

## WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois  
Lake County  
Town of West Deerfield

DATE: May 20, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Deerfield Township was called to order by Supervisor Alyson Feiger at 7:13 p.m. This meeting was held at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance had been led by Clerk Kristen Scott at the Public Hearing on the 2014-15 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, held just prior to the Board meeting, and therefore was not repeated. Roll call was taken by Clerk Scott. Present were Trustees Marc Brown, Ron Schwartz and Jack Strom; Supervisor Feiger; and Clerk Scott. Trustee Ron Levitsky was absent.

Present from the public was David Ferris.

### MINUTES

Trustee Schwartz moved to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2014 Board meeting. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **For Action: Approval of 2014-15 Town Budget and Appropriation Ordinance**

The Board reviewed several versions of the tentative town budget. Following brief discussion, Trustee Schwartz moved to approve the 2014-15 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance labeled Version 3A (attached). Trustee Strom seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Trustee Strom (aye); Trustee Schwartz (aye); Trustee Brown (aye); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved. Trustee Strom expressed his appreciation for the Board's work on the budget, and Supervisor Feiger's leadership during the budgeting process.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Feiger introduced David Ferris, who presented prototypes of potential new Township logos for the Board's consideration. The Board discussed the advantages of each logo, overall communication aims for the Township, and possible changes to the Township's website. Mr. Ferris will continue to refine the logos based on the Board's input.

Trustee Brown left the meeting at this time due to a business emergency. He later called in and participated in a portion of the meeting by phone.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **For action: Approval of Lake Eleanor subdivision road improvement project and appointment of Bleck Engineering for oversight of the project**

Following brief discussion, Trustee Schwartz motioned to approve the Lake Eleanor subdivision road improvement project as proposed by Bleck Engineering, and appoint Bleck Engineering to oversee the project. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, roll

call was taken: Trustee Strom (aye); Trustee Schwartz (aye); Trustee Brown (aye); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

**For Action: Approval of Disabled Residents' Aid Committee recommendations**

Supervisor Feiger outlined the applications received during the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2014, noting that the committee recommended approval of four grants totaling \$3,294.00 (see attached). There being no discussion, Trustee Strom motioned to accept the committee's recommendations and approve the grant requests as presented. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Trustee Strom (aye); Trustee Schwartz (aye); Trustee Brown (aye); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

**For discussion: Consent to appoint Ancel, Glink and Keri-Lyn Krafthefer as West Deerfield Township attorneys**

Supervisor Feiger suggested tabling this issue until the next Board meeting, and include appointing new legal counsel for the Township as a For Action item on the June, 2014 meeting agenda. Trustee Brown indicated that he will not support hiring Ancel, Glink, as he is not comfortable with the billing practices of large law firms. The Board agreed to table further discussion until its June meeting.

**For Action: Approval of West Deerfield Township membership in Illinois Townships Association of Senior Citizens Services (ITASCSC)**

Trustee Schwartz suggested that West Deerfield Township join ITASCSC, a division of Township Officials of Illinois, which supports older adults through programs and events, with annual dues of \$75. Trustee Strom motioned to approve Township membership in ITASCSC. Supervisor Feiger seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Strom (aye); Trustee Schwartz (aye); Trustee Brown (aye); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of matters of interest, including a) her recent trip to Springfield for Township Topics Day, at which she met and conversed with a number of state officials; b) summer packs given to children of food pantry clients, funded entirely by donations; c) the Township Center will serve as a cooling center during the Village of Deerfield Fourth of July parade, at the request of the Deerfield Family Days committee; d) Affordable Care Act queries continue to come in to the Township office; e) Lake Forest, Deerfield and Highland Park High Schools will offer scholarships for academic excellence among children of families who are struggling financially; f) the State's Attorney will represent West Deerfield Township on the tax revenue objection issue; g) the guardianship issue for one of the Township's clients is continuing; h) in response to a query by Trustee Strom, Supervisor Feiger indicated that House Bill 5311, which freezes for one year the property tax levy extended by townships with less than 100,000 population, does have the chance of passing but is not expected to; i) Senator Julie Morrison introduced a bill to limit additional compensation based on performance to county and township assessors; j) Deer Run Drive has not been owned by West Deerfield Township, but rather the Village of Deerfield, since at least 1950, despite the Township's continual maintenance of that road during this time period. Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board that

West Deerfield Township will no longer incur expenses to maintain that road; and k) a letter of thanks from one of the Township's General Assistance clients.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD**

Trustee Schwartz had several questions regarding the letter concerning Deer Run Drive dated May 14, 2014, from Ancel, Glink attorney Adam Lasker, to Kent Street, Village Manager for the Village of Deerfield. He asked which entity discovered that Deer Run Drive was actually owned by the Village of Deerfield. Supervisor Feiger replied that it was a joint conclusion drawn by Ancel, Glink and the Village following a title search initiated by the Village of Deerfield.

#### **AUDIT and APPROVAL OF BILLS**

A motion to accept and approve the bills was made by Trustee Schwartz. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. Brief discussion followed, after which roll call was taken: Trustees Strom (aye), Schwartz (aye) and Brown (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the bills were approved.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Trustee Schwartz moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott  
West Deerfield Township Clerk