

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: May 17, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the West Deerfield Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Clerk Kristen Scott; Supervisor Feiger was absent due to illness. Present were Trustees Kaye Kharasch, Ron Levitsky, Emily Mysel, Kathryn Somers. Township Assessor Andrew Richter, Erin Kerpel, Nicki Sutherland, and Connie Blade were also present.

The Board elected unanimously to appoint Trustee Kharasch to conduct the meeting, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Trustee Somers moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 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 Trustee Somers (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

Trustee Somers moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 Budget Hearing and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Mysel (aye), and Trustee Somers (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicki Sutherland, executive director of Gratitude Generation, and founding member Erin Kerpel presented an overview of the organization, and its mission of education, programing and provided hands-on volunteer opportunities to help their children become lifelong philanthropists.

Dr. Connie Blade discussed Greenlight Family Services, which provides adoption, guardianship, and other services through its social workers and legal team. Fees are on a sliding scale, with offices in Chicago and Springfield.

Trustee Kharasch thanked each guest for their informative presentations, and for their contributions to the community.

OLD BUSINESS

A) For discussion and potential action: Public Comment Policy.

The issue was tabled until next month.

NEW BUSINESS

B) For discussion and potential action: Whistleblower Policy

The issue was tabled until next month.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Trustee Kharasch related that Supervisor Feiger intends that the Township Center again serve as a cooling center during Deerfield's July 4th Parade; and that she will possibly reserve an informational table during Deerfield Family Days at Jewett Park.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Richter noted that he and his staff have assisted many residents apply for the Senior Freeze exemption, and that they would have valuations to the Lake County Assessor in June.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Levitsky reported on the 90th Anniversary of the Deerfield Rotary, an organization that has supported West Deerfield Township programs many times over the years. He also noted that the Memory Café events, part of the Dementia Friendly program, continue to be well-attended, and that Trustee Mysel planned several presentations on dementia in the coming weeks. He was pleased to note that all facets of the initiative would be in progress by summer's end.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following brief discussion, Trustee Somers moved to approve the bills as presented 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 Trustee Somers (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Somers 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 Trustee Somers (aye). All being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on June 21, at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL, 60015, or by Zoom should conditions require.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk