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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025

AT THE RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP HALL, 27 RIVERSIDE ROAD, RIVERSIDE

CALL TO ORDER

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Riverside Township Board of Trustees, held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at the Riverside Township Hall located at 27 Riverside Road, Riverside, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wilt at 6:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF THE COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Supervisor Vera Wilt, Clerk Jay Reyes, Trustee Mary Rob Clarke, Trustee Timothy Heilenbach, and Trustee Matt Decosola.

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Therefore, Supervisor Wilt declared a quorum and opened the Committee of the Whole Meeting for the transaction of business.

NEW BUSINESS

A) DISCUSSION ON THE PRIORITIES OF TOWN HALL BUILDING PROJECTS

Supervisor Wilt introduced the discussion with a list of proposed future needs including the roof, bathrooms, the small room entryway at the building's main entry, tuckpointing, and related work. She explained that there would be plaster, paint, and related work.

She also mentioned that the building's clock repair would be postponed by the servicer until August instead of the previously agreed upon July date.

Trustee Heilenbach inquired about the status of the Swinging Bridge levy.

Trustee Decosola inquired about which bathrooms were ADA compliant. Supervisor Wilt explained that it appeared that none of the bathrooms in the building were fully compliant.

The Board discussed the Township and Village intergovernmental agreement and each party's role in proposed major repairs.

The Board also discussed the existing building rental fee structure.

Finally, the Board discussed a pro bono offering of architectural services by a well-known firm.

B) DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PARAMETERS

Trustee Decosola introduced the discussion of a recent grant request and the content presented in support of the requested grant. Trustee Decosola explained that another local charity also could not provide data related to township resident benefits and participation in the grant. Trustee Decosola explained that the priority for funds should focus on the building repairs and upgrades.

Trustee Clarke expressed support for the prioritization of the building project.

Trustee Heilenbach inquired about the levels of grant funding in recent years. Supervisor Wilt noted that there had been a reduction in eligibility grants.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

A) CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE VACANCY

A motion was made by Trustee Heilenbach to move to Closed Session for the purposes of discussing personnel and related matters, particularly the filling of the vacancy of Township Trustee.

MOTION: Trustee Heilenbach

SECOND: Trustee Decosola

ROLL CALL: Clarke – Yes; Decosola – Yes; Heilenbach – Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Yes

VOICE VOTE: Yes – 4 No - 0 Abstention - 0 MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered Closed Session at 7:10 pm.

B) DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES

C) ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

A) APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Trustee Heilenbach to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Trustee Heilenbach

SECOND: Trustee Clarke

ROLL CALL: Clarke – Yes; Decosola – Yes; Heilenbach – Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Yes

VOICE VOTE: Yes – 4 No - 0 Abstention - 0 MOTION CARRIED

Regular session was reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Heilenbach to put forth the chosen candidate to fill the vacancy for the role of Township Trustee.

MOTION: Trustee Heilenbach

SECOND: Trustee Decosola

ROLL CALL: Clarke – Yes; Decosola – Yes; Heilenbach – Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Yes

VOICE VOTE: Yes – 4 No - 0 Abstention - 0 MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, Trustee Decosola moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

MOTION: Trustee Decosola

SECOND: Trustee Heilenbach

ROLL CALL: Clarke - Yes; Decosola – Yes; Supervisor Wilt – Yes.

VOICE VOTE: Yes – 4 No - 0 Abstention - 0 MOTION CARRIED

Vera A. Wilt, Township Supervisor

Jay Reyes, Township Clerk

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