

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: December 17, 2019

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

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

Township Assessor Tom Healy was also present, along with Robbie Boudreau, executive director of Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers.

MINUTES

Trustee Schwartz motioned to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 Board Meeting as presented, and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. Trustee Levitsky suggested one amendment to the motion, which Trustee Schwartz accepted. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the motion was approved as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Reschedule April 2020 Annual Meeting and Board meeting

Trustee Schwartz moved to reschedule the April 14, 2020 Annual Town meeting and regular monthly Board meeting for April 21, 2020, due to a conflict with the seventh evening of Passover. Brief discussion followed; the motion failed for lack of a second.

B. For discussion and potential action: Adopt Resolution to establish Disabilities Committee

Trustee Schwartz motioned to adopt the Resolution (attached) as presented, and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. Discussion followed, including Supervisor Feiger's intention to add 1-2 more members to the committee in the next several months. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Parekh (aye), Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Adopt Resolution for ACA services by Ron Schwartz

Supervisor Feiger motioned to adopt the Resolution authorizing Ron Schwartz to provide Affordable Care Act services to Township residents as a Certified Applications Counselor. She was seconded by Trustee Parekh. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees Parekh (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (abstain), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor the motion was approved.

B. For discussion and potential action: Report by Robbie Boudreau, executive director, SELCFIA

Supervisor Feiger welcomed Ms. Boudreau, executive director of Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers, who presented highlights of a transportation guide recently published by FIA. Ms. Boudreau also mentioned her partnership with the city of Highland Park, which aims to gain designation as a "dementia-friendly" community, and suggested the Township may wish to explore a similar opportunity.

C. For discussion and potential action: TOIPAC

Supervisor Feiger noted to the Board that TOI was promoting individual memberships in its offshoot committee, and to follow up independently if they wished.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of a number of issues, including 1) Deerfield Rotarians “ringing the bell” for the Food Pantry recently; 2) many food drive and individual donations were coming in to the Food Pantry each day; 3) the City Barbeque Fundraiser netted \$218 for the Food Pantry; 4) Illinois State Rep. Bob Morgan and staff recently volunteered at the Pantry; and 5) a brief update on roads in the Del Mar Woods neighborhood.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT

Assessor Tom Healy explained the process of moving to a new CAMA (Computerized Assisted Mass Appraisal) System, as required by Lake County, and that he and his staff have begun working on appeals that have come in since the November 18 filing deadline.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Levitsky mentioned that he would like Dr. Jerry Zachar to attend a Board meeting to provide an overview of the work he is doing with Township residents. Trustee Schwartz commented that he appreciates the monthly reports from Margie Fischer regarding her work with seniors through the Patty Turner Center.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the bills excluding payment to Ron Schwartz for ACA Navigator services, and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees Parekh (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved. Trustee Levitsky then motioned to approve payment of \$350.00 to Ron Schwartz for ACA Navigator services, and was seconded by Trustee Parekh. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees Parekh (aye) Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (abstain), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor, the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Schwartz motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk