

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Town of West Deerfield

DATE: April 12, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Deerfield Township was called to order by Township Supervisor Alyson Feiger at 8:05 p.m. This meeting followed the Annual Town Meeting and was held at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Rd., Deerfield, Illinois.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Kristen Scott. Present were Trustees Ron Levitsky, Ron Schwartz and Jack Strom; Supervisor Feiger; and Clerk Scott. Trustee Marc Brown was absent. Township Assessor Tom Healy was also present.

Present from the public were Susie Julison; Bob Rosenbacher, Food Pantry Board President; and Susan Rosenbacher.

MINUTES

Trustee Strom motioned to approve the minutes from March 11, 2016; March 15, 2016; and March 21, 2016. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rosenbacher wished to publically thank the Township Board and staff for their handling of building crisis in January, and for their continued efforts on behalf of the Food Pantry.

OLD BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Tentative Town Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2016-17

Supervisor Feiger noted that the only changes to the tentative budget in the Board packets were those agreed upon at the March meeting. Clerk Scott reminded the Board that the Public Hearing on the Budget would be held May 17 at 7 pm., followed by the May Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Disabled Residents' Aid report and approval of committee recommendations

Supervisor Feiger reviewed the recommendations provided by the Accessibility Committee (attached) as prepared by Kristen Scott. Applications included a request for funding towards construction of a wheelchair ramp at the home of a 79-year-old woman; and special education summer camp tuition for a 16-year-old with autism. The committee recommended funding both applications. Trustee Strom motioned to accept the committee's recommendations to fund the two applications in the amount of \$1,000.00 each, with funds coming from the Disabled Residents Aid line item. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky

(aye), Trustee Strom (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger reported to the Board on matters of interest including a) her attendance, along with Township attorney Adam Lasker and Vernon Township Highway Commissioner Bryant Schroeder, at a recent Bannockburn Plan Commission meeting regarding the proposed Mariano's store development on Waukegan Road, just north of Half Day Road. She reported on Del Mar Woods residents' concerns over increased traffic, noise, and drainage. Supervisor Feiger noted that she will continue to do all in her power to protect residents' interests regarding conditions of their roads; and b) that Walgreens Corporation donated \$1,000.00 in gift cards for Food Pantry and other Township clients, to assist in paying for prescriptions. She noted that Walgreens intends this to be an annual donation.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Schwartz asked several questions, including whether or not the Township could legally donate to Deerfield High School's Food Locker program, as proposed at last month's meeting. Supervisor Feiger stated that she had confirmed that the Township could donate to the program, but felt the Board lacked interest in doing so, and therefore had not included it on the April Agenda. Trustee Levitsky emphasized that there was indeed Trustee interest in the program, and that the concerns that were voiced were over legal issues. He agreed with Trustee Schwartz that that they'd like the issue on the May meeting Agenda. Trustee Schwartz also asked about the status of the upstairs space formerly occupied by the Chamber of Commerce; Supervisor Feiger replied that it will be used for the case worker, private meeting space for assistance clients, and possibly passport work. Trustee Schwartz inquired about repairs to the fence surrounding the parking lot; Supervisor Feiger stated that she had received several estimates and the work would be done by Tru-Link, the original fence contractor. Trustee Schwartz also asked about the status of the Township newsletter. Supervisor Feiger explained that the building flood had taken priority over work on the newsletter; she intended to focus on it in coming weeks, possibly adding a special page concerning the building crisis and current status of the Food Pantry.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following discussion on several points, Trustee Schwartz motioned to approve the bills with the exception of the \$175.00 payment to Ron Schwartz. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Strom (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor, the motion was approved.

Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve payment of \$175.00 to Ron Schwartz for work with Township clients on the Affordable Care Act. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. There being no discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Strom (aye), Trustee Schwartz (abstain), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Levitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, immediately following the Public Hearing on the Budget at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk