

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Town of West Deerfield

DATE: March 18, 2014

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, and Jack Strom; Supervisor Feiger; and Clerk Scott. Trustee Ron Schwartz was absent.

Present from the public was Steve Daul.

MINUTES

Trustee Brown moved to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2014 regular Board meeting as originally presented. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2014 special Board meeting. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2014 special Board meeting. 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

Supervisor Feiger welcomed Steve Daul of Morris Engineering, Inc., and suggested the Board discuss the Lake Eleanor paving project at this point in the meeting, to which the Board agreed. Supervisor Feiger stated that she had asked Mr. Daul to evaluate the two proposals the Board has received for Lake Eleanor road repairs. Mr. Daul noted that after inspecting the roads and reviewing the two proposals, he recommends following engineer Pat Bleck's proposal for a more thorough rebuilding of the roads, rather than mere repairs. Discussion with the Board followed, during which Mr. Daul estimated that Mr. Bleck's proposed method should last approximately 15 years, while the less comprehensive proposal recommended by Vernon Township would likely require follow-up repair in as little as three years.

After further discussion, the Board asked Supervisor Feiger to include putting out bids for Lake Eleanor road reconstruction as a For Action item on the April 2014 Board meeting agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

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

The Board discussed several adjustments to the tentative town budget passed at its March 3 meeting.

Clerk Scott confirmed that a public hearing on the budget will be held May 20 at 7 p.m., followed immediately by the regular Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

For action: Annual Meeting Agenda

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting on April 8, 2014 as proposed (see attached). Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the agenda was approved.

For action: Approval of recommendation of Disability Grant Committee

Supervisor Feiger summarize two applications received during the preceding quarter (see attached summary). Trustee Brown motioned to accept the committee's recommendations for funding both applications, in the amount of \$1,000 per grant. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. There being no discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Strom (aye), Brown (aye); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

For action: Board initiative projects

Supervisor Feiger noted that \$15,349 remains in the budget for Board Initiatives this fiscal year. She proposed allocating between \$2,500 and \$3,500 to purchase \$50 gas and Target cards to be distributed at the Supervisor's discretion to Township residents in need. Discussion followed. Trustee Levitsky proposed allocating \$1,500 for the purchase of gas and Target cards to be used at the Supervisor's discretion. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Strom (aye), Brown (aye); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

Supervisor Feiger then proposed the use of some Board initiative funds from the current budget be used at the Supervisor's discretion to assist needy residents who do not otherwise qualify for help through General or Emergency Assistance. Discussion followed. Trustee Levitsky suggested that Supervisor Feiger draft a resolution outlining instances where the Supervisor may use funds, at the Supervisor's discretion, to assist residents. The Board may then choose to approve that resolution granting the Supervisor this authority. No action taken at this time.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of matters of interest, stating that Ashton Hall, a representative of the U.S. State Department, visited the Township February 20 to conduct its passport facility inspection, noting the WDT received a 100% rating. Mr. Hall expressed the State Department's appreciation for the enthusiasm and commitment to service West Deerfield Township provides.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

At Trustee Levitsky's query, Supervisor Feiger confirmed that the Township office does display "No Guns" signs at its entrances.

AUDIT and APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion to accept and approve the bills was made by Trustee Levitsky. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. Discussion followed, including conversation about possible changes to the

Township newsletter. Trustee Levitsky asked Supervisor Feiger to provide a status report on the graphic designer's work thus far on the newsletter and other communication tools. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustees Levitsky (aye), Brown (aye), Trustee Strom (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor, the bills were approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 immediately following the Annual Town Meeting, 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