

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Town of West Deerfield

DATE: August 16, 2016

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 Ron Levitsky, Ron Schwartz, Marc Brown, and Jack Strom; Supervisor Feiger; and Clerk Scott. Township Assessor Tom Healy was also present.

Chris Scalet from Evans, Marshall & Pease, attended to present the annual Township audit.

MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2016 Board meeting as presented. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Scalet provided an overview of the audit for fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, stating that it was a clean audit, with expenditures \$164,913 below budget. In response to Trustee Levitsky's query, Mr. Scalet noted that this is common for municipalities. Trustees asked several more questions, and thanked Mr. Scalet for his thorough work on the Township's audit.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Approve Audit for Fiscal Year 2015-16

Trustee Strom motioned to approve the Township Audit for Fiscal Year 2015-16. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Strom (aye), Trustee Brown (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

B. For discussion and potential action: Salary Setting for Township Officials

Supervisor Feiger recommended a 3% increase in salary for all elected officials, in keeping with the rate of inflation. Discussion followed, including Trustee Strom's statement that a 2.4% increase would be in line with the CPI. Discussion will continue at the September Board meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger thanked Trustee Strom and Clerk Scott for joining her at the Lake County Fair's Township Officials of Lake County Booth, stating that it was an enjoyable event. She also noted that 41 school bags would be distributed to children of Food Pantry clients at the next food day, along with \$1,600 of Kohl's vouchers, donated by the Deerfield Optimist Club. Trustee Strom asked what progress had been made in Food Pantry storage; Supervisor Feiger stated that Christ United Methodist Church was offering space for auxiliary storage. She reported that the Crisis Intervention Training, held Aug. 8-9, drew 51 attendees, and was well-received. She stated that the Township was sponsoring the next "Fridays with Friends" program at the Patty Turner Center on Friday, Aug. 26, with lunch and bingo to follow.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Strom asked Supervisor Feiger about a bill for the Township Center's sprinkling system maintenance. Trustee Levitsky inquired on the status of historical documents being available again on the Township website. Trustee Schwartz reported, in his capacity as ACA counselor, that Aetna and Coventry Insurance companies were both withdrawing from the marketplace in Illinois, which would leave Illinois with few options for exchange insurance plans.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Strom motioned to approve the bills with the exclusion of an \$8,200 payment to NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) for the CIT seminars Aug. 8-9. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. Trustee Strom objected to NAMI charging the Township \$3,692.80 above the amount originally agreed to for the CIT seminar and indicated that he would not approve the additional charges. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Strom (aye), Trustee Brown (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (nay). The majority being in favor the motion was approved. Trustee Levitsky then motioned to approve the \$8,200 bill from NAMI, with \$4,507.20 coming from the Mental Health line item, and the remainder of the cost of the seminar (\$3,692.80) coming from the Community Services Contracts line item. Brief discussion followed, then roll call was taken: Trustee Strom (nay), Trustee Brown (nay), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor, the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Strom motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk