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Matthew J. Decosola

Kelly Navarro

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

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, February 3, 2026, 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, Trustee Kelly Navarro, 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 of America 250 Commemoration

Supervisor Wilt introduced the discussion, reminding the Board that they previously approved a resolution in support of the America 250 Commemoration and opened the floor to discussion for initiatives to support the effort.

Trustee Clarke proposed rededicating the Swinging Bridge, formally known as the H. Wallace Caldwell bridge, to the people of Riverside Township.

The Board also discussed other options including doing something special for the Fourth of July Parade, a service project, a planting project, or using the Radio Players to do a patriotic-themed performance or perhaps collaborating with them to plan one of their existing performance dates.

B) Discussion of Fee Waiver Policy for Town Hall Rentals

Supervisor Wilt introduced the discussion of fee waivers for the Township Hall and invited board members for their input.

Trustee Clarke expressed concern that many local groups have all began requesting a fee waiver for the use of the facility.

Trustee Heilenbach discussed the benefit that many local groups and schools bring to the Township and thought it reasonable that those groups would still be responsible for clean up and related fees.

Trustee Navarro mentioned the possible implementation of specific charges to cover the use of the space.

All Board members agreed that the ultimate decision should be for the benefit of the Board.

Trustee Decosola expressed the need to assess a fee for use of the space. He mentioned that opening the space used water, electricity, and related expenses, including staff.

Trustee Heilenbach suggested the Township explored a tiered fee structure for not for profits, community groups, and for-profit endeavors.

The Board also discussed incorporating a fee structure based on the number of participants.

C) Discussion of TOI Civility Pledge

Supervisor Wilt introduced the discussion of the TOI Civility Pledge. Trustees expressed concern about the blanket need for a pledge. Various Trustees explained that the Riverside Township Board was already respectful and civil and didn't require an additional pledge.

ADJOURNMENT

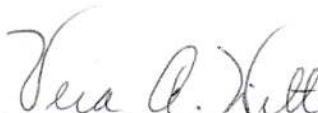
There being no further business to transact, Trustee Clarke moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

MOTION: Trustee Clarke

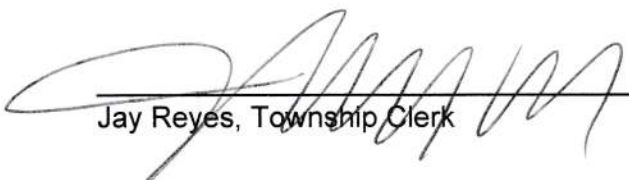
SECOND: Trustee Decosola

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

VOICE VOTE: Yes – 5 No - 0 Abstention - 0 MOTION CARRIED



Vera A. Wilt, Township Supervisor



Jay Reyes, Township Clerk

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