

## **WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

State of Illinois  
Lake County  
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: December 19, 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. at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Rd., Deerfield, Illinois.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Kristen Scott. Present were Trustees Kaye Kharasch, Ron Levitsky, Paras Parekh, Ron Schwartz, and Supervisor Feiger.

Township Assessor Tom Healy was also present.

### **MINUTES**

Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2017 Board meeting and was seconded by Trustee Schwartz. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved as amended.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. For discussion and potential action: Ron Schwartz report of ACA Counseling Services**

Trustee Schwartz gave an overview of his work with Township clients seeking Affordable Care Act services or who had other questions about health coverage availability. He stated that while client numbers were down slightly, he felt it was an important resource for Township residents, explaining that many expressed gratitude that the service is available. He referred the Board to a memo summarizing his appointments in October and November.

#### **B. For discussion and potential action: Scholarships**

Supervisor Feiger asked the Board to begin considering what scholarships, if any, the Township may offer to students in 2018, in advance of budget preparation.

#### **C. For discussion and potential action: Ron Levitsky report on Fenix organization**

Trustee Levitsky described an open house he attended at Fenix, a low-cost but comprehensive health clinic in Highwood. He was impressed by the care clients received, and suggested that it would be worthwhile to determine how frequently West Deerfield Township residents use the clinic, which is located in Moraine Township.

#### **D. For discussion and potential action: Adopt Resolution establishing Township sexual harassment policy**

Supervisor Feiger explained that all municipalities in Illinois are required to adopt a sexual harassment policy by January 15, 2018, and called the Board's attention to a document for such purpose. Brief discussion followed, then Trustee Schwartz motioned to adopt Resolution 2017-4 establishing a Sexual

Harassment Prohibition Policy. He was seconded by Trustee Levitsky. A voice vote was taken by Clerk Scott; all were in favor and the Resolution and policy were adopted.

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of various points, including the Holiday Wish program, in which community members provide Food Pantry clients and others in need with holiday gifts. She noted that it is a large undertaking but a very worthwhile program coordinated by Township staff.

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

Trustee Levitsky pointed out an article in Township Perspective magazine highlighting a program for teens and young adults in recovery run by Maine Township, and thought it an endeavor worth considering in the future for West Deerfield Township. Assessor Healy offered a brief update on activities in the Assessor's office.

### **AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Kharasch motioned to approve the bills as presented. Trustee Parekh seconded the motion. Brief discussion followed. Roll call was then taken by Clerk Scott: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Parekh (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Trustee Schwartz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kharasch seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott  
West Deerfield Township Clerk