

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Town of West Deerfield

DATE: July 15, 2014

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Feiger. 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.

Present at Board request were Margie Fischer and David Shamrock of the Patty Turner Senior Center, and Keri-Lyn Krafthefer of the Ancel Glink law firm.

MINUTES

Trustee Schwartz moved to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2014 Board meeting. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. Trustee Levitsky asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that Pat Bleck attended the June meeting at the request of the Board; and that members of the public present at the Board's request be designated as such in the future. There being no further discussion, a voice vote was taken. All those were in favor and the minutes were approved as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Feiger asked Margie Fischer to present a brief overview of her work on behalf of West Deerfield Township residents in her role as Social Services coordinator at the Patty Turner Senior Center. Ms. Fischer outlined her responsibilities, noting that she and her staff assisted 209 unduplicated clients during the last year, 85% of whom live in West Deerfield Township. In response to queries from Board members, she stated that she perceives an especial need for services for seniors who are alone, through death of spouse, divorce or other circumstances.

Mr. Shamrock mentioned that West Deerfield Township's *Going Places* transportation service brings a number of residents to Patty Turner Center activities, such as the "Friday with Friends" social group.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Keri-Lyn Krafthefer of Ancel Glink as West Deerfield Township attorney of record

Trustee Schwartz moved to provide consent to approve Keri-Lyn Krafthefer of Ancel Glink as Township counsel of record. He reiterated that his interpretation of statute suggests that an individual attorney should be named as Township Counsel. Trustee Strom seconded Trustee Schwartz's motion. Trustee Brown stated that he would abstain from voting on this issue. Further discussion followed. Trustee Schwartz withdrew his motion. Trustee Levitsky moved that the Board provide consent to approve Ancel Glink as West Deerfield Township attorneys of

record. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye); Trustee Strom (aye); Trustee Schwartz (aye); Trustee Brown (abstain); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

For action: Approval West Deerfield Township Scholarship Program policy

Supervisor Feiger asked Attorney Krafthefer to advise the Board on the best practice for granting college scholarships to in-need students. Ms. Krafthefer suggested that the Board adopt a policy ensuring the equitable granting of scholarships, but advised that the Board would be required to make an annual motion to grant the scholarships, despite a policy being in place. She read a proposed scholarship policy for the Board's consideration. Trustee Brown moved to approve the scholarship checks already written, then adopt a scholarship policy similar to that governing the Township's Accessibility program. Further discussion followed. Trustee Brown's motion received no second. Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the West Deerfield Township scholarship policy as submitted by counsel. Trustee Schwartz seconded this motion. 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 carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of matters of interest, including a) status of the Lake Eleanor road improvement project, slated to begin the week of August 4; b) that the DBR Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Healthy Lifestyle Expo in September. Ms. Feiger asked the Board to consider whether the Township should participate again this year; and c) proposed maintenance projects for West Deerfield Township Center. She then asked Clerk Scott to report on a recent request for Township vendor payment information for the years 2008-2013, received in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Clerk Scott outlined the steps she took to comply with this request, which had been received by a number of other Illinois municipalities in the same time period.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Levitsky reminded the Board that a low-cost pet vaccination clinic will be held in Deerfield on Saturday, September 27, 9 am – noon, at the Jewett Park Picnic shelter, for which the Township will serve as co-sponsor with Lake County Animal Control and the Deerfield Park District. Trustee Schwartz noted that SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) now provides clothing and textile recycling. He offered to explore the possibility of obtaining one of that agency's recycling bins for the Township parking lot for residents' recycling convenience, rather than the bin currently provided by USAgain, a for-profit company.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Supervisor Feiger requested permission of the Board to pay the invoice, due August 9, for the computers recently ordered for the Township office, although the invoice was not included in July's bill packet because the computers have not yet been received. The Board instructed Supervisor Feiger to delay payment for the computers until the invoice could be included in the August 19 Board meeting packet for their review. Further discussion on the bills followed. Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the bills as presented, including \$1,000 scholarships awarded

to Jennifer Cabrera, Alexandra Guzek and Carly McCloy, and excluding a \$75 check payable to Ron Schwartz. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Schwartz moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk