

Rock Island Township

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

Town Board Minutes

May 19th, 2014 - 4:45 p.m.

I. **In attendance:** Roll Call: Supervisor: Alan Carmen, Clerk: Joan Clark, Trustees: Heather Gray, Rita Kirk, James H. Kerr and Vince Thomas. Others in attendance; Rock Island Township Assessor: Brenda Carmen, Korean War Veteran: Commander Robert Fitts. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carmen at 4:45 p.m. The following township business was transacted:

A. **Pledge of Allegiance**

B. Trustee Thomas made a motion to modify the Agenda and allow Commander Fitts to make his presentation now so he would be able to make it to South Rock Island Township for another presentation of his request. Trustee Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. **Request from Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. to support its State Convention (Attachment C)**

Commander Fitts distributed the book *Korea Reborn* that gives a history of the war and recognizes the veterans who served our country. The funding request for \$500.00 would help with travel and accommodation expenses associated with Congressional Medal of Honor recipients who will be attending the Illinois State Convention of Veterans who served in Korea. The Convention will be held in Rock Island October 3, 4, and 5 – 2014. Motion to approve the request for \$500.00 and increase the amount to \$1000.00 made by Trustee Kerr. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

III. **Approval of the Minutes from the April 28th, 2014 Board Meeting: (Attachment A):** Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed.

IV. **Assessors Report:** Assessor Carmen did not provide a report.

V. **Review and Approve all claims paid in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds April – May, 2014 (Attachment B):**

Motion to approve the claims paid in the Town, General Assistance & Building Funds 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.

VI. **Supervisor's Report**

A. **Request from Korean War Veterans Association.** Moved to first item on this Agenda (II).

B. **Local Government Health Plan Renewal (Attachment D):** The Township Health Insurance increased 6.1% this year. Premiums per employee increased from \$786.00 to \$834.00 bringing the per year cost for each employee to \$10,000.00. Per action taken by the town board employees are now responsible for 5% of the premium. Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the State of Illinois Dept CMS for 2014-16 and authorize the Supervisor to execute said agreement 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.

C. **NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet Ad (Attachment E):** Motion to approve a \$100.00 black and white ad for the NAACP Annual Banquet made by Trustee Gray. Seconded by Trustee Thomas. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Abstained due to conflict of interest; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

D. **Items of Interest**

Item	Update
Website	Edits are complete. Site will be up and running within the next few weeks.
Newsletter	Still in process---really!
Emergency Food & Shelter grant.	No change. Still waiting for funding to arrive.
Building Improvements	Supervisor met with our Architect several times. Working on drawings for parking lot and building improvements. Also putting together bid process for public bidding. Supervisor will let the board know when the drawings and specs are ready for viewing.

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Attorney's Association Workshop - held in Bloomington on May 9 th .	Supervisor and Assessor Carmen attended the workshop. They learned about upcoming legislation that will affect township's, new laws that will likely affect General Assistance, concealed weapons law and updates on the Open Meetings Act.
Audit	Kelly Rae from Carpentier, Mitchell & Goddard will begin our audit on May 15 th .
Greenbush Easter Egg Hunt.	On April 19 th approximately 50 children and 30 adults attended the Greenbush Easter Egg Hunt. Supervisor & Assessor Carmen, along with Clerk Joan Clark, Trustee Kirk and Trustee Kerr attended the event.
Economic Interest	Supervisor Carmen reminded the board to please turn in their Statement of Economic Interest and give the receipt to the Clerk.

E. **Sacred Heart Food Pantry/St. Joseph Evening Meal:** A total of 1,450 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal from April 23 – May 14 (3 weeks): Sacred Heart Food Pantry – 840; St. Joseph Evening Meal – 610.

F. **General Assistance Activity – April, 2014**

- a) Number of Active Clients – 52
- b) Number of Intakes – 5
- c) Number of Terminated / Denied / Left Program – 12

VII. **New Business:**

- RICTA Dinner is May, 29th at 5:30 at JakeO's (formerly O'Melia's).
- The Martin Luther King Center will host a Family Fun Day on 8/2/2014.
- Trustee Kirk asked the board if they would like to cook the Evening Meal on July 11th. The board agreed and will plan for the dinner at the next meeting.
- The board received a thank you card from the King Center. Many of the members signed the card in gratitude from the grant we provided them.

VIII. **Adjournment:**

Trustee Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kirk seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectively 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.