

Rock Island Township

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

Town Board Minutes

Monday April 27th, 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 Vince Thomas, Absent. Others in attendance: Assessor Brenda Carmen, Township staff Doris Quigley, representing Papa's Helping Vets, Inc. Doug & Judy Dee and Thom Jones. 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 March 23rd, 2015 Board Meeting Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed.

III. Assessor's Report: Assessor Carmen reported the tax rate (2013 Payable in 2014 was: 9.9913 – 2014 Payable in 2015 increased to 10.0135) for Rock Island Township. She voiced hope that the rate would go down next year. Everyone complimented Assessor Carmen for a job well done and praised her consistent efforts to assess township property accurately and within the boundaries of the law.

IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds (3/18/15-4/22/15). Motion made by Trustee Kirk to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Absent; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

V. Supervisor's Report

A) Papa's Helping Vets Funding Request (Attachment C) Mr. Dee presented Papa's request for \$2,000.00. He stated he was paying much of the cost out of his own pocket. Trustee Kirk asked what other income had been received since his last application. She stated the organization's budget showed expenses but not where the money to meet the costs would come from. Mr. Dee stated he had received small donations from a Veteran's group in Bettendorf (\$250 every 4 months) and also a one-time contribution from the Gateway Chapters of Vietnam Veterans for \$250. He stated the largest contribution came from an unnamed donor living in Iowa of a 2006 box truck valued at \$8,000.00. He stated one of Papa's board members had contact with the Deere Foundation. Mr. Dee stated they would be approaching South Rock Island Township for funding in the near future. Ms. Kirk stated the request was for operational funds and that according to the application Papa's would be coming back indefinitely for funding. She further stated the Township had never funded operational costs; usually just "support for projects". The Clerk asked if United Way (who does fund operating costs) had been approached. Ms. Dee stated their board member, who does grant writing, is approaching United Way. Trustee Gray wondered about accountability and how the funds, if used for operating funds, would be accounted for. Mr. Dee responded that the "project" is the operation. Papa's helps veterans with furniture and other necessary items to set up a home. Mr. Dee also stated they had expanded their efforts to include the poor; not just veterans. Trustee Gray stated the Township's policy on providing funding was such that the applicant would publish our contribution to let Township residents know. Mr. Dee stated they had told the press about our last contribution in interviews but it had not been printed. Trustee Kerr praised the group for their work and commitment. Trustee Kerr made a motion to grant the requested \$2,000.00. Motion died for lack of a second. Trustee Gray made a motion to grant \$1,000.00 for Papa's and that the group would provide better documentation of the contribution, publish the donation and be prepared with a complete list of contributors. Trustee Kirk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Absent; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, No; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

B) Local Government Health Plan (LGHP) Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Approval (Attachment D) Supervisor Carmen stated the cost of health care through LGHP had increased 5.2%. Trustee Gray made a motion to approve the LGHP Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for the 2015-16 year. Trustee Kirk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Absent; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

C) NAMI Use of Board Room/Clerk's Office (Attachment E). Trustee Gray made a motion to approve the use of the weekly use of Board Room / Clerk's Office for their support group meetings. Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Absent; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

D) 2015-16 Budget (Attachment F) Supervisor Carmen updated the board on the latest budget information.

- TOIRMA rates will remain the same as last year.
- Employee share of health insurance will remain at 5%.

- Discussion on implementing an Emergency Assistance Program for Township residents who do not qualify for General Assistance. Trustee Gray made a motion to implement the program and assign \$18, 0000.00 to it. Trustee Kirk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Absent; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.
- IMRF employers' rate has increased to 13.74%.
- Trustee Kirk recommended that future ads for organizations and the purchase of tables be taken from a line item such as publishing and that the Supervisor go ahead with the production of the ad's prior to board approval. She also recommended that all the board be recognized in the ads. General consensus was to approve the change in the budget.
- Line item: Capital Outlay – included possible sewer and furnace problems.
- Based on discussions at a recent General Assistance Training Seminar, Supervisor Carmen recommended the board not participate in the MACI General Assistance Insurance Program. He indicated that almost none of the GA Seminar participants who purchased the insurance received any of the benefits offered.

Final approval of the board and the public hearing will take place at the June, 2015 board meeting.

E) Transfer of Appropriation Resolution: Supervisor Carmen indicated that a small number of line items had been missed in original 2014-15 Transfer the board approved at the March 2015 meeting. These transfers were in addition to the ones approved in March. Motion to approve the additional transfers made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Absent; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

F) Items of Interest

Item	Update
Broadway Presbyterian Church/Urban Gardeners Funding	Fire Marshall Marty has approved the use of the multipurpose flamer / torch kit as long as no complaints are lodged regarding smoke. If there is, an ordinance violation ticket will be issued
Scholarship Program Funding	Issue with funding was unresolved and the scholarship deadline passed. No funding was awarded. Trustee Kirk asked if TOI had been contacted. Supervisor Carmen stated he did not wish to comment on the discussion with TOI until we had an opinion from our attorney. The opinion should be available soon.
TRY-Play	State funding for the Rock Island County Area Project has been suspended by the Governor. The group is working with legislators to get the funds restored. They run out of funds on 6/30.
Website	Web Guild has updated the color scheme and placed additional minutes and agendas on the site including the Annual Town Meeting. Board encouraged to view.
Emergency Food & Shelter Program	The Clerk notified the board that Rock Island County Township's were awarded \$22,549.00. There is no word on when it will be available.
Building Related Issues	Ceiling tile has been replaced. Programmable thermostats were installed in Lund Hall and admin office. Supervisor would like to pursue a freestanding sign in the south front yard of the Township and an attached sign on the north side of the building. The freestanding sign would incorporate the logo, lighting, address; north side would be the logo. Board supported pursuing these.
Little League Update	Waiting to pay out funds for players who were signed up for Little League who live in Rock Island Township. 325 were signed up. Need documentation of Township players prior to payout of grant.
Snow Removal Contract	Supervisor pleased with Master Design Landscape. Savings last year was a total of \$1,363.50 less than the previous contractor.
New Rock Island County Administrator	A reception for township board / staff members scheduled for May 7 th , at Brix Place, 419 15 th Street, Moline 5-6:30 p.m. The purpose of the reception is to try to build a new alliance with Rock Island County. All town board members encouraged to attend.

World War II Veterans Breakfast	South Rock Island Township Supervisor plans to organize a breakfast event for World War II Veterans. She asks if we would like to co-sponsor. Board asks for more information.
Statement of Economic Interest/Strategic Plan Update	Receipts for Statement of Economic Interest must be turned in to the Clerk. Trustee Thomas and Trustee Kerr still need to turn in their receipts. The Clerk has all others. Please review the updated Strategic Plan included in the April packet.

G. Food Pantry / Meal Site

A total of 2,043 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal in March, 2015:

Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 1,101, Fiscal year to date: 13,350

St. Joseph Evening Meal - 942, Fiscal year to date: 10,617

H. General Assistance Activity – March, 2015

a) Number of Active Clients – 56

b) Number of Intakes – 4

c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 8

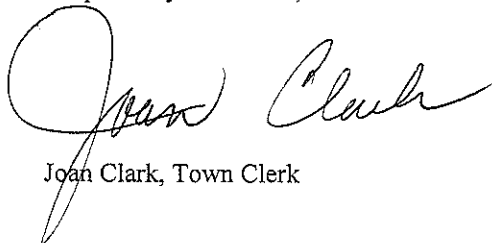
VI. **New Business:** None

VII. **Public Comments: Trustees, Assessor, Supervisor, Public:** None

VIII. **Adjournment:**

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