

## WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois  
Lake County  
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: April 13, 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 Kaye Kharasch, Ron Levitsky, Emily Mysel and Ron Schwartz.

Township Assessor Tom Healy was also present.

### MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 Board Meeting as amended and was seconded by Trustee Schwartz. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Mysel (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 March 24, 2021 Budget Workshop and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Mysel (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: Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2021-22**

Supervisor Feiger suggested holding another budget workshop to further discuss possible modifications for next year's budget in advance of the Public Budget Hearing on May 18. The rest of the Board concurred.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **A). For discussion and potential action: Approve Agenda for Annual Town Meeting June 15, 2021**

Supervisor Feiger presented a suggested Agenda for the Town Meeting scheduled for June 15, 2021 (attached). Following brief discussion, Trustee Levitsky moved to accept the Agenda 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 Mysel (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

#### **B). For discussion and potential action: Approve Disability Program Committee Recommendations**

Clerk Scott briefly summarized the committee's report following its meeting April 6, 2021 (attached). After brief discussion, Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the recommendations as presented, totaling \$2,500 in funding for two applicants. He was seconded by Trustee Schwartz. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Mysel (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Feiger provided the Board updates including 1) the Township had been awarded \$100,000 through the Federal Emergency Relief Act (FERA) providing rental assistance to residents; eight applicants had already contacted her for assistance. She noted that Townships are being recognized state-wide for their swift disbursement of assistance to residents in need; 2) issues relating to the Lake County Treasurer's office; 3) she and case-worker Lupe Sommerville are helping residents find COVID-19 vaccination appointments; and 4) Dr. Zachar is planning a loss group specific to COVID-19, and has met with first responders regarding the trauma they have experienced during the pandemic.

Supervisor Feiger then thanked Trustee Schwartz for 16 years of continuous service as West Deerfield Township Trustee, remarking that he exemplifies thoughtfulness, thoroughness and a community spirit in executing his roll. Trustee Levitsky remarked on Trustee Schwartz's many contributions, to the Food Pantry, community health expos, disability program and Township Halloween party for special needs children, and the expertise he brought to the Board as an attorney.

## **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

Assessor Healy noted 1) that the filing deadline for the Senior Freeze exemption is July 1, and he and his staff continue to assist residents with accessing this program, and 2) his office is working with municipalities to access building permits and plans directly, to help the process become more virtual. Assessor Healy also thanked Trustee Schwartz for the 12 years they worked together, commenting that he was a man of few words, but his words always have impact.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD**

None.

## **AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Trustee Schwartz moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Trustee Levitsky. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Mysel (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, immediately following the Public Hearing on the Budget at 7 p.m., via Zoom, unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott  
West Deerfield Township Clerk