
Levy and 2016-17 Budget	Law created new exemption category and increased the amount of existing exemptions. Result is a reduction in our net valuation by \$186,785. It is a minimal reduction of .16%. The law expands the Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption.
Strategic Plan Update	Planning begins at this meeting with thoughts about programs, activities, initiatives, services, etc.

D. Food Pantry / Meal Site: A total of 2,249 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal in August, 2015:

Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 1,191, Fiscal year to date: 5,415

St. Joseph Evening Meal – 1,058, Fiscal year to date: 5,327

E. General Assistance Activity – August, 2015

a) Number of Active Clients – 49

b) Number of Intakes – 4

c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 3

VI. New Business: Trustee Thomas asked what causes a client to be terminated or denied from the General Assistance Program. Supervisor Carmen explained the terms and stated the decisions are based on the rules of the program.

Trustee Gray asked if we had requested bids for the Holiday Dinner meal. Supervisor Carmen stated bids would be requested in the near future.

Trustee Kerr has been selected to be a part of the Honor Flight on October 22. The board applauded him and wished him a wonderful trip.

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

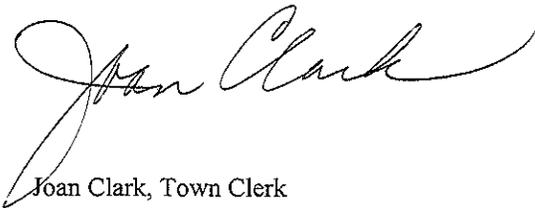
No public comments.

The board began work on the Strategic Plan Update.

VIII. Adjournment:

Trustee Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Kerr. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 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.