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Matthew J. Decosola

Kelly Navarro

MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 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, July 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, Trustee Tim Heilenbach.

ABSENT: Trustee Kelly Navarro

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Jo Miller, Township Assessor, 165 Bartram Road, Riverside

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 Decosola to approve the June 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Trustee Decosola

SECOND: Trustee Clarke

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Reyes reported that the Township received communications from the Mayor of North Riverside, Joseph Mengoni, thanking the Board for their support of the youth scholarship golf outing. He included two pictures of the foursomes the Township sponsored.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Wilt presented her report to the Board.

1. Nurse's Closet

Supervisor Wilt reported that there were a few days where the office was busy with requests.

2. Cancelled Rental Requests

Supervisor Wilt noted that there were two weekend rental requests, which the Board had previously approved, where the requestor did not provide the payment or proof of insurance and had become non-communicative. As a result, both requests were cancelled.

3. Fourth of July Parades

Supervisor Wilt reported that the beads provided to constituents at the various Fourth of July parades were very popular and that there was such a demand that they ran out of them by the end of a parade route.

4. Farmers' Market Vouchers

Supervisor Wilt informed the Board that the Farmers' Market vouchers have been distributed to 50 households up to Monday of this week, for a total of 248 vouchers in circulation. She noted that the weather did not cooperate for two weeks in a row, so the market closed very early one week as a storm came in, and some vendors who did not close lost their tents. She noted that the Farmers' Market was called off entirely the next week due to weather threats and numerous vendors risked not setting up. She explained that with only 4 weeks of full markets, there have only been 41 vouchers redeemed. She expected the rest of the season to go more smoothly. She noted that many of our clients wait until there is more variety, so she expected more utilization later in the season.

5. Cook County Sheriff

Supervisor Wilt reminded the Board that she forwarded a communication from the Cook County Sheriff's Police office, voicing concerns about some activity in Riverside Lawn, which they patrol. She noted that they have made some suggestions to counter the activity and proposed that the matter be discussed at a Committee of the Whole meeting in August.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Mary Jo Miller reported that the Riverside Lawn area hasn't seen much activity since 2015 when the land bank property buyout happened. She reported that there were only approximately 19 homeowners that remained in Riverside Lawn. She was under the impression that after the land bank buy, there was a moratorium on building there. She noted that because so much of the property is owned by the forest preserve, that coordinating with the County Commissioner may be in order.

Assessor Miller also reported that the appeals process was wrapped up, certified and published on July 9th. She noted that Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi is nearly out of office, and they were working quickly to complete the Southwest portion of the county. She noted that there was some confusion about correspondence being sent by the county. She also reported that her assistant was in the process of completing her certification.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Clarke reported that TOI had an AI session on July 9th, which was hands on, involving the use of their laptops, to explore the use of flyers and other tasks. She noted that the exercise class was going well. She explained that parking was becoming more difficult.

She also reported that the TOCC conference went very well and they recognized and gave plaques to many attendees. She reminded the Board that she ran two separate mental health sessions.

She informed the board that TOI was partnering with the Illinois Treasurer to collect books to be distributed through the Illinois Literacy Project. They would collect books at TOI events and perhaps set up a donation site at the Township. She also noted that the TOI conference format would be changing, and also moving from Springfield to Champaign.

Trustee Decosola noted that he attended the TOCC conference and attended the AI session, reminding the Board that if the input content is not very good, the output would also not be very good. He noted that Trustee Clarke did a fine job presenting.

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD'S REPORT

Trustee Heilenbach noted that on July 22nd, the Mental Health Board would be having a grant process meeting.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Trustee Heilenbach moved to authorize and ratify payment of the bills identified on the General Warrant for July 2026 in the amount of \$21,426.34.

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

Trustee Heilenbach moved to authorize and ratify payment of the Utility Warrant in the amount of \$1,411.08; Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$18,776.46; Health Warrant in the amount of \$3,596.94; General Assistance Warrant in the amount of \$11,391.56; and the Food Pantry Warrant in the amount of \$835.27.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, Trustee Heilenbach moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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

Vera A. Wilt, Township Supervisor

Jay Reyes, Township Clerk

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