

**Rock Island Township Town Board**

**Special Meeting**

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

**Town Board Minutes**

**Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.**

**D) Roll Call:** Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Joan Clark, Trustees: James Kerr, Heather Gray, Vincent Thomas and Rita Kirk. Other Elected Official: Assessor Brenda Carmen.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Alan Carmen at 1:00 p.m. The following discussion ensued:

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Carmen reviewed the Town Fund budget line items with the Board.

**Health Insurance:** This item has been an ongoing issue. The Township paid approximately \$60,000.00 last fiscal year to cover 4 employees. The search for similar or close to our current coverage has been less than successful. The Board discussed the following options:

- increase and adjust the current staff portion percentage, which is currently at 8% .
- do nothing and continue to pay the current amount until we are no longer able to afford the cost which continues to grow at more than 6% per year.
- create a 2<sup>nd</sup> tier of health care for all new employees; increasing the employee share of health care benefits.

The board discussed different agency and government amounts paid by employees. One social service agency employees are paying 20% of the cost of their insurance.

Programs:

- The board is interested in bringing AARP into the township for Smart Driver Classes. The board may consider paying the cost for township seniors.
- Work Readiness- as town residents find work, this program helps with the expense of purchasing items to start a new job. The program helps with the purchase of steel toed boots, scrubs for the medical field and other items which the person must have before accepting employment.
- Emergency Assistance – The funding helps families and individuals who are underemployed who had an emergency. The use of this program has increased. Approved funds can be used once a year to help rent, water and power costs. Last year we spent \$40,000.00 – all the funds allocated. An increase of \$10,000.00 would serve those whom we are normally unable to serve. The funds are extremely helpful till other resources are available.

**Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund:** (IMRF) provides retirement for our staff. The company and employee portions are based on salary. This year the company portion will be 6.7%. Beginning in January of 2020 the company percentage will increase to 8.86.

**General Assistance**

The General Assistance fund will continue as dictated by law and policy.

**Building Fund**

- Major projects are budgeted again this year at \$75,000.00. They include: concrete/sidewalk replacement completing the parking lot sealing and striping, chain link fence repair or replacement, minor electrical work, etc.
- Rental income is down reflecting the loss of the Roofer's Union and the adjustment to the Delacerda House rent.
- Security is up \$500.00 based on Johnson Controls having purchased Tyco and need for routine maintenance.
- Trash is up \$1000.00 due to increased costs based on our agreement with the Labor's Union. Cost sharing with the Evening Meal is being deposited into this line item to offset some of the dumpster costs.

Most of the cost of General Assistance and the Building Funds are set either by state statute or by the provider. The board will review each item as the contracts are renewed.

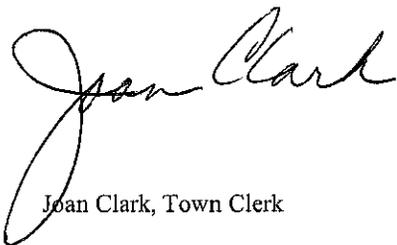
**III. Public Comments/Reports**

There were no comments.

**IV. Adjournment**

Trustee Gray made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Kerr. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:10.

Respectfully Submitted



Joan Clark, Town Clerk

**Next Regular Meeting is**  
**Monday, April 22, 2019 at 4:15**

**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.