

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Town of West Deerfield

DATE: March 17, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Deerfield Township was called to order by Supervisor Alyson 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 from the public were Amy Bricker and Adam Lasker. Present at Board request was Township attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer.

MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Trustee Schwartz motioned to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2015 meeting. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Bricker of the Deerfield High School Counseling Department thanked the Board for the Township's collaboration in working with at-risk students, and its ongoing assistance in helping these students and their families. The Board in turn thanked Ms. Bricker for coming and for her role in assisting vulnerable Township residents.

OLD BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2015-2016

The Board continued its discussion of the 2015-2016 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, concurring on several details and administrative issues. Supervisor Feiger noted that the lease with Deerfield-Bannockburn-Riverwoods Chamber of Commerce will be addressed during the Annual Town Meeting on April 14. Trustee Brown related some feedback he had received from a resident regarding the Chamber's lease arrangement. Supervisor Feiger noted that she welcomes dialogue with residents, and will follow all statutes in renewing the Chamber of Commerce lease.

NEW BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Approval of Community Services Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations

The Board reviewed the recommendations submitted by Advisory Committee chairperson Andy Hamilton (attached). Trustee Strom indicated that he could not agree to the committee's recommendation to approve a contract for Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center because that agency had not shown on its application that it served clients who reside in West Deerfield Township, as the application requests. Further discussion followed. Trustee Strom motioned to accept the contract recommendations of the Community Services Advisory Committee with the exception of Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (nay); Trustee Strom (aye); Trustee Schwartz (aye); Trustee Brown (nay); and Supervisor Feiger (nay). The motion was defeated. Following further discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the contract recommendations of the Community Services Advisory Committee. Supervisor Feiger seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye); Trustee Strom (nay); Trustee Schwartz (aye); Trustee Brown (aye); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor the motion was approved.

Trustee Levitsky specified that for 2016, he would like the Board to receive the Advisory Committee's recommendations by January, 2016 at the latest; and that at least one member of the Committee attend the Board meeting at which the recommendations are presented. He also asked that if the Committee changes the application process in any way, they must have a quorum of members to do so. Supervisor Feiger concurred with Trustee Levitsky's suggestions. Trustee Strom suggested asking future applicants to define how their organization measures the effectiveness of its programs.

B. For Discussion and Potential Action: Sponsorship of NAMI Educational Lecture Series in May

Supervisor Feiger noted that the Township-sponsored lecture presented by the National Alliance on Mental Illness on March 9 was attended by 80-100 people, and was very well-received. She motioned that West Deerfield Township sponsor one lecture presented by NAMI in May, 2015, to be funded up to \$300 from the Mental Health budget line item. Trustee Schwartz seconded the 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 was approved.

C. For Discussion and Potential Action: Deerfield-Bannockburn-Riverwoods Chamber of Commerce lease

The Board discussed lease renewal for the Deerfield-Bannockburn-Riverwoods Chamber of Commerce, which has been a tenant of the Township Center since its opening in 2005.

D. For Discussion and Potential Action: Adopt Agenda for Annual Town Meeting April 14, 2015

Clerk Scott presented a proposed agenda for the Annual Town Meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14 (attached). Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. Trustee Schwartz proposed adding "Discussion and

Potential Action on the Union Drainage District lease” to the agenda; Trustee Levitsky agreed to this modification to his proposal. There being no further discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the Agenda was approved as modified.

E. For Discussion and Potential Action: Sponsor June, 2015 Friday with Friends event at Patty Turner Senior Center

Following brief discussion of the successful Friday with Friends event the Township sponsored in January, Trustee Levitsky motioned that the Board sponsor a June, 2015 Friday with Friends event at the Patty Turner Senior Center at a cost up to \$500 from the Senior Services budget line item. Trustee Schwartz seconded the 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 was approved.

F. For Discussion and Potential Action: Adoption of Proclamation in support of Breathe Deep North Shore Day to be held on April 26, 2015

Supervisor Feiger described Lungevity’s “Breathe Deep North Shore” event, which supports lung cancer research and has a strong presence in the North shore area. She urged the Board to sign a proclamation in support of the event, to be held at Deerfield High School on April 26. Trustee Levitsky motioned that Supervisor Feiger sign the proclamation on behalf of West Deerfield Township, and also that the Township Board participate in the event at a cost of \$175, taken from the Board Initiative budget line item. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. Trustee Brown noted that this is a meaningful and well-run event, and he hopes Board members will be able to attend the event. 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 was approved.

G. For Discussion and Potential Action: Participation in Breathe Deep North Shore event on April 26, 2015 at Deerfield High School

See Item F above.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of matters of interest, reminding them of the Annual Town Meeting Scheduled for April 14 at 7 p.m., followed by the regular April board meeting; that a large donation of chicken would be made to the Food Pantry on March 28; and that she would provide an update on a Township resident who recently moved to a supervised adult living situation with assistance from both West Deerfield Township and the Deerfield Police Department.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Schwartz requested that two items be placed on the April Board meeting agenda: 1) that West Deerfield Township adopt two, two-year scholarships for College of Lake County students; and 2) status of the Township offices transitioning to one internet service provider.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

After brief discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the bills as presented. Trustee Schwartz seconded the 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 those present being in favor the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Schwartz moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Feiger seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, immediately following the Annual Town Meeting scheduled at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk