

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: November 15, 2022

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, participating via audio conference, who led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Trustees Kaye Kharasch, Ron Levitsky, Kathryn Somers and Township Clerk Kristen Scott. Trustee Emily Mysel was absent.

Township Assessor Andrew Richter and Hugh Brady were also present.

MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022 Board Meeting as presented, and was seconded by Trustee Somers. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Somers (aye) and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hugh Brady discussed his involvement in helping to establish "708 Boards," or Community Mental Health Boards, within local units of governments that help plan and fund mental health, disability, and substance abuse services to the community. He explained that these Boards are created through referendum, and answered a number of questions from the Township Board.

OLD BUSINESS

A) For discussion and potential action: Confirm dates for Food Pantry bellringing

Trustee Levitsky reported that Starbucks Deerfield had approved bellringing in front of their store on Saturday, December 3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and that he was waiting for confirmation from Lake Forest Sunset Foods regarding Saturday, December 10.

NEW BUSINESS

A) For discussion and potential action: Sponsorship of Deerfield Winterfest

Supervisor Feiger noted that she planned for the Township to sponsor or co-sponsor one of the activities at Deerfield's Winterfest event scheduled for Saturday, December 3.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger updated the Board of the following: 1) her attendance at the Township Officials of Illinois Conference in Springfield, at which caseworker Lupe Somerville was honored as Caseworker of the Year; 2) her attendance at a Volunteer Fair at B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim; 3) Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners would be distributed to Food Pantry clients; 4) she is working with a new manager at One Deerfield Place regarding Pantry services for residents there; 5) her continued work with July 4 parade shooting victims; and 6) a new employee handbook was distributed to staff.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Richter noted that the appeal period was past, reporting 910 appeals and his participation via Zoom in over 200 hearings with the Lake County Board of Review. Of those, 30.5% resulted in reductions, and 68.8% in no change. He reported that the Township's Chief Deputy Assessor had resigned, and Assessor Richter was extending an offer to an employee of the Lake County Assessor's office.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Levitsky reported on the Dementia Friendly stakeholders' meeting on October 20; that Memory Café events were continuing at the Deerfield Library; and his committee hoped to hold a celebration of the Township's "Dementia Friendly Community" designation on April 29, 2023.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

None.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following discussion, Trustee Levitsky moved 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 Somers (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (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 Somers (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on December 20, 2022, at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL, 60015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk