

## Rock Island Township

2827 - 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, IL. 61201

### Town Board Minutes

Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 - 4:15 p.m.

**I. In attendance:** Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Joan Clark, Trustees: James Kerr & Heather Gray. Trustees Vince Thomas and Rita Kirk were absent. Others in attendance: Assessor Brenda Carmen, township staff, Doris Quigley. Evangelist Sharon Hayslett, representing Thy *Loving Kindness Ministries*. Township residents John & Charlene Alatorre also were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Alan Carmen at 4:15 p.m. The following township business was transacted:

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Approval of the Minutes from the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board Meeting (Attachment A):** Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Trustee Kerr. Motion passed.

**III. Assessor's Report:** Assessor Carmen presented a chart reflecting Rock Island Township Final Valuations. Primary reason for the increased valuation is the new CVS Pharmacy. Rock Island Township had 6,485 parcels in 2016.

**IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds 2/21/2017 – 3/21/2017 (Attachment B):** Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the claims in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds; seconded by Trustee Kerr. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, - ; Trustee Kirk, -; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

#### **V. Supervisor's Report:**

A.) Sacred Heart Food Pantry Funding Request (Attachment C) The board reviewed the Sacred Heart Food Pantry requesting \$3,000.00. Trustee Gray made a motion to approve the contract for \$3,000.00 to purchase food distributed at the Food Pantry; Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, - ; Trustee Kirk, -; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

Trustee Thomas arrived at the meeting.

B.) Thy Loving Kindness Ministries. (Attachment D) Evangelist Sharon Hayslett representing Thy Loving Kindness Ministries asked the board to assist with the organization purchase of socks, underwear and mittens to township children, veterans and seniors. The organization requests \$250.00 for its work. Trustee Kerr made a motion to approve the request for \$250.00; Trustee Gray seconded the motion. Roll call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, -; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

C.) Park Department Spring Egg Hunt Sponsorship (Attachment E) Supervisor Carmen presented the Park Department request for this year's Egg Hunt. The Park Department requests \$250.00 to purchase eggs and prizes for the event. Other sponsors include South Rock Island Township and Country Financial. Supervisor Carmen and Clerk Joan Clark spoke about last year's event and the many children who attend the Hunt. Trustee Thomas made a motion to approve the request for \$250.00; Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. Roll call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, -; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed. Supervisor Carmen and Clerk Joan Clark will attend the event. The township will have a booth with information to distribute and the clerk will take pictures. All board members were encouraged to attend.

D.) IMRF Elected Official Participation Resolution (Attachment F) Supervisor Carmen explained the Resolution and recommended the Town Board approve the IRMF Elected Officials Participation Resolution. Participation in IMRF is based on the hours (600) an elected official serves. The Supervisor and Assessor are the only two elected officials that work 600 hours a year. Trustee Gray made a motion to continue to approve the Supervisor and Assessor as eligible for IMRF; Trustee Thomas seconded the motion. Roll call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, -; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

E.) Approval of April 11, 2017 Annual Town Meeting Agenda (Attachment G) The board reviewed the Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting. Trustee Gray made a motion to approve the Agenda as written; Trustee Thomas seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, -; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

F.) 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget Review (Attachment H) Total appropriations for fiscal year 2017-18 are \$830,550.00. The board continued review of the budget. Vote on the appropriation is scheduled for the May meeting.

G.) Items of Interest (Attachment E)

Item	Update
Newsletter	Newsletter has been distributed throughout the township. Extra copies are available for board members to distribute at local churches and agencies.

H.) Food Pantry / Meal Site: A total of 2,415 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal during February 2017

Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 981, Fiscal year to date: 12,348. St. Joseph Evening Meal – 773, Fiscal year to date: 10,847. The Church of Peace Food Pantry served - 661, 4,128

I.) General Assistance Activity – February, 2017: a) Number of Active Clients – 49 b) Number of Intakes – 2 c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 6

J.) Emergency Assistance:	February	Fiscal Year 4/1/16 – 3/31/17
a) Number of applications taken	9	147
b) Approved applications	2	71 (43 rent; 28 utilities)
c) Denied	0	3 (+1 withdrawn)
d) Not returned	0	62
e) Funds spent - \$24,807.53 (\$359.63 average)		

K) Emergency Food & Shelter Grant Program (Closed)

**VI. New Business**

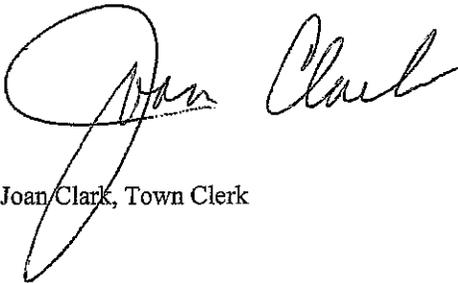
- Township Assessor Brenda Carmen & Clerk Joan Clark volunteered to co-chair the 2017 Township Days.
- Rock Island Township will participate at the Rock Island County Fair Township Booth. Supervisor Alan Carmen along with Trustees Kerr & Thomas volunteered to staff the booth.
- Supervisor Carmen will lead an update on our Strategic Plan at the April/May board meetings.

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

John & Charlene Alatorre introduced themselves to the board and stated they attended the meeting to learn more about what we do. The board welcomed them to the township and thanked them for their interest in township government.

**VIII. Adjournment:** Trustee Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Kerr. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 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.