

## WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois  
Lake County  
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: October 20, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the West Deerfield Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Trustee Ron Levitsky, acting for Township Supervisor Alyson Feiger, who was absent due to injury. The meeting was conducted via Zoom pursuant to Public Act 101-0640 regarding provisional Open Meeting Act suspensions.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Scott. Present were Trustees Kaye Kharasch, Ron Levitsky, Paras Parekh, and Ron Schwartz. Township Assessor Tom Healy was also present, as were residents Emily Mysel and Joel Seeskin.

### **MINUTES**

Trustee Schwartz moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 Board Meeting and was seconded by Trustee Parekh. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Parekh (aye), and Trustee Schwartz (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A). For discussion and potential action: Salary setting for Elected Officials 2021-25**

Trustee Levitsky noted that salaries must be set at the November meeting to meet the statute requirement. Both he and Trustee Schwartz stated that he would like to review more data on other Lake County Townships' salaries. Trustee Levitsky suggested that the Board take up the issue the following month when Supervisor Feiger would be back and more data available for comparison's sake.

### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

Assessor Healy noted that he and his staff were working on the last of the appeals and were answering resident exemption questions. His office has experienced substantially fewer appeals this year over last, Assessor Healy said.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Scott reported on the first two days of early voting at West Deerfield Township, characterized by large crowds and over 500 voting in person each day, with 700-800 mail-in ballots cast in the drop box. She stated that she requested assistance from the Lake County Clerk's office to manage social distance and regulate voter flow in the building.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD**

Trustee Levitsky apprised the Board on progress toward West Deerfield Township becoming a dementia-friendly community, and that he and Supervisor Feiger were working together to form a panel discussion, "Coping with COVID" featuring three experts in the mental health field. The program would be live, recorded on Zoom, and then made available through our website for viewing.

## **AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Following discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the bills as presented, and was seconded by Trustee Parekh. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Parekh (aye), and Trustee Schwartz (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Trustee Schwartz motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Parekh (aye), and Trustee Schwartz (aye). All being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 7 p.m., via Zoom, unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott  
West Deerfield Township Clerk