

Rock Island Township

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

Town Board Minutes

April 28, 2014 - 4:45 p.m.

I. In attendance: Roll Call: Supervisor: Alan Carmen, Clerk: Joan Clark, Trustees: Heather Gray, Rita Kirk, James H. Kerr. Trustee Thomas arrived at 4:55 p.m. Others in attendance; Rock Island Township Assessor: Brenda Carmen, Township staff: Doris Quigley, Representative from the Church of Peace, Kevin Carney. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carmen at 4:45 p.m. The following Township business was transacted:

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of the Minutes from the March 24, 2014 Board Meeting: (Attachment A) Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kerr. Motion passed.

Trustee Thomas arrives.

III. Assessors Report: Assessor Carmen provided her report. The tax rate for Rock Island Township, Tax Code 01 for 2014 is .099913.

IV. Review and Approve all claims paid in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds, March - April, 2014(Attachment B): Motion to approve the claims paid in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds made by Trustee Thomas. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

V. Supervisor's Report

A. Public Hearing: 2014-2015 Township Budget Ordinance (Attachment C). Motion to close regular meeting and open Public Hearing made by Trustee Kirk. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Motion passed. Supervisor Carmen called for comments on the 2014-15 Township Budget Ordinance three times. Hearing no comments Trustee Gray made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reopen the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed.

B. 2014-2015 Budget Ordinance Approval: Supervisor Carmen stated he had recently learned that our Health Insurance for township employees will increase by 6.1%. The increase will take affect in July, 2014. Motion to approve the 2014-15 Budget Ordinance in the amount of Nine hundred sixteen thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$916,160.00) made by Trustee Thomas. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

C. Funding Request- Alleman High School – Post Prom Party (Attachment D). Motion to deny the request made by Trustee Thomas. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

D. Funding Request- Church of Peace Food Pantry (Attachment E). Motion to approve the request made by Trustee Thomas. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

E. Annual Town Meeting Debriefing: Township Clerk Joan Clark asked the board to consider ways to make the Annual Town Meeting more informative and better attended. Some ideas were shared, including having groups we fund come and share the results of their requests and offering food to name a few. The topic will come up again prior to the next Annual Town Meeting.

F. Items of Interest

Item	Update
Website	Work continues with Augustana. Should be on-line in May, 2014.
Newsletter	Still in process.
Emergency Food & Shelter grant.	No change. Still waiting for funding to arrive.
Building Improvements	Supervisor met with the Architect to discuss potential improvements. Supervisor will meet with him on 4/29 to review latest concepts.
Strategic Plan Update	Attached.

Publicity	Check presentations were done at the King Center and Skip-a-Long. Pictures were taken. Skip-a-Long photo was in Argus and agency's newsletter. King Center release is in process.
Greenbush Easter Egg Hunt	Successful event with about 50 kids and 30 – 40 adults
General Assistance Training Institute	Legislation is pending that may require two signatures for all checks. Medical and prescription co-pays are to be paid by Township. Supervisor Carmen will be meeting with other local Township officials to see if a coordinated approach can be taken.

G. Sacred Heart Food Pantry/St. Joseph Evening Meal. A total of 1,375 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal from March 20 – April 22 (Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 1219; St. Joseph Evening Meal – 757)

H. General Assistance Activity – March, 2014

- a) Number of Active Clients – 58
- b) Number of Intakes – 8a
- c) Number of Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 6

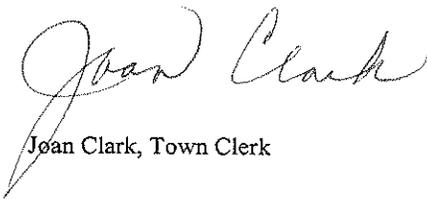
VI. New Business:

- Trustee Kerr stated we would be receiving a request from a Veterans organization for an event in October. He also mentioned the King Center will host a Trivia Night on May 16th at 6:00 p.m.
- Trustee Kirk asked about the graffiti on the fence in the park. Supervisor Carmen stated the Janitor is taking care of it with the owner of the fence. The Township will cover the cost of the paint, if necessary.
- Township audit will be May 15th and 16th.
- RICTA Dinner is May, 29th at 5:30 at JakeO's (formerly O'Melia's). Let the office know is planning to attend.

VII. Adjournment:

Trustee Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kirk seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectively 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.