

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: November 19, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the West Deerfield Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Township Supervisor Alyson Feiger at 7:00 p.m. at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

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

Deerfield resident Marian Robertson also attended the meeting, as did four Deerfield High School students.

MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Board Meeting as presented, and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. Trustee Schwartz abstained from voting as he was not in attendance at the October meeting; all else were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Feiger welcomed the four students, who were attending the meeting for a political science class.

OLD BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Establish Tax Levy Ordinance for 2020

Trustee Levitsky motioned to approved Ordinance 2019-3 in the amount of 944,655 (Town Fund 889,955; IMRF 54,700). Supervisor Feiger noted that these figures represent a decrease in IMRF of 4% from 2019, while the Town Fund remained the same. Further discussion followed, then Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (aye), and Parekh (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the Levy Ordinance was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Levitsky described a "Consortium for a Safer Lake County" event he attended featuring many service agencies supporting residents throughout the County. He also noted that the US Census was coming up in the spring of 2020, suggesting that the Township encourage its residents to participate. Supervisor Feiger added that she was on the "Complete Count" committee for Northern Illinois. Trustee Levitsky also described a "Memory Café" program begun in Holland which brings people with dementia or Alzheimer's disease together to socialize and enhance their lives. He suggested the Township may wish to explore collaboration in such an endeavor with the Patty Turner Center, Dickinson Hall, local libraries, and/or Faith in Action Volunteers, and sponsor training for first responders in interactions with people suffering memory loss.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

In Assessor Tom Healy's absence, Supervisor Feiger reported that the appeal filing period had ended, and the Assessor's office had been very busy, but not as overwhelmingly so as staff had anticipated.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of a number of issues, including 1) her recent attendance at the Township

Officials Convention in Springfield; 2) that she will present potential committee members for the revised Disabilities Program to the Board for their approval at its December meeting; 3) thanked Clerk Scott for a successful and well-attended Halloween party for children with disabilities; 4) thanked Trustee Kharasch for her continued support of the Food Pantry in her donations of European jam and baked goods; 5) that the Pantry would receive 110 pounds of chicken for distribution to families on food day; 6) Saputo Cheese USA in Lincolnshire had donated 40+ lasagnas; 7) Deerfield Rotary Club members would be “ringing the bell” for the Food Pantry outside Starbucks on December 7; 8) a drive-by drop-off benefiting the Pantry and Toys for Tots is scheduled for December 14 in the parking lot at the corner of Deerfield Road and Rosemary Terrace; 9) Holiday Wish gift distribution will take place December 19 and 20; 10) the Lions Club will donate 40 turkeys for holiday distribution to Food Pantry clients; 11) North Suburban Church will hold “Project Share” on November 22, producing food baskets for Pantry clients; 12) Dr. Zachar’s group of social service workers share input and resources and are an asset to the Township; and 13) City Barbeque would donate a portion of sales designated for the Food Pantry on November 22.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Schwartz inquired about one of the Township fund accounts, as well as rescheduling the 2020 Annual Town meeting, as the current date conflicts with the seventh night of Passover. There was further brief discussion regarding the updated Disability Program, including comments from Trustee Kharasch.

Trustee Kharasch asked if staff needed assistance with the Holiday Wish program; Supervisor Feiger told the Board that she will let them know closer to gift distribution day.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the bills excluding payment to Ron Schwartz for ACA navigator certification renewal, and was seconded by Trustee Schwartz. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (aye), and Parekh (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved. Trustee Levitsky then motioned to approve payment of \$5.00 to Ron Schwartz for ACA navigator certification renewal, and was seconded by Trustee Parekh. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (abstain), and Parekh (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor, the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Supervisor Feiger motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk