

Rock Island Township

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

Town Board Minutes

November 25th, 2013 - 4:45 p.m.

In attendance: Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Joan Clark, Trustees James H. Kerr (arrived late), Heather Gray, Rita Kirk & Vincent Thomas. Others in attendance: Rock Island Township Assessor Brenda Carmen, Township Caseworker Doris Quigley.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carmen at 4:45 p.m. The following township business was transacted:

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Approval of the Minutes from the October 28th, 2013 Board Meeting: (Attachment A) Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes with the following corrections caused by computer cut & paste error: III. Review and Approval of claims: Trustee Thomas voted; Yes, Supervisor's Report – A) 2013 Township Levy: Trustee Thomas voted Yes, B) Loss Control Policy: Trustee Thomas voted Yes. D. Program/Activity Policies and Process (no vote noted in minutes): Motion to approve with additions/corrections of the Policies/Process made by Trustee Thomas. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed. Motion to approve the minutes of the 10-28-2013 seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed unanimously, with Trustee Kerr absent.

II. Assessor: (Oral Report) Assessor Carmen updated the board on the appeal process. She also noted she has hired a new part-time temporary person to take new pictures of the housing in Rock Island Township.

III. Review and Approve all claims paid in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds, October-November 2013: (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 Kerr, Absent; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

There were no claims in the General Assistance Fund for review.

IV. Supervisor's Report

A. 2013 Township Levy (Attachment C): Motion to approve the Rock Island Township 2013 Levy with a reduction of \$2,000.00 in the amount of five hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$575,000.00) made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Absent; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

B. 2013 Holiday Luncheon-Catering Bid: (Attachment D) Supervisor Carmen presented 3 bids to be reviewed by the board. Motion to accept the bid from Montford's at a cost of \$9.90 (includes tip). Seconded by Trustee Gray. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Absent; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

Trustee Kerr joins the board meeting.

C. Holiday Luncheon (Attachment E): Motion to authorize expenses associated with the 2013 Holiday Luncheon not to exceed \$4,000.00 made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

D. Phone/Internet Update: Supervisor Carmen told the board the transfer from AT&T to Mediacom is complete and everything is working. Internet service is much faster than it was. Our cost savings for the year will be about \$3,200.00.

E. Comments – TOI Conference: Board members attending the Conference shared items of interest learned at the Conference. All agreed the seminar was worth attending.

F. Other Activities

- **Energy Audit:** conducted 11/19 results should be available in the upcoming weeks.
- **Other Building improvements:**
Supervisor Carmen has talked with representatives from the American Bank and the Blackhawk State Bank to see how much the township might be able to borrow to address our building problems. The amount could be approximately \$200,000.00 at 4% over a 10 year period. More information will be available at the next meeting.
- **Website:** Augustana Web Guild developed 4 designs for our review. Those board members who reviewed the designs seemed to favor #3 or a combination of elements of the four designs.
- **Health Insurance:** Supervisor Carmen and South Rock Island Township met with Lohman Companies to see if we might be able to find our health insurance at a lower cost that would offer comparable coverage.

G. Sacred Heart Food Pantry/St. Joseph Evening Meal. A total of 2,394 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal from October 21 to November 19th, 2013. Thank you: Sacred Heart Food Pantry and the St. Joseph Evening Meal. Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 1211; St. Joseph Evening Meal – 1,183.

VI. New Business – None

VII. Public Comments/Reports – Trustees, Assessor Supervisor, Public

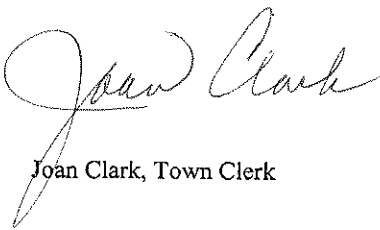
Supervisor Carmen asked for help with the set-up of the Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday evening December 10th. He also reminded the Town Board to be at the Township at 10:15 a.m. for the December 11th Holiday Luncheon.

Trustee Kerr asked for a budget versus actual report as part of the December agenda packet.

VII. Adjournment:

Trustee Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 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.