

Rock Island Township

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

Town Board Minutes

September 22, 2014

4:45 p.m.

I. In attendance: Roll Call: Supervisor: Alan Carmen, Clerk: Joan Clark, Trustees: Heather Gray, Rita Kirk, James H. Kerr Sr. and Vince Thomas. Others in attendance; Rock Island Township Assessor: Brenda Carmen, Township staff: Doris Quigley, and Ryan Bobst and Loredia Dixon (SAL Funding Request). 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 August 25th, 2014 Board Meeting: (Attachment A) Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed.

III. Assessor's Report: Assessor Carmen reported there are currently 3 complaints from our township who will be heard at the Board of Review. October 20th is the final day to file a complaint. EAV for 2014 is \$161,239,353. This year's factor is .9996. Leaf bags will be available on 10-6-14. The Assessor's staff has put together a 2014 Sales Book. The book was available for the board to review.

IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds: August – September 2014. (Attachment B) Motion 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

- 1) **Funding Request – Skip A Long (SAL) \$1500.00 for Open Door Program (Attachment C)** – The board reviewed the SAL application for \$1500.00. Motion to approve the request in the amount of \$1500.00 made by Trustee Kerr. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.
- 2) **Bid Award: Snow Removal/Salting (Attachment D)** – Supervisor Carmen advertised in the Argus/Dispatch for bids for winter snow plowing at the township. The board reviewed the bids and found Master Design Landscape to be the least expensive and they are located within the township. Motion to approve the bid of Master Design Landscape made by Trustee Kirk. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.
- 3) **Collateral Agreement with American Bank/Fifth Third Bank (Attachment E)** – Supervisor Carmen reviewed the Collateral Agreement with the board. Motion to approve the Collateral Agreement with the American Bank and Fifth Third Bank made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.
- 4) **Second Baptist Food Pantry: Request for \$3000.00 grant for the Food Pantry (Attachment F)** – Motion to approve the request for \$3000.00 made by Trustee Thomas. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Abstained; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.
- 5) **Agreement with Dispatch/Argus for Newsletter (Attachment G)** – The board reviewed the Memo from the Supervisor. Trustee Kirk was concerned the newspaper would not reach the majority of the township. She stated the list used by the newspaper is inclusive of those who take the paper. She further stated the South Rock Island Township newsletter is often delivered to Rock Island Township residents causing confusion for township residents. She asked that we are given an assurance our newsletter would reach our town residents only. Trustee Kerr suggested we (the board) take the newsletter to the churches. Trustee Kirk said that would not eliminate the problem because many church members live outside the township and would further confuse township residents. Supervisor Carmen said the mailing list will be created and reviewed by the Township before being sent to the Argus / Dispatch. It will be supplemented by the Argus / Dispatch delivery customers. Motion by Trustee Gray to approve the arrangement with the Dispatch Publishing the township newsletter. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

6) Items of Interest

Item	Update
Christmas Party	Township Annual party will be held December 10 th , 2014. Trustee Kerr will ask 2 nd Baptist singers to perform.
Emergency Food & Shelter grant	Still awaiting funding release
Renovation	Roof soon to be treated. Projects going well and on schedule.
TOI Conference	Reservations made for all who will attend from the township.
AFR/Treasurers Report	In progress.

7) **Sacred Heart Food Pantry/St Joseph Evening Meal:** A total of 1,836 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal from August 21st – September 17th. Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 1,020; St. Joseph Evening Meal – 816.

8) **General Assistance Activity – August 2014**

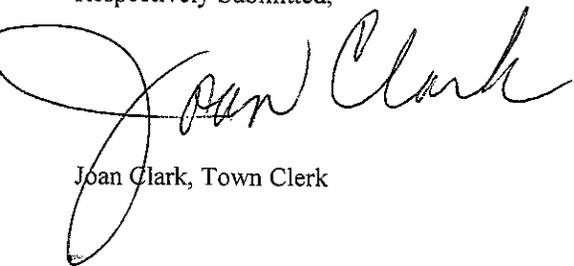
- 1) Number of Active Clients – 47
- 2) Number of Intakes – 13
- 3) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program - 9

VI. **New Business:** The Clerk asked if the board would allow an award St. Germaine received for her work with the Evening Meal to be hung in the Town Hall. The board was agreeable to hanging the award. Supervisor Carmen stated we could hang a picture of Sr. Germaine along with the award. The Clerk stated she had one and would get a picture to him. The Clerk also asked if a large picture of Jesus that hung in the rectory at St. Joseph's could be hung in the Town Hall. The board felt that it would not be appropriate because we are a government agency.

VII. **Public Comments: Trustees, Assessor, Supervisor, Public**
Trustee Kirk asked if we had paid out any of the funding we had set aside for RICAP's youth program. Supervisor Carmen stated we had not paid any of the funding out yet.
Trustee Kerr will be attending the Korean War Veteran's dinner. Trustee Thomas will also be attending.

VIII. **Adjournment:**
Trustee Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Kerr. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 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.