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Trustees

Mary Rob Clarke

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Matthew J. Decosola

Kelly Navarro

MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

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, April 14, 2026, at the Riverside Township Hall located at 27 Riverside Road, Riverside, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wilt at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Trustee Tim Heilenbach

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Jo Miller, Township Assessor, 165 Bartram Rd., Riverside, IL 60546
Andrew Lutha, 1133 South Boulevard, Apt. 906, Oak Park, IL 60302
Nina Tagliola, 2225 Keystone Ave., North Riverside, IL 60546
Jeanmarie Hajer-O'Connor, Village of North Riverside, IL 60546
Michael Hayes, Legal Counsel, 332 Herrick Rd., Riverside, IL 60546

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Trustee Navarro to approve the March 10, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Trustee Navarro

SECOND: Trustee Clarke

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

VOICE VOTE: Yes – 3 No - 0 Abstention – 1 MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATION

Clerk Reyes reported that the Township received two communications. The first was a note from the family of dearly departed Wayne Gieseman, a former Township Trustee, who passed away in February. They thanked the Township for recognizing Mr. Gieseman's passing.

The second correspondence was from Best Buddies International, thanking the Board for their recent approval of a Community Partnership.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Wilt explained that she had no report, having given a thorough report at the Annual Meeting. She noted that the Board did receive an estimate for plaster work inside the Town Hall building.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Mary Jo Miller reported that her office had been busy with Senior Freeze Exemptions that are due prior to the May 1st processing date. Her office contacted over 700 people by making phone calls.

She noted that the triennial assessment was coming up, with mailings going out on May 20th with reassessment notices for the Township. She noted that all of south Cook County would be reassessed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Decosola reported that the Riverside Township Lions Club Chicken Dinner would be composting its trash from the event again in cooperation with Flood Brothers.

Trustee Clarke reported that she would be traveling to Springfield tomorrow for TOI Lobby Day.

She also reported that the TOCC conference would take place at a new venue in Rosemont on June 18th at 2:30 pm. At 3:45 pm, they would have a legislative event and then dinner. She would moderate a wellness seminar with Trustee Heilenbach, who will discuss the Mental Health Board. She noted that the senior exercise classes were going well.

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD'S REPORT

Supervisor Wilt noted that the Mental Health Board report was in the Board packets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2026-2027 Township Budget

a. Present Budget Draft for Inspection

b. Set Public Budget Hearing – Tuesday, May 12th at 6:45 pm

Supervisor Wilt explained that the report was presented in the packets and encouraged the Board to review it for any questions or changes because it would be released tomorrow for review by the public. She proposed Tuesday, May 12th at 6:45 pm as the hearing date.

Counsel reminded the Board that there was no motion required to set the date and release the budget for review.

B. Discussion of America 250 Commemoration Events

Supervisor Wilt reported that the Bridge Rededication would take place on Friday, May 15th and would be followed by music, and a performance by the Riverside Township Radio Players at the Town Hall, all which would kick off the America 250 Commemoration.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Special Event Fee Waiver Request-Riverside Rapid Response, Sun. April 26th

Supervisor Wilt asked if there was a representative from the group seeking the room waiver. There was none present.

Trustee Decosola noted that there was not a Not-for-Profit form attached with the application and without it, the Township may open itself up to requests from other non-501(c)(3) groups seeking fee waivers. Trustee Decosola also noted the group proposed to hold an event for a lengthy period of time.

Supervisor Wilt noted that the name of the entity seeking the waiver in their written request was different from what was listed on the application.

Trustee Clarke noted that the application didn't include information on how many Township residents would benefit from the event. She expressed concern about granting the waiver.

Trustee Navarro explained that she didn't know anything about the group. The Board expressed disappointment that there was not a representative there to answer questions.

A Motion was made by Trustee Decosola to grant the room request for the date sought, but without the waiver of the room rental fee.

MOTION: Trustee Decosola

SECOND: Trustee Clarke

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

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

B) Approval of Budgetary Transfer

Supervisor Wilt explained that there were various areas where the budget would be negative and sought appropriates from surpluses to be transferred.

The transfers were as follows: Hospital / Vision - \$2882.00, Equipment Maintenance - \$2,125.00, Communications - \$151.00, Maintenance Equipment-Assessor – \$333.00, Maintenance Roads - \$162.00.

The transfers would go to: Salaries - \$265.00, IMRF - \$2,617.00, Building Maintenance \$2,125.00, Website - \$151.00, Telephone-Assessor - \$333.00, Street Lights-Road - \$162.00.

A Motion was made by Trustee Clarke to approve the transfer.

MOTION: Trustee Clarke

SECOND: Trustee Navarro

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

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

FYI

- A) Selden Fox - Audit Engagement Letter**
- B) Statement of Economic Interests - Filing Deadline May 1st**
- C) Shred-A-Thon - Saturday, May 2nd, 9 am - Noon**
- D) Lions Club Chicken Dinner - Sunday, May 3rd, Noon - 5 pm**
- E) North Riverside Senior Fair - Tuesday, May 19th, 9 am - Noon**
- F) TOCC Annual Conference - Thursday, June 18th**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Jeanmarie Hajer-O'Connor, North Riverside Parks and Recreation Department. She thanked the Board for their support of last year's Winterfest. She also reported that upcoming Senior Fair was taking place in May and welcomed the Board's participation.

Trustee Decosola noted that he had attended Winterfest and that the train ran non-stop.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Decosola to move to Closed Session for the purposes of discussing personnel and related matters.

MOTION: Trustee Decosola

SECOND: Trustee Navarro

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

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

A) SALARY REVIEW FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

B) ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

A) APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Trustee Decosola to reconvene the Regular Meeting in open session.

MOTION: Trustee Decosola

SECOND: Trustee Clarke

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

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

A motion was made by Trustee Navarro to approve a 4% salary increase for all Township employees.

MOTION: Trustee Navarro

SECOND: Trustee Decosola

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

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

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Trustee Decosola moved to authorize and ratify payment of the bills identified on the General Warrant for April 2026 in the amount of \$19,463.72.

MOTION: Trustee Decosola
SECOND: Trustee Clarke
ROLL CALL: Clarke – Yes; Decosola – Yes; Navarro – Yes Supervisor Wilt - Yes
VOICE VOTE: Yes – 4 No - 0 Abstention – 0 MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Decosola moved to authorize and ratify payment of the Utility Warrant in the amount of \$2,116.40; Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$22,006.00; Health Warrant in the amount of \$3,656.00; General Assistance Warrant in the amount of \$13,497.12; Township Radio Players Warrant in the amount of \$180.00; and the Food Pantry Warrant in the amount of \$1,884.93.

MOTION: Trustee Decosola
SECOND: Trustee Navarro
ROLL CALL: Clarke – Yes; Decosola – Yes; Navarro – Yes; Supervisor Wilt - Yes
VOICE VOTE: Yes – 4 No - 0 Abstention – 0 MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, Trustee Clarke moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

MOTION: Trustee Clarke
SECOND: Trustee Decosola
ROLL CALL: Clarke – Yes; Decosola – Yes; Navarro – Yes Supervisor Wilt - Yes
VOICE VOTE: Yes – 4 No - 0 Abstention – 0 MOTION CARRIED

Vera A. Wilt, Township Supervisor

Jay Reyes, Township Clerk

4-14-2026