

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: May 18, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the West Deerfield Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Supervisor Alyson Feiger, following the Public Hearing on the Township Budget, at which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 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 Trustees Kaye Kharasch, Ron Levitsky, Emily Mysel and Kathryn Somers, and Supervisor Feiger. Township Assessor Tom Healy was also present.

MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 Board Meeting 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 Somers (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 May 21, 2021 at 3 p.m. for a workshop to further discuss possible modifications for next year's budget, and the Board concurred.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger updated the Board regarding 1) that the Township had been awarded an additional sum through the Federal Emergency Relief Act (FERA), which provides rental assistance to residents; 12 new families have contacted her for assistance in applying for this program. She noted that a state program to assist landlords recently went into effect; 2) Food Pantry operations continue, serving more individuals and families than ever; and 3) she will follow Gov. Pritzker's guidelines on publicly reopening the Township office.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Healy noted that he and his staff have entered the "editorial phase" of the assessment process, providing a final review before assessment publication.

TRUSTEE LEVITSKY – DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PROJECT

Trustee Levitsky reported that West Deerfield Township was officially recognized as a Dementia Friendly Community by "Dementia Friendly America", making it the first Township in Illinois to receive this designation. He and co-chair Emily Mysel have asked a variety of community stakeholders to participate, including the Village of Deerfield, the police and fire departments, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Senior Foundation and the Patty

Turner Center, among others. Their immediate goal is to help educate their members and then the broader community in ways to improve the lives of people dealing with memory issues and their care partners. Activities planned include “Memory Café” opportunities, first responder training, and training for local businesses.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Clerk Scott explained that the deadline for required Open Meetings Act training for newly elected officials has been extended until the Illinois Attorney General’s Office repairs a breach to their official website last month.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following brief discussion, Supervisor Feiger moved to approve the bills as presented and was seconded by Trustee Somers. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Mysel (aye), Trustee Somers (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 Somers (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on June 15, 2021, immediately following the Annual Town Meeting at 7 p.m., via Zoom, unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk