

## Rock Island Township

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

### Town Board Minutes

Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 4:15 p.m.

**I. In attendance:** Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Joan Clark, Trustees: James Kerr, Heather Gray, Rita Kirk & Vince Thomas. Others in attendance: Township staff, Doris Quigley. Representing RI Parks & Recreation, Nikki Smith - MLK Active Club, Kristia LeShoure - Skip-A-Long, Liz Dierolf & Pat Allison – Brian McMaster & Vikki Blair, RI Urban Gardens – Kevin Nolan, RI Milan Little League. 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 March 27, 2017 Board Meeting (Attachment A):** Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed.

**III. Assessor's Report:** Supervisor Carmen, in the Assessor's absence, reported the Rock Island Township tax rate is 10.2668.

**IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds 3/21//2017 – 4/13/2017 (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, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

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

A.) Rock Island Urban Gardeners / Broadway Presbyterian (Attachment C) – Brian McMaster presented the request stressing the majority of persons assisted live in Rock Island Township. The board was assured by Mr. McMaster and Vikki Blair that pictures and an article about the use of the funds would be submitted for print in the township newsletter. Trustee Thomas made a motion to approve the organization's contract for \$800.00 to be used for soil amendment and roto-tilling. Trustee Kirk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

B.) Skip-a-Long Child Development Services – Rock Island Campus (Attachment D) – The organization requests \$1,150.00 for playground shed roof repair and interior building painting to meet safety requirements. Liz Dierolf & Pat Allison, representing Skip-a-Long, assured the board the work would be done by volunteers and pictures along with an article on their project would be submitted for the township's next newsletter. Trustee Kerr made a motion to approve the request for \$1,150.00; Trustee Gray seconded the motion. Roll call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

C.) Rock Island Little League Funding Request (Attachment E) – Kevin Nolan presented the Little League request for \$1,500.00 for scholarships for township's youth. Mr. Nolan stated the request would not cover all of the youth from the township but was grateful for the board's assistance in the past. Mr. Nolan also stated he was aware the board had not received a schedule for the games played by township youth last year and he assured the board a schedule would be provided this year. He was also asked about pictures and an article for the newsletter and agreed to provide both. Trustee Kerr made a motion to approve the contract request for \$1,500.00; Trustee Gray seconded the motion. Roll call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

D.) Rock Island Little League Team Sponsorship (Attachment F) – Mr. Nolan presented the contract asking for the board to be the Rock Island Township Little League Team Sponsor. Trustee Thomas made a motion to sponsor the township sponsorship at a cost of \$300.00. Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. Roll call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

E.) A.C.T.I.V.E. Club Funding Request (Attachment G) – Kristia LeShoure, representing the MLK ACTIVE Club, presented the organization's request for \$3,000.00. The board asked questions about the need for the request stating that the City reports the funding provided last year had not been spent. Ms. LeShoure assured the board the funds had been spent and stated she would provide a report on how the funds were used. She stated the report from the City was an error and reflected different fiscal years. Trustee Gray made a motion to approve the \$3,000.00 request when proof of the discrepancy was provided. Trustee Kirk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Abstained; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

F.) Rock Island Park and Recreation Department TRY-Play Funding Request (Attachment H) – Nikki Smith, representing RI Park & Recreation Dept., spoke on behalf of the Park & Recreation Dept. Supervisor Carmen explained the RICAP (the group who previously screened youth for the TRI-Play program) was no longer in existence. The RI Parks Dept. is offering to screen applications for the TRI-Play program in lieu of RICAP. Ms. Smith explained the screening process that would be applied for Rock Island Youth. She said eligible residents will have to meet the income guidelines set for the WIC program. Motion made by Trustee Kirk to approve

the request. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Abstained; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

G. 2017-2018 Budget Review (Attachment I) – Total appropriations for fiscal year 2017-18 are \$835,550. The amount reflects a computer error of \$5,000.00 found in last month’s budget presentation. The board continued review of the budget. Vote on the appropriation is scheduled for the May meeting.

H.) Strategic Plan Process – Review and update will be done at the May meeting

I.) Items of Interest (Attachment E) – Can be found in the packet information.

Supervisor Carmen reviewed the items with the board.

J.) Food Pantry / Meal Site: A total of 2,413 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal during March 2017

Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 1,045, Fiscal year to date: 13,393. St. Joseph Evening Meal – 825, Fiscal year to date: 11,672. The Church of Peace Food Pantry served – 543; six-month total: 4,671.

K.) General Assistance Activity – March 2017: a) Number of Active Clients – 49 b) Number of Intakes – 7 c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 4

L.) Emergency Assistance:	March	Fiscal Year 4/1/16 – 3/31/17
a) Number of applications taken	0	160
b) Approved applications	9	81 (51 rent; 30 utilities)
c) Denied	0	6 (+2 withdrawn)
d) Not returned	0	71
e) Funds spent - \$24,807.53 (\$359.63 average)		

M) Emergency Food & Shelter Grant Program (Closed)

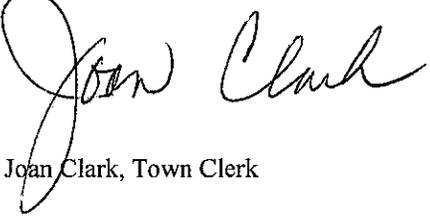
**VI. New Business**

- Clerk Joan Clark reported the St. Joseph’s Day Party raised a total of \$7,124.00 in support of the Evening Meal held at our township Mon./Fri. She stated that amount, combined with individual contributions and bequests from St. Pius and other churches, would sustain the Evening Meal for another year.
- Clerk Joan Clark also reminded the board that Justice Kilbride will be at the township on May 1, 2017 for our Swearing –In to office Ceremony. The Ceremony will start at 4:00 p.m. Friends, family and all township residents are invited to the event.

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

**VIII. Adjournment:** Trustee Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Kerr. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 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.