

**Rock Island Township**

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

**Town Board Minutes**

**May 20, 2019 - 4:15 p.m.**

**In attendance:** Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Joan Clark, Trustees: James Kerr, Heather Gray and Vincent Thomas. Trustee Rita Kirk was absent. Other Elected Official: Assessor Brenda Carmen. Observers: Jan Ward, Diane Courtney. Other: Jessica Matherly and Amanda Puebla, representing – Rocky Resource Room and Sharon Hayslett and Mr. Glispie representing – Thy Loving Kindness Ministries. Township Staff: Doris Quigley

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Alan Carmen at 4:15 p.m. The following township business was transacted:

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Minutes**

**Approval of the Minutes from the May 20, 2019 Meeting(Attachment A)**

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2019, as written made by Trustee Gray; seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll call: Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes: Trustee Kirk, Absent; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

**III. Assessor's Report-** Assessor Carmen stated the County tax bills have been sent out. There have been some issues reported related to home purchases that lost the Senior Freeze due to the new buyers not being 65 or older. The County is allowing buyers who were not aware of the higher rate of tax a one year allowance at the Senior Freeze rate.

**IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds 4/16/2019-5/14/2019 (Attachment B):**

Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the claims in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds; seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Absent; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

**V. Supervisor's Report:**

**A.) Funding Request from Rocky Resource Room for \$3000.00. (Attachment C)**

Representatives of the Resource Room Ms. Matherly and Ms. Puebla stated that the need for the Room has increased dramatically. They also said it was difficult to keep records of who came to ask for help. Trustee Thomas made a motion to approve the Rocky Resource Room request for \$1000.00; Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Abstain; Trustee Thomas, Yes: Trustee Kirk, Absent; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

**B.) Funding Request from Thy Loving Kindness Ministry – All God's Children Shall Have Sock (Attachment D)**

Ms. Hayslett spoke about the need for the program and said that many of those in need were requesting underwear along with socks. Trustee Kerr made a motion to approve the \$1000.00 in funding for Thy Loving Kindness Ministries; Trustee Thomas seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes: Trustee Kirk, Absent; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

**C.) Local Government Health Plan Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement – 2019-2020 (Attachment E)**

Trustee Gray made a motion to approve the CMS Local/Government Health for 2019-2020; Trustee Thomas seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes: Trustee Kirk, Absent; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

**D.) Approval of Sidewalk Replacement Contract (Attachment F)**

Supervisor Carmen reviewed the bids offered by Laud Concrete Construction and by Goetz Concrete. Trustee Thomas made a motion to approve the Laud, Inc. bid at a cost of \$5,400.00 for the sidewalk work and \$1,500.00 for the Food Pantry Entrance; Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes: Trustee Kirk, Absent; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

**E.) Driehaus Award Nomination Support Letter (Attachment G)**

Township resident Diane Oestreich, a community leader in the area of historic preservation, is preparing a nomination for the Friends of Hauberg Civic Center for the Richard Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award. Ms. Oestreich has asked the township for a letter of support for the nomination. If the nomination wins Friends of Hauberg would receive a \$1,000.00 award. The award would be used to continue the work of Friends of Hauberg. Trustee Gray made a motion to approve the letter of support included in this packet;

Trustee Thomas seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Absent; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

**F.) Emergency Assistance Program - \$400.00 Limit ( Attachment H)**

Trustee Gray made a motion to approve the Emergency Assistance Program maximum assistance at \$400.00; Trustee Thomas seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Absent; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

**G.) General Assistance Increase from \$300.00 to \$304.00 (Attachment I)**

Supervisor Carmen notified the Board he has increased the General Assistance Grant from \$300.00 to \$304.00.

**H.) Items of Interest (Attachment J) Attached to this packet.**

**I.) Sacred Heart Food Pantry /St. Joseph Evening Meal/Church of Peace Food Pantry & Second Baptist Food Pantry: A total of 2,686 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal during April, 2019.**

Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 905, Fiscal year to date: 905. St. Joseph Evening Meal – 741, Fiscal year to date: 741. The Church of Peace Food Pantry served – 642 fiscal year total: 642. Second Baptist Food Pantry 398, Fiscal year to date: 398 fiscal year to date.

**J.) General Assistance Activity – April, 2019:** a) Number of Active Clients – 30      b) Number of Intakes –2  
c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 3

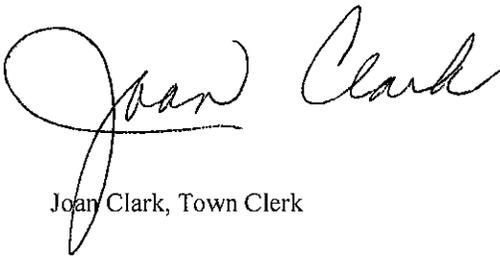
<b>K.) Emergency Assistance:</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 4/1/19– 3/31/20</b>
a) Number of applications taken	24	24
b) Approved applications	10	10
c) Denied	1	1
d) Not returned	13	13
e) Funds spent \$3,550.55 (\$355.06 average)		

**VI. New Business:**

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

**VII. Adjournment:** Trustee Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Thomas. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55p.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.