

# Rock Island Township

# Attachment A

2827 - 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, IL. 61201

## Town Board Minutes

### Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2015

4:15 p.m.

**I. In attendance:** Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Joan Clark, Trustees Heather Gray, Vincent Thomas, James Kerr Sr. Trustee Rita Kirk, Absent. Others in attendance: Assessor Brenda Carmen, Township staff Doris Quigley, Rev. Dwight Ford representing the King Center. 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 May 18, 2015 Board Meeting** Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Motion passed.

**III. Assessor's Report:** Assessor Carmen presented the 2014-2015 Assessment Comparisons. Assessed value in the township is up. She stated TIF Districts in our township were not reflected in the 2014-15 Comparisons.

Trustee Kirk arrives.

**IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds (5/14/15-6/15/15).** Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

#### V. Supervisor's Report

A) Public Hearing: 2015-2016 Township Budget Ordinance

Motion to close regular meeting and open Public Hearing 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.

Supervisor Carmen asked if anyone wished to be heard concerning the 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance. No one responded. He called the question two more times. No response.

Motion to close the Public Hearing and reopen regular meeting made by Trustee Thomas. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

B) 2015-16 Budget Ordinance Approval

Trustee Gray made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Budget Ordinance. Trustee Kirk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

C) Request from King Center's Rocktown 340 Basketball Club. Rev. Dwight Ford, King Center Executive Director, spoke on behalf of the Club. He appreciated the Town Board's review of the program and was available to answer any questions. Since the Board had already discussed the Basketball Club's request at the May meeting and action had been deferred to this meeting, there were no questions. Trustee Thomas made a motion to grant the Club \$1,000.00. Motion died for lack of a second. Trustee Gray made a motion to grant the Club \$500.00. Trustee Kirk seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Abstained; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

D) Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Motion to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance made by Trustee Gray and seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

E) Items of Interest

Item	Update
Little League Update	Still waiting for final numbers from Little League officials before funds are disbursed.
World War II Veterans' Breakfast	Supervisor Grace Shirk, trustees Jim Kerr, Louie Alongi (South Rock Island Twp) met. Tentative date for Breakfast is 8/14/15. Considering Friendship Manner as site for event. Total cost of about \$1,500, split among the two Townships.
TOI Workshop	Workshop scheduled for July 16 <sup>th</sup> . Will be held at Giovanni's in Rockford. Room reservations were distributed.

Joint Purchasing	Supervisor checking with Bi-State Regional Commission regarding joint purchasing program. Supervisor is checking the cost of membership to see if it justifies potential savings.
King Center Family Fun Day	Supervisor and Assessor Carmen will represent the Township scheduled for 8/1/15, 9:30-2:00 p.m. Board encouraged to join them.
NAACP Ad	Ad has been submitted for the NAACP's Freedom Fund Banquet Book scheduled for 6/20 – 6:00 p.m. at Skellington Manor.
Opengov.com	Supervisor has checked potential benefits offered. Encouraged board members to check <a href="http://www.opengov.com">www.opengov.com</a> . Given size of our budget, their fee structure and the ease of our providing details and summaries of our budget and expenses, recommendation is to not pursue this.

F. Food Pantry / Meal Site

A total of 1,979 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal in May, 2015:

Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 870, Fiscal year to date: 1,979

St. Joseph Evening Meal – 1,109, Fiscal year to date: 2,076

G. General Assistance Activity – April, 2015

- a) Number of Active Clients – 57
- b) Number of Intakes – 3
- c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 6

VI. **New Business:**

- Joan Clark, Clerk reported that Emergency Food & Shelter funds are not moving as quickly as usual. Measures including; increased media coverage to church bulletins, social service agencies and semi-monthly press releases are being implemented. Supervisor Carmen indicated the Township has submitted only one application for approval.
- Trustee Kirk asked how many of our clients were SSI pending? Supervisor responded approximately 50%.
- Trustee Gray asked when we would host an Open House to show off the work in the building. Supervisor responded possibly in October with a Halloween Theme and in partnership with Greenbush Neighbors.
- Trustee Thomas stated it was time that we try to make amends with our union neighbors. He stated he would be willing to go talk with their leadership.

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

No public comments.

VIII. **Executive Session-Litigation**

No need for Executive Session

IX. **Adjournment:**

Trustee Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 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.