

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: August 15, 2018

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. at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Rd., Deerfield, Illinois.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Kristen Scott. Present were Trustees Ron Levitsky, Paras Parekh, Ron Schwartz, and Supervisor Feiger.

Present from the public was Jake Leahy.

Trustee Kaye Kharasch arrived at 7:13 p.m.

MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2018 Board meeting, and was seconded by Trustee Schwartz. 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 from the April 10, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, and was seconded by Trustee Parekh. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Feiger explained that Township auditor Chris Scalet was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, so the audit will be presented at the September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Donation to Curt's Café start up in Lake County

Trustee Levitsky noted that he would abstain from discussion and voting on this topic as his wife serves on the Board of Curt's Café. Supervisor Feiger motioned to donate \$500.00 to Curt's Café for their Highland Park location, with funds coming from the New Initiatives line item. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Levitsky (abstain), Trustee Parekh (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor, the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Approve Audit for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Tabled until September meeting due to auditor's illness.

B. For discussion and potential action: Cancel Board meeting August 21, 2018

Trustee Levitsky motioned to cancel the Township Board meeting originally scheduled for August 21, 2018, and was seconded by Trustee Schwartz. There being no discussion a voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the motion was approved.

C. For discussion and potential action: Donation to Wheeling Township Emergency Fund

Supervisor Feiger suggested a contribution to Wheeling Township's Emergency Fund to assist with the ramifications of the substantial apartment fire in Prospect Heights. She motioned to make a \$500 donation to Wheeling Township for this purpose with funds coming from the New Initiatives line item. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Parekh (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

D. For discussion and potential action: Donation to FLAP (Farm Worker and Landscaper Advocacy Project)

The topic was discussed briefly and tabled for a future meeting.

E. For discussion and potential action: Resolution regarding Foxconn development environmental impact on Lake County

Jake Leahy presented information he had gathered regarding the potential environmental impact Foxconn's building plans for Racine, Wisconsin, would have on Lake County, including parts of West Deerfield Township. Trustee Schwartz then motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-1 (attached), which asks the state of Wisconsin to order a study to determine the potential environmental impact the Foxconn development may have on the Des Plaines River watershed. Supervisor Feiger seconded the motion. Discussion followed, including Trustee Levitsky's belief that the Resolution contained adversarial language not in the interest of achieving a compromise. A roll call vote was then taken by Clerk Scott: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (nay), Trustee Parekh (nay), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor the Resolution was adopted.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of various issues including a) Clerk Scott's submission of the Township Historical Brochure to the TOI "Mighty Message" contest; b) the Deerfield Historical Society Jubilee was rescheduled for September 30; c) on September 29 a "Shred and Share" event sponsored by Senator Julie Morrison will collect food for the Pantry; d) the Village of Deerfield's Joint Board Reception will be held October 3 at the Patty Turner Center, beginning at 5:30 p.m.; e) the Illinois Department of Labor posted its current prevailing wage rates on August 15; f) the Township's textile recycling bin, located in the parking lot, is one of the highest producing bins in Lake County; g) that she has experienced an unusually high caseload with clients requiring assistance; h) 67 school bags assembled by the group Gratitude Generation will be distributed to children of Food Pantry clients on August 16; and i) Margie Fisher will attend the October Board meeting to report on her activities as Senior Advocate at the Patty Turner Center.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Levitsky noted that the Deerfield Rotary Club will conduct a “Coat off Your Back” winter coat collection; Supervisor Feiger stated that residents may drop items at the Township office during the drive. Trustee Levitsky also suggested that the Board consider splitting its scholarship funds for College of Lake County students to include two \$5,000 awards and one \$10,000 award, to accommodate both vocational and academic pursuits. Trustee Kharasch asked whether a resident of her acquaintance who has MS could receive assistance from the Township in paying for medication no longer covered by insurance; Supervisor Feiger replied that she would be happy to guide the resident to all available resources. Trustee Schwartz reported on the Township Officials of Illinois Educational Seminar he had attended the week before.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following brief discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the bills as presented, and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (aye), Parekh (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the bills were approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Levitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Parekh seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk