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Trustees
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Timothy Heilenbach
Tom Lupfer

**MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

AT THE RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP HALL, 27 RIVERSIDE ROAD, RIVERSIDE

CALL TO ORDER

Minutes of the Scheduled Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Trustees, held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at the Riverside Township Hall located at 27 Riverside Road; Riverside, Illinois. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wilt at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Supervisor Wilt, Trustees Clarke, Dropka, and Heilenbach

ABSENT: Clerk Blauw and Trustee Lupfer

Also Present: Kimberly Mertz, 2225 Enterprise Drive, Suite #2507, Westchester, IL 60154
Tom Morrissey, 276 Nuttall Road, Riverside, IL 60546
Fran Sitkiewicz, 252 Herrick Road, Riverside, IL 60546
Steven Teune, 300 Gage Road, Riverside, IL 60546
Adam Wilt, 511 Longcommon Road, Riverside, IL 60546

Therefore, Trustee Dropka, acting as Township Clerk for the evening, declared a quorum and Scheduled Meeting opened for the transaction of business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Wilt called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

- MOTION: Trustee Clarke
- SECOND: Trustee Heilenbach
- ROLL CALL: Trustee Clarke - Yes; Dropka - Yes; Heilenbach - Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Yes
- VOICE VOTE: Yes - 4 No - 0 MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Wilt called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

- MOTION: Trustee Heilenbach
- SECOND: Trustee Clarke
- ROLL CALL: Trustee Clarke - Yes; Dropka - Yes; Heilenbach - Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Yes
- VOICE VOTE: Yes - 4 No - 0 MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Riverside Township Assessor Sitkiewicz reported that the Township Assessor’s Office staff has been learning new procedures in place from Cook County, and working on exemptions for homeowners in the Township. If anyone has any questions about their property taxes, call the Township Assessor’s Office at 708-447-7700 between 9-1 Monday through Friday or email assessor@riversidetownship.org for assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

A) GRANTS

1) **Access to Care:** Kimberly Mertz, COO of Access to Care presented a request to the board for a grant to allow Access to Care to enroll 9 residents of Riverside Township into Access to Care for 1 year. Access to Care is a primary health care program for low-income, uninsured and underinsured residents of suburban Cook County and northwest Chicago. It is a

healthcare safety net for individuals at or below 300% of the federal poverty line who cannot afford to purchase insurance or are ineligible for benefits available through the Affordable Care Act. Discussion ensued, and Kimberly answered questions that the Supervisor and Trustees had.

Supervisor Wilt called for a motion to approve the grant as requested.

MOTION: Trustee Clarke

SECOND: Trustee Heilenbach

ROLL CALL: Trustee Clarke - Yes; Dropka - Yes; Heilenbach - Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Yes

VOICE VOTE: Yes - 4 No - 0 MOTION CARRIED

2) **Riverside Presbyterian Church / Little Food Pantry:** Steven Teune presented a request on behalf of the Little Food Pantry to the board for a grant to assist in stocking the pantry. Due to COVID-19, the shelves continue to be emptied on a daily basis. Discussion ensued, and Steven answered questions that the Supervisor and Trustees had.

Supervisor Wilt called for a motion to approve the grant as requested.

MOTION: Trustee Heilenbach

SECOND: Trustee Clarke

ROLL CALL: Trustee Clarke - Yes; Dropka - Yes; Heilenbach - Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Yes

VOICE VOTE: Yes - 4 No - 0 MOTION CARRIED

3) **Aging Care Connections:** Application was submitted and read to the board for a grant to assist in maintaining services that are provided to an estimated 400 Riverside Township residents in 2021. Aging Care Connections served 398 Riverside Township older adults, caregivers, and family members last year. They also investigated 17 cases of alleged abuse, provided Comprehensive Care Coordination services to 367 older adults, spoke with 351 community members to provide information and assistance with aging issues, and counseled 384 older adults on options for care and community care following hospitalizations. Aging Care Connections services to the Township include: Adult Protective Services, Aging Well Neighborhood, Benefit Assistance, Care Coordination, Caregiver Support, Congregate Meals, Information and Assistance, Special Diet Home Delivered Meals, Options Counseling, Transitional Care programs, and the Riverside Township Community Resource Center. Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Wilt called for a motion to approve the grant as requested.

MOTION: Trustee Heilenbach

SECOND: Trustee Clarke

ROLL CALL: Trustee Clarke - Yes; Dropka - Yes; Heilenbach - Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Yes

VOICE VOTE: Yes - 4 No - 0 MOTION CARRIED

4) **Best Buddies International:** Adam Wilt, State Director presented a request to the board for a grant to continue to support programming at Riverside Brookfield High School, L.J. Hauser Junior High School, and Central Elementary School chapters within Riverside Township. Additionally, the grant will also support future efforts to begin chapters within other schools that serve Riverside Township residents, including Ames, Hollywood, and Blythe Park Elementary Schools. Best Buddies International provides school-based inclusion programs based at elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and colleges statewide, which involve youth and young adults with IDD in peer-to-peer friendships, inclusive social activities and opportunities for leadership training. Programs help bridge the social and physical divide between youth with disabilities and their typical peers, and lead to more inclusive schools and communities. Discussion ensued, and Adam answered questions that the Supervisor and Trustees had.

Supervisor Wilt called for a motion to approve the grant as requested.

MOTION: Trustee Clarke

SECOND: Trustee Heilenbach

ROLL CALL: Trustee Clarke - Yes; Dropka - Yes; Heilenbach - Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Abstain

VOICE VOTE: Yes - 3 No - 0 Abstain - 1 MOTION CARRIED

B) DISCUSSION AND AFFIRMATION OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DATE

Supervisor Wilt announced that the Annual Town Meeting will take place on April 13, at 6:01 pm. The meeting will encapsulate 2 years.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Wilt reported that as of February 1, office staff has been in the office every day. Inquiries for building use continue to come in, but public gatherings and social limitations are still in place. The Township continues to adhere to guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health. The Township received \$5,000 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant through Cook County. Quotes were obtained for the flooring in Room 3, which is being prepped for painting to be done by our custodial staff. We will be holding a Township Shredding event on March 20, 2021 from 9 am - noon. The event will take place in the Masonic Lodge parking lot on Forest Avenue in Riverside.

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS

A) TRUSTEE CLARKE

Reported that the recording of the senior exercise classes will begin again soon.

B) TRUSTEE HEILENBACH

Reported that the Riverside Township Mental Health Board met with Riverside Police Chief Tom Weitzel regarding his ideas on legislation for crisis intervention for the Illinois General Assembly. A mailer was sent out to township residents detailing services available through the Community Resource Center. Mental Health Board minutes and reports are further included for the board's review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) FLOORING FOR ROOM 3

Quotes were obtained for the flooring for Room 3. The township received an insurance settlement that anticipated the township paying a share of the repairs.

Supervisor Wilt called for a motion to approve the bid submitted by Crestway Klassic Flooring, Inc.

MOTION: Trustee Heilenbach

SECOND: Trustee Clarke

ROLL CALL: Trustee Clarke - Yes; Dropka - Yes; Heilenbach - Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Yes

VOICE VOTE: Yes - 4 No - 0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Supervisor Wilt called for a motion to authorize and ratify payment of the bills identified on the General Warrant for February 2021 in the amount of \$13,339.37.

MOTION: Trustee Clarke

SECOND: Trustee Heilenbach

ROLL CALL: Trustee Clarke - Yes; Dropka - Yes; Heilenbach - Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Yes

VOICE VOTE: Yes - 4 No - 0 MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Wilt called for a motion to authorize and ratify payment of the Utility Warrant in the amount of \$1,763.54; Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$18,080.69; Health Warrant in the amount of \$1,083.85; Grants in the amount of \$15,000; General Assistance Warrant in the amount of \$4,900; Township Radio Players Warrant in the amount of \$212; and the Food Pantry Warrant in the amount of \$664.84.

MOTION: Trustee Clarke

SECOND: Trustee Heilenbach

ROLL CALL: Trustee Clarke - Yes; Dropka - Yes; Heilenbach - Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Yes

VOICE VOTE: Yes - 4 No - 0 MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, Supervisor Wilt called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.

MOTION: Trustee Clarke

SECOND: Trustee Heilenbach

ROLL CALL: Trustee Clarke - Yes; Dropka - Yes; Heilenbach - Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Yes

VOICE VOTE: Yes - 4 No - 0 MOTION CARRIED

Vera A. Wilt, Township Supervisor

Michael C. Dropka, Township Trustee