

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Town of West Deerfield

DATE: February 21, 2017

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 Marc Brown, Ron Levitsky, Ron Schwartz, and Jack Strom; Supervisor Feiger; and Clerk Scott.

Township Assessor Tom Healy was also present.

Present from the public were Kaye Kharasch, Andrew Licherman, Paras Parekh and Kyle Stone.

MINUTES

Trustee Strom motioned to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2017 Board meeting. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion, and noted one change to the minutes. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Feiger welcomed Andrew Licherman, Village of Deerfield Assistant Manager, who chaired the Community Services Contracts committee this year. Mr. Licherman thanked the other members of the committee, including Paras Parekh, and Trustee Jack Strom, who prepared a useful spread sheet in advance to the committee's meeting. Mr. Licherman provided an overview of the Committee's recommendations (attached), noting that special emphasis was given to smaller programs with limited resources, which would significantly benefit from Township funding. Of \$109,000 in requests, the committee recommended grants totaling \$73,000, the full amount budgeted.

Kyle Stone, a three-year resident of Deerfield, introduced himself to the Board, stating that he is eager to learn more about his local community, and that he is currently running for Deerfield Library Board. Supervisor Feiger welcomed him and thanked him for his interest in Township government.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Community Services Contracts Committee Recommendations

Trustee Strom motioned to accept the committee's recommendations as outlined by Mr. Lichterman, and award grants totaling \$73,000, with funds coming from the Community Services Contracts line item. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. Brief discussion followed, then Clerk Scott took roll call: 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 reminded the Board that 1) the Township was helping to sponsor a Friday with Friends event at the Patty Turner Senior Center on February 24; 2) she was instrumental in helping Del Mar Woods Sanitary District consolidate with the North Shore Water Reclamation District, thus streamlining and reducing overlap of service; and 3) the Township was able to help a paraplegic resident get to a medical appointment using the paratransit van. She felt the competence of the *Going Places* drivers, two of whom are former firefighters, enabled the Township to make a positive difference in this resident's life.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Levitsky asked about "gleaning" programs, which he'd discussed recently with a community member. Supervisor Feiger explained that the Deerfield Farmer's Market vendors offer goods they have not sold during market days at a discount to those in need, and that they also donate unsold goods directly to the Food Pantry.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Schwartz motioned to approve the bills as presented. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. There being no 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 motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk