

Rock Island Township

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

Town Board Minutes

Monday December 28, 2020 – 4:15 p.m.

This meeting was conducted via Zoom conference call in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07, section 6 permitting remote participation.

I. In attendance: Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Heather Gray, Trustees: James Kerr, Rita Kirk and Tia Parker. Others in attendance: Township staff Doris Quigley, Dan McNeil. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Alan Carmen at 4:15 p.m. (Trustee Thomas joined the meeting at 4:49p.m.)

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of the Minutes from the November 23 Regular Board Meeting (Attachment A): Motion made by Trustee Kirk; seconded by Trustee Kerr. Roll call: Kerr, Yes; Thomas, N/A; Kirk, Yes, Parker; Yes, Carmen, Yes. Motion passed.

III. Assessor's Report: Assessor Wilson was unable to attend the meeting.

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

V. Supervisor's Report:

A.) Spring Forward Presentation-Dan McNeil, Executive Director; Dan presented the Board a video presentation of the programming they were able to make available to the students during the pandemic.

B.) Change in General Assistance Benefits Amount (Attachment C)

Effective January 1, 2021 RI Township will increase its monthly GA maintenance payment from \$312 to \$319. Non-diabetic food allocation will increase from \$18 to \$25 and from \$36 to \$43 for diabetic clients. This was presented to the Town Board as information only; No action was required.

D. Items of Interest (Attachment D)

Supervisor Carmen reported that the Hy-Vee gift cards were mailed out in early December in place of the Senior Holiday Luncheon. Many of the recipients sent Thank You cards to the Township.

Due to COVID we are still waiting to plan a dedication ceremony for Joan Clark.

The new water fountain is due to be installed sometime in January.

Election Update: Clerk Heather Gray filed the Certification of Ballot at the County Clerks Office. It included the following for the Feb. 23, 2021 Democratic Primary:

Supervisor: John Brandmeyer, Jr. Terry M.A. Brooks I; Clerk: Heather Gray; Assessor: Christina Wilson; Trustees: Rita Kirk, Tia Parker, Vince Thomas, Jeff Lam

Barbara Terry has filed as an Independent to run for Supervisor and will be on the ballot for the General Election April 6, 2021

Supervisor Carmen reported that he has been informed that Terry Brooks is ineligible to run for office based on information from the Illinois State Board of Elections and his name would be removed from the ballot.

E.) **Food Pantry / Meal Site:** Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 851, Fiscal year to date: 5,266. St. Joseph Evening Meal – 386, Fiscal year to date: 2,589. The Church of Peace Food Pantry served – 1,476; fiscal year total: 11,830. 2nd Baptist-197; fiscal year total;804. Heart of Hope Food Pantry-1,109; fiscal year total:7,226

*Evening Meals stopped serving on March 20 due to Coronavirus; resumed June 15. Was shut down again as of Nov. 30

General Assistance Activity – November 2020 a) Number of Active Clients – 24 b) Number of Intakes – 3
c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 2

Emergency Assistance: November

a) Number of applications taken	12
b) Applications approved	5
c) Denied	0
d) Not returned	8
e) Funds spent - \$1,974.70 (\$345.56 average)	

Emergency Food & Shelter Grant Program: October

a.) Number of inquiries-	0
b.) Applications processed	0
c.) Approved	0
d.) Denied	0

Program started on 07/29/20. Funding gone 11/5/2020

VI. **New Business:** No new business

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

VIII. **Adjournment:** Trustee Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.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, JANUARY 25, 2021 AT 4:15
P.M.