

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Town of West Deerfield

DATE: April 8, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Deerfield Township was called to order by Supervisor Alyson Feiger at 7:40 p.m. This meeting was held at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Kristen Scott at the Annual Town Meeting held just prior to the Board meeting, and therefore not repeated. Roll call was taken by Clerk Scott. Present were Trustees Marc Brown, Ron Levitsky, Ron Schwartz and Jack Strom; Supervisor Feiger; and Clerk Scott.

Present from the public was Barbara Cornew.

MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2014 Board meeting. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. Trustee Schwartz abstained from voting as he was not present at the March 18 meeting. The majority being in favor, the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Cornew, representing Congressman Brad Schneider, distributed copies of a constituent services guide published by the Congressman's office, which Ms. Cornew felt may be of interest to Township residents, and expressed Mr. Schneider's interest in liaising with the Township to serve residents. Supervisor Feiger thanked Ms. Cornew for her attendance at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

For discussion: Tentative 2014-15 Town Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

The Board discussed several possible adjustments to the tentative town budget, including Trustee Schwartz's suggestion that \$10,000 be moved from Disabled Residents Aid to Community Services Contracts. He noted that additional funds could be transferred to Disabled Residents Aid should the Board award more than \$15,000 in grants during the year. Trustee Strom suggested that a total of \$20,000 should be transferred to IMRF to ensure adequate IMRF funding. Supervisor Feiger confirmed that final action on the Budget will be taken at the Board's May 20, 2014 meeting, immediately following the Public Hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

For action: Appointment of Bleck Engineering for oversight of the Lake Eleanor road repair project

Supervisor Feiger noted a problem with the wording of the above For Action agenda item, explaining that the Board must first approve funding for Lake Eleanor road repairs before

appointing an engineer for such repairs. Discussion followed. The Board agreed to table action on this issue until the May, 2014 meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of matters of interest, including 1) her personal thanks to the Board of Trustees for their supportiveness during her first full year as Township Supervisor; 2) a new cleaning service, Sciarretta Enterprises, has been hired to clean the Township Center three times per week; 3) David Ferris, who is working on a redesign of the Township newsletter, will attend the May 20 Board meeting to provide a progress report; 4) there were 41 formal applications for General Assistance in the last year. Supervisor Feiger noted that while just 18 of those qualified for GA, many were eligible for other assistance, such as the food pantry, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), or LiHeap, and the Township staff assists residents in obtaining these services whenever possible.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Levitsky noted that House Bill 5311, which freezes the property tax levy extended by townships with less than 100,000 populations for one year (excluding road funds and general assistance), recently passed in the Illinois House of Representatives. Trustee Schwartz commented that Supervisor Feiger's report to the Annual Meeting showed the depth of services the Township is providing residents and Supervisor Feiger's leadership.

AUDIT and APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Levitsky moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 20 2014 immediately following the Public Hearing on the Budget, which begins at 7:00 p.m. at West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk