

## WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois  
Lake County  
Town of West Deerfield

DATE: November 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 Ron Levitsky, Ron Schwartz and Jack Strom; Supervisor Feiger; and Clerk Scott. Trustee Marc Brown arrived at 7:14 p.m.

### MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the October 21, 2014 minutes. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All those present were in favor and the minutes were approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **A. For discussion and potential action: Tentative Tax Levy for 2015**

Supervisor Feiger reaffirmed her opinion that the Township need not request an increase over 2014 for the upcoming year. Discussion followed. Trustee Levitsky motioned that West Deerfield Township levy \$892,727 (Town Fund) and \$56,982 (IMRF), totaling \$949,709, for 2015, representing no increase over this year's levy. Supervisor Feiger 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 Tentative Levy was approved.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **A. For discussion and potential action: Approval of Disability Grant Committee recommendations**

Supervisor Feiger drew the Board's attention to a summary of four applications received in the third quarter (attached), noting that the committee recommended funding two of the applications for \$1,000 each. Brief discussion followed. Trustee Levitsky motioned to accept the committee's recommendations and fund the two applications as noted, for a total of \$2,000. 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 (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor, the motion was approved.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of matters of interest, including 1) the Holiday "Bell Ringing" program December 6, wherein the Salvation Army will donate 90% of collections in Deerfield to the Township Food Pantry. Trustee Levitsky suggested that signs be placed near the kettles indicating that the majority of money collected will benefit the local Food Pantry; 2) an update on ways West Deerfield Township assists township residents in treatment at NiCasa, a behavioral health facility, and how the Township may assist the work of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), especially in regard to their Crisis Intervention Programs; 3) a For Action item will be placed on the December meeting agenda for increased security measures the Supervisor recommends for the Township Center; 4) the updated Township newsletter is nearing completion and will be mailed soon; 5) a recap of topics covered at the Township Conference she recently attended in Springfield, including Township relevancy, legislative issues, and communication to residents; 6) her being asked to join two Boards, including Lake County Township Communication Board, and the GATI (General Assistance Training Institute) Board; and 7) Clerk Scott summarized the Township Halloween Party for Children with Special Needs, held October 25.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD**

Trustee Levitsky elaborated on NAMI's Crisis Intervention Training program, designed to improve outcomes of police interaction with people with mental health issues. He explained that the main expense involves covering shifts/salaries of officers attending the training. He noted that he will bring more detailed cost information to the December Board meeting, and asked that Township funding or partial funding of NAMI CIT programs be placed as a possible For Action item on that meeting's agenda. Trustee Levitsky also asked Supervisor Feiger to follow up on Trustee Brown's query last month regarding taxi coupons for trips to Lake Forest Hospital by Township residents. Supervisor Feiger replied that Lake Forest Hospital has indicated it does not require assistance in transporting patients. Referencing a conversation he had with Lake Forest Hospital's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Michael Ankin, Trustee Brown stated that he will bring a statement in writing to the Board on what specific assistance the hospital could use from the Township.

## **AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS**

After discussion of various issues, Trustee Schwartz moved to approve the bills as presented, with the exception of checks issued to the WDT IMRF fund in the amounts of \$20,000 and \$35,673. 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 (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was 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, December 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott  
West Deerfield Township Clerk