

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
South Rock Island Township Board

STATE OF ILLINOIS
County of Rock Island
South Rock Island Township

The South Rock Island Township Board met at the Township Clerk's Office, 4330 11th Street, Rock Island, IL, on October 28, 2024, at 4:15 pm.

Roll Call:

Officials present: Supervisor Grace Diaz Shirk as Chair, Trustee Mark Parr, Jr, Trustee Frank Skafidas, Trustee Bill Sowards, and Trustee KJ Whitley. No officials were absent. Township Clerk Nick Camlin reported the presence of a quorum. Assessor Nichole Parker was also present.

Remote Electronic Attendance:

None.

Approval of the Agenda and Meeting Minutes:

Skafidas moved, and Parr seconded, to approve the Agenda (*Record*). Voice vote. Motion carried.

Sowards moved, and Skafidas seconded, to approve the September 30, 2024, Township Board meeting minutes. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Bi-Annual Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes:

Supervisor Shirk moved, and Skafidas seconded, to approve the Resolution for Open Meetings Act Review of Minutes of a Meeting Lawfully Closed (*Record*). Voice vote. Motion carried.

Reports:

Grace Diaz Shirk provided the Supervisor's Report (*Record*). The Supervisor reported on events held by the Township in October, including Shred Day, the Flu Clinic, and the BLS/CPR Heart Saver Class.

Supervisor Shirk informed the Township Board that the Rock Island Police Dept donated three bicycles for use by Township residents.

Supervisor Shirk provided the notice of change for General Assistance to the Township Board (*Record*).

The Supervisor informed the Township Board that employee health insurance costs are increasing by 13.56%.

Nick Camlin provided the Township Clerk's Report (*Record*).

Nichole Parker provided the Assessor's Report (*Record*).

The Supervisor reviewed the September 2024 General/Emergency Assistance Report (*Record*).

The September 2024 Client/Public/Senior Citizen Report was printed on the Agenda.

Treasurer's Report and Town Fund & Relief Fund Bills:

The Supervisor provided the Treasurer's Report for September 2024 (*Record*).

The Township Board audited the bills and claims (*Record*). Sowards moved, and Whitley seconded, to authorize the payment of the Town Fund and Relief Fund bills and transfers in the amount of \$78,614.94. Roll call vote. Five votes in favor: Parr, Skafidas, Sowards, Whitley, and Shirk. No votes in opposition. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

No action was taken on the 2025 monthly audit meetings schedule or the staff holidays.

Parr moved, and Whitley seconded, to approve the Pointnext Tech Care Basic 1 year warranty with Office Machine Consultants (OMC), Rock Island, IL, in the amount of \$920. The Township Board discussed purchasing a

new server next year. Roll call vote. Five votes in favor: Parr, Skafidas, Sowards, Whitley, and Shirk. No votes in opposition. Motion carried.

No action was taken on a request from Friendship Manor for a donation.

Whitley moved, and Parr seconded, to donate \$500 to The CAUSE for Drug Take Back Day. Roll call vote. Five votes in favor: Parr, Skafidas, Sowards, Whitley, and Shirk. No votes in opposition. Motion carried.

Whitley moved, and Sowards seconded, to donate \$150 to Ballet Quad Cities, on the condition that it supports 10 Township students to view the Nutcracker at \$15 each. Roll call vote. Five votes in favor: Parr, Skafidas, Sowards, Whitley, and Shirk. No votes in opposition. Motion carried.

No action was taken on a request from Alleman High School for a donation.

Public Comments:

Skafidas pointed out that the Township Board Agenda is only posted outside the building and not on the website.

Skafidas reported as a follow up to previous Township Board discussions on assistance for writing wills that Attorney Bob Noe is retired.

Skafidas expressed disappointment at governmental units that purchase property and take them off the tax rolls. Supervisor Shirk stated that it is not Township business.

Skafidas stated that after reviewing the September Township Board meeting minutes that some details should have been highlighted: The Trustee position salary was \$200 per month, and in the new term will be \$250 per month, which is a 25% increase; the Clerk position salary was \$9,000 per year, and in the new term will be \$11,000 per year, which is a 22.1% increase; the Supervisor position salary was \$30,000 per year, and in the new term will be \$42,500, which is a 40.5% increase; and the Assessor position salary was \$47,500, and in the new term will be \$55,000, which is a 15.5% increase. Skafidas stated he opposed the raises, while the Supervisor and other Trustees approved. Supervisor Shirk pointed out that the Township salaries were much lower than other area Townships, and years went by without any increases in salary. The Supervisor also reiterated that these salaries are no secret and the information is open to the public.

Parr suggested reviewing the out-of-town travel policies due to inflationary cost increases.

Adjournment:

At 5:10 pm Whitley moved, and Skafidas seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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BY THE SOUTH ROCK ISLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD ON NOVEMBER 25, 2024.**

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Nick Camlin, Township Clerk

Date