

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Town of West Deerfield

DATE: January 17, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Deerfield Township was called to order by Township Supervisor Alyson Feiger at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Rd., Deerfield, Illinois.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Kristen Scott. Present were Trustees Marc Brown, Ron Levitsky, Ron Schwartz, and Jack Strom; Supervisor Feiger; and Clerk Scott.

Township Assessor Tom Healy was also present.

Present from the public were Yale Gordon, Alan Kaufman, Kaye Kharasch, and Louis Stone.

MINUTES

Trustee Strom motioned to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2016 Board meeting. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Assessor's Budget for 2017-18

Assessor Healy reviewed his tentative budget, explaining that changes may yet be made after consultation with Supervisor Feiger. He noted that his budget included modest increases in several line items, with an overall increase of just over 4%. Discussion followed.

B. For discussion and potential action: 2017-18 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

Supervisor Feiger noted several changes she feels are warranted for next year's budget. Discussion followed.

C. For discussion and potential action: Sponsor Friday with Friends Spring event at Patty Turner Center for \$500.00

Supervisor Feiger suggested sponsoring the Senior Center's Spring Luncheon, which would feature a Broadway theme. Trustee Strom motioned to allocate \$500 from the Senior Services line item for a Spring Friday with Friends event at the Patty Turner Center. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. Brief discussion followed, then roll call was taken by Clerk Scott: Trustee

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

D. For discussion and potential action: 2017 and 2018 College Scholarships

Supervisor Feiger explained that in order for the Township to again provide need-based college scholarships for Township residents, she must give a verbal commitment to the Township high schools at this time. Trustee Strom motioned to allocate \$10,000 from the New Initiatives and Services line item to be spent on college scholarships for Township residents. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. Further discussion followed. Trustee Levitsky offered a friendly amendment to the motion to clarify that recipients must be 2017 High School graduates, which Trustee Strom accepted. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye), 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 reported to the Board that 1) she and Clerk Scott attended the Village of Deerfield's "Give Where You Live" event on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, which was well-attended and to which the Township contributed granola bars for snack bags for homeless persons; 2) the Township will sponsor a Friday with Friends event at the Patty Turner Center on Friday, February 24; 3) in conjunction with the Deerfield Police Department, she has made significant progress in assisting a local homeless man; and 4) many passport applications continued to be processed by office staff.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Schwartz questioned if the current budget must be amended to reflect the extraordinary expenses derived from the building flood in 2016 and/or the elevator repair expenses. Supervisor Feiger responded that amending the budget would not be necessary. In response to Trustee Levitsky's query, Supervisor Feiger reported that the Community Services Advisory Committee would meet January 30, 2017, and present their recommendations at the February 21 Board meeting.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Strom motioned to approve the bills; Trustee Brown seconded the motion. Trustee Schwartz offered a friendly amendment to exclude the \$5 payment to Ron Schwartz for an ACA navigator certificate, which Trustee Strom accepted. Trustee Schwartz noted that the Board should perhaps adopt a policy to formalize the sharing of telephone expenses between the Town Fund and the General Assistance Fund. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Strom (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), Trustee Brown (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved as amended. Trustee Strom motioned to approve payment to Ron Schwartz for \$5 for an ACA navigator certificate. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. There being no discussion, roll call was taken. Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Strom (aye), Trustee Schwartz (abstain), Trustee Brown (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk