

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: December 15, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the West Deerfield Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Alyson Feiger, who led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was conducted via Zoom pursuant to Public Act 101-0640 regarding provisional Open Meeting Act suspensions.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Kristen Scott. Present were Supervisor Feiger, Trustees Ron Levitsky and Ron Schwartz. Township Assessor Tom Healy was also present. Trustee Kaye Kharasch joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

MINUTES

Trustee Schwartz moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 Board Meeting and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved. Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 Board meeting as amended and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A). For discussion and potential action: Establish Tax Levy Ordinance for 2021

Supervisor Feiger moved to approve the Levy Ordinance for 2021 (attached), with the Town Fund the same as the current year's Levy (\$889,955) and IMRF slightly lowered (\$38,290), totaling \$928,245. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. Brief discussion followed, then Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A). For discussion and potential action: Accept resignation of Trustee Parekh

Supervisor Feiger noted that Trustee Parekh had submitted his resignation from the Board as of November 18, 2020.

B). For discussion and potential action: Adopt Resolution for ACA services by Ron Schwartz

Trustee Levitsky moved to adopt Resolution 2020-2 authorizing a contract with Ron Schwartz to provide consulting services to residents related to health care and the Affordable Care Act. Supervisor Feiger seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Schwartz (abstain), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor the motion was approved.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of 1) the status of WDT's Transportation Program; 2) that she'd like to pass the Budget in March and will begin discussion in January; 3) she and caseworker Lupe Somerville have been extremely busy with casework and helping residents in a variety of ways; 4) that the Food Pantry's client list has increased by 25% since the pandemic hit, staff continues to pack bags with essentials, provide pick-and-

choose items outside, weather permitting, and increased the amount of grocery store cards given; 5) an ongoing issue at One Deerfield Place which she and other village officials are trying to help resolve.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Healy noted that he and his staff are assisting residents with permits, additions and new construction, and are busy with data entry at this time of year.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Levitsky was pleased with the "Coping with COVID" webinar presented by the Township on Dec. 8, as well as progress on the "Dementia Friendly Community" project he is leading.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the bills as presented, and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (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 Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 7 p.m., via Zoom, unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk