

Rock Island Township

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

Town Board Minutes

March 23rd, 2015

4:15 p.m.

I. In attendance: Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Joan Clark, Trustees Heather Gray, Rita Kirk and James H. Kerr Sr. Trustee Thomas, late. Others in attendance: Assessor Brenda Carmen, Township staff Doris Quigley, Sacred Heart Food Pantry Mike Clark, Broadway Presbyterian Urban Gardeners Brian McMaster & Beth Zambone, and King Center A.C.T.I.V.E. Club Rev. Dwight Ford. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carmen at 4:15 p.m. The following township business was transacted:

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of the Minutes from the February 23rd, 2015 Board Meeting Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed.

Trustee Thomas enters

III. Assessor's Report: Assessor Carmen reported Senate Bill 1430, Amendment #1 will allow for a referendum to abolish all township assessors on a countywide basis by a majority vote and turn all duties over to the County Assessor. She asked the board to call local representatives to let their wishes be known. Final valuation for Rock Island Township is down to \$117,120,962. A detailed report on assessments throughout the county is attached to these minutes.

IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds: February 19, 2015 – March 17th, 2015. Motion made by Trustee Kirk to approve the claims as presented. 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) Martin Luther King Community Center A.C.T.I.V.E Club Funding Request.

King Center Director, Rev. Dwight Ford presented the Club request. The Club is seeking a \$3,000.00 grant for the current year, as part of a two year commitment, to be used for senior citizen programming. He said the City has reduced its support of the program due to their loss of funding. Trustee Kirk praised the program and its reporting on their past year activities. Trustee Kirk made a motion to approve the request for \$2,000.00, the same level of funding as last year. She stated the Township is not able to make commitments for more than one year because it would be approving a budget that had not been reviewed or approved. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion to approve the (one year) request for \$3,000.00 made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Abstained; Trustee Kirk, No; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

B) Sacred Heart Food Pantry Funding Request

Mike Clark, Food Pantry Coordinator presented the request. The Pantry is seeking \$3,000.00 for its efforts to feed the hungry in our community. Last year the Pantry fed more than 12,000 people. Motion to approve the Sacred Heart Food Pantry request for \$3,000.00 made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Abstained; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

C) Broadway Presbyterian – Rock Island Urban Gardeners Funding Request

Brian McMaster & Beth Zambone presented the request. The Urban Gardeners are requesting \$3,170.00 for shared equipment and compost costs. Trustee Kirk asked the presenters about their program costs specifically the request for a multiuse agricultural flamer at a cost of \$1,300.00. She stated she was familiar with the flamer and its use along highways and in the country. She stated she had called the Rock Island Fire Marshall prior to the meeting to determine if the flamers could be used within the City limits. The Fire Marshall had not returned her call. Mr. McMaster stated they had checked with the company and there would not be a problem. Trustee Kirk asked about locations of the project and complimented the group on its program. Trustee Kerr made a motion to approve the Urban Gardeners request for \$2,120.00. Trustee Gray seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, No; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

D) Academic Achievement Awards Contribution

Town Clerk, Joan Clark, stated that the Township had been told a number of years back they could not participate in granting funding for scholarships. Following discussion by the board, Supervisor Carmen stated he would check with the Township attorney to assure we are following the law. The Township Clerk suggested he call the Township Officials of Illinois to get their opinion before contacting our attorney. Trustee Thomas made a motion to approve a \$500.00 donation to the fund conditional upon the attorney's

opinion. Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, No; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

E. Rear Hallway/Stairs (Back) Carpeting Replacement Contract

Supervisor Carmen presented two bids for the Carpet Replacement: Richard Hewitt Carpeting - \$613.00 and L&L Floorcovering - \$1,215.00. Motion to approve the Richard Hewitt bid for \$613.00 made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

F. Transfer of Appropriation Resolution: Town, General Assistance and Building Funds

Motion to approve the transfers in the Town, General Assistance and Building Funds 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.

G. 2015-2016 Draft Budget Review

Supervisor Carmen reviewed his budget distributed at the 1/26/15 board meeting. The board commented and asked questions. The Supervisor, Trustee Kirk and Clerk, Joan Clark met to discuss the addition of an Emergency Assistance (EA) Program at Rock Island Township. Trustee Kirk had researched Emergency Assistance Programs in the larger townships and suggested we are the only township that does not have a program. Discussion will continue at the April meeting. Supervisor Carmen also distributed a copy of our Rock Island County Levy Confirmation for 2014 – Collectable in 2015. Rock Island Township is Certified to Collect \$531,104.22 per Rock Island County.

H. Items of Interest

Item	Update
Newsletter/Logo	8,000 copies were mailed or distributed. Some issues, but they will be resolved. Cost of distribution was .27 per copy. Total cost \$2,123.01.
Website	New logo and color scheme is incorporated. Trustee Kirk's new email has been included.
Emergency Food & Shelter Grant	No word as yet.
Building Related Issues	Smokers stations – one location that meets with 15 foot requirement. Ceiling tiles – being replaced. Programmable thermostats – getting bid. New locks & keys – April agenda. MidAmerican rebate check – received & deposited. Renovation Event – following replacement of carpeting in the back entrance, possibly April.
Little League	Cut-off for registration – later in March. Board will be told how many players are assisted
TOI Seminar	7/16/15 – Office needs to know if board is attending. Please contact soon.
NAMI	Wants to use the Clerk's Office / Board Room for monthly meetings. Will be on April Agenda.
Lead Based Paint	Help is available for anyone who is or has been affected. Contact Drake Daley, Planning & Redevelopment Division, City of Rock Island 732-2900.
Annual Town Meeting	No petitions for additional agenda items received. Mark calendars for 4/14/2015 – 6:01 p.m.
Monitoring Grant Recipients	Supervisor sees no reason to modify the Township's monitoring process. Supervisor will take care of spot checks on agency as he feels they need to be done.

I. Food Pantry / Meal Site

A total of 1,547 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal in February, 2015:

Sacred Heart Food Pantry - 842, Fiscal year to date: 12,249

St. Joseph Evening Meal - 705, Fiscal year to date: 9,975

J. General Assistance Activity – February, 2015

- a) Number of Active Clients – 57
- b) Number of Intakes – 5
- c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 12

VI. New Business:

RE: Urban Gardeners Request: Trustee Thomas made motion for the Board to reconsider fully funding the Urban Gardeners request for funding at an amount of \$3,170.00. Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, No; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, No; Supervisor Carmen, No. Motion Failed.

Plan for Greenbush Neighborhood: Supervisor Carmen informed the board that Greenbush Neighbors, Augustana College's Geography Department and our Supervisor (on behalf of the Township) will be working together to develop a plan for the Greenbush neighborhood.

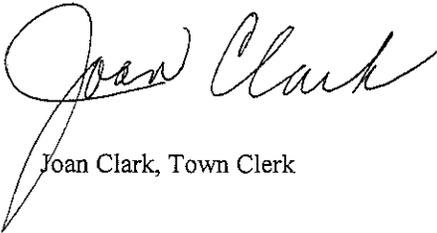
VII. Public Comments: Trustees, Assessor, Supervisor, Public

Supervisor & Assessor Carmen feel it would be a good idea to meet with new County Administrator and introduce township government. Supervisor Carmen will contact Moline Township Supervisor / County Board member Don Johnston to see if such a meeting could take place.

VIII. Adjournment:

Trustee Kerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 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.