

Rock Island Township

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

Town Board Minutes

Monday February 23, 2020 - 4:15 p.m.

I. In attendance: Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Heather Gray, Trustees: James Kerr, Vincent Thomas and Rita Kirk. Others in attendance: Assessor Brenda Carmen and Township staff Doris Quigley. Others: Tia Parker, Cyndi Parker, David Levin, Alix Holiday, Nikki Carr, Craig McGee. 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 January 27 Board Meeting (Attachment A): Motion made by Trustee Kirk; seconded by Trustee Kerr. Roll call: Kerr, Yes; Thomas, Yes; Kirk, Yes, Carmen, Yes. Motion passed.

III. Assessor's Report: The Assessor reported most cases are settled with The Board of Review with the exception of the two biggest; Coventry and McLaughlin. There is no official outcome at this time.

IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds January-February 2020 (Attachment C): Motion made by Trustee Kirk to approve the claims in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds; seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

V. Supervisor's Report:

A.) Spring Egg Hunt Sponsorship (Attachment D)

Nikki Carr, City of Rock Island Parks made some comments and responded to a couple of questions.

Trustee Thomas made a motion to approve \$500 to the Rock Island Park and Recreation Department Spring Egg Hunt; seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll call; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

B.) Movies in the Park Sponsorship (Attachment E)

Nikki Carr, Rock Island Pars and Recreation Department, explained the success of last year's events and answered questions from the Board.

Trustee Thomas made a motion to approve \$500 as requested by Rock Island Park and Recreation Department; seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll call; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

C.) Commercial Real Estate Listing with Ruhl and Ruhl Commercial Company for Room 9. (Attachment F)

David Levin and Alix Holliday were present and thanked to Board for the opportunity to market the Township's empty office.

Trustee Kerr made a motion to approve; Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll call; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes, Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

D. Town Trustee Position – Discussion of Candidates to fill Vacancy and Appointment of Town Trustee for Remainder of Term.

Tia Parker and Cyndi Parker were present. Both submitted Letters of Introduction to the Board, spoke about themselves and answered questions.

1. Executive Session for Personnel

Trustee Thomas made a motion to enter Executive Session; seconded by Trustee Kirk; Roll call; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed. Entered Executive Session at 4:40p.m. Reentered Regular Session at 5:50 p.m.

E. Appointment of Trustee to fill remainder of Term of Office

Trustee Thomas made a motion to defer action until the March 23rd Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll call; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

F. Items of Interest (Attachment H)

Supervisor Carmen reported a meeting is scheduled in March for further Health Care options; The final printed version of the newsletter should be delivered the week of March 9. The Board consensus was to dedicate the Boardroom in memory of Joan Clark.

This will be on the March Agenda. Budget review will be scheduled in April with a public hearing and approval on the June 22, 2020 Agenda. TOI workshop March 21, 2020 in Rockford.

G.) Food Pantry / Meal Site: A total of 2,745 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal during February 2020.

Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 1,008, Fiscal year to date: 9,704. St. Joseph Evening Meal – 786, Fiscal year to date: 8,683. The Church of Peace Food Pantry served – 738; fiscal year total: 8,109. 2nd Baptist-213, Fiscal year to date: 400

General Assistance Activity – February 2020 a) Number of Active Clients – 25 b) Number of Intakes – 3

c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 2

Emergency Assistance:	<u>February</u>
a) Number of applications taken	34
b) Approved applications	11
c) Denied	2
d) Not returned	21
e) Funds spent - \$3,861.41 (\$387.69 average)	

VI. New Business: No new business

VII. Public Comments: Trustees, Assessor, Supervisor, Public: Assessor Carmen announced her retirement effective March 31, 2020. Assessor Carmen submitted in writing and presented it to the Board. Her position needs to be filled within 60 days of March 31, 2020.

VIII. Adjournment: Trustee Kirk made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Kerr. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Heather Gray, 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.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS MONDAY,
March 23, 2020 AT 4:15 P.M.