

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: January 19, 2021

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 and Trustees Ron Levitsky and Ron Schwartz. Trustee Kaye Kharasch joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Township Assessor Tom Healy and resident Kathy Somers were also present.

MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Board Meeting as amended and was seconded by Trustee Schwartz. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

A). For discussion and potential action: Assessor's Budget 2021-22

Assessor Healy noted that the only expenses during the past year which deviated from budget were in maintenance due to COVID-19 protocols. His proposed 2021-22 Budget contains no changes from the initial budget he provided for 2021-22.

B). For discussion and potential action: Budget Ordinance for 2021-22

Supervisor Feiger noted several potential changes she is considering for the budget, and suggested the Board hold a Budget Workshop to fully discuss it prior adoption. She will contact the Board with possible dates.

C). For discussion and potential action: Approve Disability Program Committee Recommendations

Clerk Scott briefly reviewed the committee's recommendations for the fourth quarter 2020 (attached). Following brief discussion, Trustee Levitsky moved to adopt the committee's recommendations, and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), Trustee Kharasch (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

D). For discussion and potential action: Appointment of replacement for Trustee Parekh

Supervisor Feiger stated that she will make a recommendation to the Board at the February meeting to fill the vacancy left by Trustee Parekh's resignation.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board that 1) the annual Holiday Wish program was very successful, with many community members participating in buying gift cards or donating money for residents in need; 2) more residents are requiring assistance each week, and the Township is able to help them in direct, tangible ways; 3) she

and caseworker Lupe Sommerville have been assisting families obtain CHRP funds and in other ways with rental assistance.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Healy noted that he and his staff are assisting residents with permits and annotating any projects which may increase assessed value. He stated that residents may file online for the Senior Freeze exemption in February, and he and his staff will assist residents who need help with the online process.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Kharasch inquired if the Township was staffed to accommodate the increase of assistance it is giving; Supervisor Feiger explained that all resident needs continue to be met, despite procedural changes due to COVID. Trustee Levitsky reported that he and Emily Mysel attended a Zoom meeting with an aging specialist, who provided information useful to the "Dementia Friendly Community" project they are working on. Clerk Scott reported that she had received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the Lake County Clerk and her staff regarding the Township's hosting of Early Voting in November.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the bills as presented, and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. 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 Levitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), Trustee Kharasch (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 7 p.m., via Zoom, unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk