

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: November 17, 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. 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. Resident Andrew Richter was also present.

MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 Board Meeting and was seconded by Trustee Schwartz. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Parekh (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger. All being in favor the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Supervisor Feiger moved to accept Resolution 2020-1 setting compensation for West Deerfield Township Officials for the four-year term beginning May 17, 2021 (attached). Discussion followed, then Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Parekh (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Supervisor Feiger presented a tentative Levy ordinance for 2021 (attached), noting that the amounts were the same as the current year's Levy. Trustee Levitsky motioned to tentatively adopt the Ordinance as presented and was seconded by Trustee Schwartz. Brief discussion followed, then Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Parekh (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger. All being in favor the motion was approved.

B). For discussion and potential action: Adopt Schedule of Board Meetings for 2021

Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the schedule presented by Clerk Scott (attached), who noted that none of the meeting dates conflicted with Jewish holidays. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion, and there being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Parekh (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger. All being in favor the motion was approved.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of 1) her virtual attendance at the TOI Educational Conference, much of which focused on the challenges presented by COVID-19; 2) the "Coping With COVID" webinar the Township will present December 8, featuring mental health and other professionals; 3) The Deerfield Rotary Club will collect donations through "bell ringing" outside Starbucks on behalf of the Food Pantry December 5.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

None.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Scott reported on early voting at West Deerfield Township, which ran Oct. 19-Nov. 1, with thousands of votes cast in person or through the mail ballot drop box. Managing social distancing and regulating voter flow were a challenge given the size of the Township center, but she was gratified by staff's efforts to keep residents safe during the process.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Levitsky updated efforts to have West Deerfield Township designated a dementia-friendly community. Trustee Schwartz reported that he had been re-certified as an ACA Certified Applications Counselor and has been able to answer most inquiries through phone calls. Trustee Parekh resigned from the Board, effective Nov. 18, in advance of his new role on the Lake County Board; he thanked the group for allowing him to serve.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the bills except for payment of except for payment of \$5.00 for reimbursement of a licensing fee and \$300.00 to Ron Schwartz for ACA services. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Parekh (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved. Trustee Levitsky then motioned to approve payment of \$5.00 and \$300.00 to Ron Schwartz for ACA expenses and services 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), Trustee Schwartz (abstain), and Supervisor Feiger. All 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 Parekh. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Parekh (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 7 p.m., via Zoom, unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk