

Rock Island Township
2827 - 7th Avenue, Rock Island, IL. 61201
Town Board Minutes

Monday September 21, 2020 – 4:15 p.m.

The Town Board meeting was held in Lund Hall rather than the Board Room. All attendants were required to wear face masks and maintain minimum social distancing requirements.

I. In attendance: Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Heather Gray, Trustees: James Kerr, Vincent Thomas, Rita Kirk and Tia Parker, Assessor Christina Wilson. Others in attendance: Township staff Doris Quigley, Nikki Carr (via phone)

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of the Minutes from the August 21,2020 Board Meeting (Attachment A): Motion made by Trustee Kirk; seconded by Trustee Parker. Roll call: Kerr, Yes; Thomas, Yes; Kirk, Yes, Parker; Yes, Carmen, Yes. Motion passed.

III. Assessor's Report: Assessor Wilson shared a new website; RITOWNSHIPASSESSOR.com. She also reported that leaf bags will be available October 5th.

IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds August - September 2020 (Attachment B): Motion made by Trustee Parker to approve the claims in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds; seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll Call: Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Trustee Parker Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

V. Supervisor's Report:

A.) 2020 TRY-Play (ATTACHMENT C)

Trustee Parker mad a motion to grant a funding request from Rock Island Parks and Recreation for \$1,500. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll call; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Trustee Parker, Yes, Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

B.) Elected Officials Compensation 2021-2025 (ATTACHMENT D)

Trustee Thomas made a motion to increase the salaries of the Supervisor, Assessor, and Clerk \$2,000, one time only for the next term of office; Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll call; Trustee Kerr, No; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Trustee Parker, Yes, Supervisor Carmen, No. Motion Passed.

C.) Renewal of Listing with Ruhl Commercial (Attachment E)

Trustee Kirk made a motion to approve the renewal; Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll call; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Trustee Parker, Yes, Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

D.) COVID 1-19 Workplace Policies Amendment (Attachment F)

Trustee Parker made a motion to approve the policy; Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll call; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Trustee Parker, Yes, Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

E.) Funeral Expense Increase-General Assistance Program (Attachment G)

Supervisor Carmen reported to the Board of changes being made in Section 11.03 in the General Assistance Program. Maximum funeral expense is increased from \$1,000 to \$1,100 and maximum burial expense is increased from \$500 to \$555. No action from the board was required.

F.) Items of Interest (Attachment H)

Supervisor Carmen reported that reimbursement of COVID funds from the State of Illinois are still processing.

The Senior Holiday luncheon is cancelled. \$50 gift cards to Hy-Vee will be distributed to about 60 Seniors.

The Township will be a polling place November 3.

Leaf bags are available in the Assessor's office.

The Township will not implement the employee payroll tax deferral.

G. Food Pantries and Assistance Programs

Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 656, Fiscal year to date: 3,063. St. Joseph Evening Meal – 537, Fiscal year to date:1,231. The Church of Peace Food Pantry served – 1,919; fiscal year total: 7,174. 2nd Baptist-NR, Fiscal year to date: NR. Heart of Hope Food Pantry-1,414; fiscal year total: 4,010

General Assistance Activity – August 2020 a) Number of Active Clients – 26 b) Number of Intakes – 3

c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 0

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| Emergency Assistance: | June |
| a) Number of applications taken | 10 |
| b) Approved applications | 5 |
| c) Denied | 0 |
| d) Not returned | 5 |
| e) Funds spent - \$1,5284.14 (\$360.27 average) | |

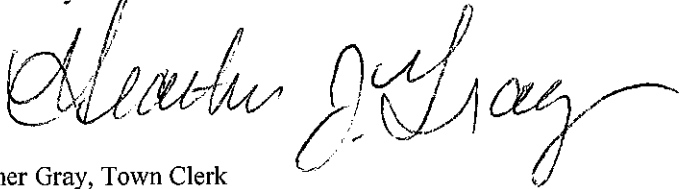
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| Emergency Food & Shelter Grant Program | August 2020 | Total |
| a) Number of inquiries | 28 | 28 |
| b) Applications processed | 6 | 6 |
| c) Approved | 6 | 6 |
| d) Denied | 0 | 0 |

VI. New Business:

VII. Public Comments: Trustees, Assessor, Supervisor, Public: NONE

VIII. Adjournment: Trustee Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Kerr. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Heather Gray, 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.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS
MONDAY October 26, 2020 AT 4:15
P.M.