

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: October 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 at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Kristen Scott. Present were Trustees Kaye Kharasch, Ron Levitsky, Emily Mysel and Supervisor Feiger. Trustee Kathryn Somers was absent.

Deerfield resident Robbie Boudreau was also present.

MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 Board Meeting as presented, and was seconded by Trustee Mysel. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Mysel (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robbie Boudreau, Executive Director of Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers, presented an overview of how FIA has utilized the 2021 community services funding from West Deerfield Township, and gave several examples of services they provide senior residents of the community. Supervisor Feiger thanked Ms. Boudreau for the excellent partnership the Township has enjoyed with FIA to meet the needs of its senior residents.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A) For discussion and potential action: Approve Disability Program Committee recommendations

After brief discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to accept the Committee's recommendations for third quarter 2021 (attached), totaling \$942.00 to two recipients, 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), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

B) For discussion and potential action: Establish Estimate of Tax Levy for 2021-22

Supervisor Feiger outlined her proposal for a levy totaling \$965,465 (Town Fund: \$934,450; IMRF: \$31,015). Following discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to establish the estimated levy as stated, and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call:

Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Mysel (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

C) For discussion and potential action: Adopt Public Comment Policy for Township Board meetings

Following review of drafted policies governing public comment at Township Board meetings and the Annual Town Meeting, Trustee Levitsky expressed concern that the policy language was repetitive and contradictory in places, and suggested refining it before adoption, to which the Board agreed. The item was tabled until revisions are made.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger updated the Board regarding the paratransit program and passport activity, both of which have steadily increased since service was reinstated following COVID-19 restrictions.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

None.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Levitsky reported that the first "in-person" Memory Cafe event will be held in December through the "Dementia Friendly Community" initiative, while Trustee Mysel noted that many Township businesses are working toward accreditation.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Levitsky announced that Supervisor Feiger would be the guest speaker at the Deerfield Rotary luncheon meeting on November 4, discussing the Dementia Friendly Community project and the Township's response to COVID-19 during the last 19 months.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following discussion, Trustee Mysel moved to approve the bills as presented with the exception of \$100 from line item 45112, and \$116.83 from line item 50112, and was seconded by Trustee Levitsky. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Mysel (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Mysel moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Mysel (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on November 16, 2021, at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL, 60015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk