

Rock Island Township

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

Town Board Minutes

September 23rd, 2013 - 4:45 p.m.

In attendance: Roll Call: Supervisor: Alan Carmen, Clerk: Joan Clark, Trustees: James H. Kerr, Heather Gray, Rita Kirk. & Vincent Thomas. Others in attendance; Rock Island Township Assessor: Brenda Carmen, Township staff: Doris Quigley, Guest: Jacob Ghaurin.

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 August 26th, 2013 Board Meeting: (Attachment A)

Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed.

II. Assessor:

Assessor Carmen reviewed property valuation with the board. Her complete report is attached. She expressed concern that the public will not understand that, even though property valuation is down this year, we will probably experience an increase due to increased levies resulting from increased public entities. The Assessment Office has no control over the levies however she felt that tax payers will think the blame lies with the Assessor.

III. Review and Approve all claims paid in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds. June – July 2013:

(Attachment B) Motion to approve the claims paid in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds made by Trustee Kerr. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, No; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

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

IV. Supervisor's Report

A. Request for \$3,000.00 from Second Baptist Church Food Pantry: (Attachment D) Motion to approve the request for \$3,000.00 from Second Baptist Church made by Trustee Thomas. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

B. Award bid for Snow Removal/Salting: (Attachment E) Motion to approve the bid as written made by Trustee Kirk. Seconded by Trustee Kerr. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

C. Community Caring Conference Heroes Banquet Ad: (Attachment F): Motion to approve a full page Ad for a cost of \$300.00, as presented made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

D. Lease Approval-Delacerda House (Attachment G): Motion to approve the 2013-14 lease amendment with Delacerda House for one year, with a \$7.00 monthly increase, and authorize the Supervisor to execute the amendment made by Trustee Thomas. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

E. Lease Approval – Roofers Union (Attachment H): Motion to approve the 2013-14 lease amendment with Roofers Union Local 32 be renewed for one year, with an \$8.00 monthly increase, and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the amendment made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

F. Phone/Internet Service-Mediacom: Motion made by Trustee Kerr to approve a three year agreement with Mediacom as specified in their proposal and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute contract documents, implement the changeover and terminate AT&T services. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

G. Contribution-Ray Lomas Benefit: Motion made by Trustee Thomas to purchase a table at a cost of \$350.00 at the Ray Lomas Benefit. Seconded by Trustee Kerr. Discussion: Trustee Kirk noted that the board is still in the process of developing funding specifications for its financial support of community projects. Because of that, other organizations which had been funded in the past, had been told we would consider their request when the process was complete. Roll call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, No; Supervisor Carmen, No. Motion Passed.

H. Banking Services/Direct Deposit/Pay Period Changes (Attachment K): Motion made by Trustee Thomas to approve the American Bank Business Electronic Banking enrollment, change in pay periods and proceed with direct deposit and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute required documents. Trustee Gray seconded the motion. Roll call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

I. Website Development (Attachment L): Trustee Thomas made a motion to approve developing the township website using the Augustana Web Authors Guild and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the contract documents. Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. Roll call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

J. Township Officials of Illinois Conference – November 10-12: Supervisor Carmen reviewed the lodging and TOI Conference details with the Board. Anyone who wishes to attend must let the office know immediately. It is difficult to get rooms. Those signed up need to let the Supervisor know if they plan to attend the Breakfast and/or the Reception.

K. Christmas Party (12/11/2013) – Looking for Town Board volunteers to assist with organizing this event.

Trustee Gray offered to call Hy-Vee for bids on flowers and she offered to call the Park Board to get Santa to come to the dinner.

Clerk Joan Clark offered to take pictures at the event and she will ask permission to use the projector from Moline Township to show the slide presentation. Other Board members said they would help when they were told what needed to be done.

L. Other Activities. Supervisor Carmen reminded the board of the Trunk or Treat Halloween Evening (10/31/2013). The board will be cooking (hot dogs) and serving the Evening Meal as well as providing treats for neighborhood kids.

M. Sacred Heart Food Pantry/St. Joseph Evening Meal - August 22 to September 16 Supervisor Carmen reported the Food Pantry served 1,196 St. Joseph Evening Meal – 945

Trustee Kerr exits the meeting.

V. New Business: Supervisor Carmen noted that Flu Shots will be given on 9/26/2013 in the township hall.

VI. Public Comments/Reports-Trustees, Assessor, Supervisor, Public

- Supervisor Carmen thanked Clerk, Joan Clark for completing and publishing the 2012-13 Treasurers Annual Report & the Annual Financial Report.
- Assessor Carmen reminded the board of the Broadway Historic District 25th Anniversary this coming Saturday. She encouraged those who are able to attend. She and the Supervisor will be registering people to vote.

VII. Strategic Planning/Goal Setting: Motion to approve the planning document provided by the Supervisor that had been mailed to the board made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Motion passed.

VIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:15 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.