

## WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois  
Lake County  
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: January 17, 2023

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. Present were Trustees Ron Levitsky, Emily Mysel, Kathryn Somers and Kaye Kharasch, and Township Clerk Kristen Scott.

Township Assessor Andrew Richter was also present.

### MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022 Board Meeting as presented, and was seconded by Trustee Somers. 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

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **A. For discussion and potential action: Assessor's Budget for 2023-24**

Assessor Richter presented his preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year, reflecting an increase of 1.6% over 2022-23, and answered several questions from the Board. Clerk Scott noted that the Assessor's budget is incorporated for approval as part of the Township budget and appropriation ordinance, adopted by the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year.

#### **B. For discussion and potential action: Disability Committee recommendations**

Clerk Scott reviewed the applications considered by the committee at their January meeting (attached). Trustee Somers motioned to approve funding for two applications as presented totaling \$1,479.40, and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. 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.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger updated the Board on the following: 1) Staff distributed 395 gifts provided by resident sponsors, and 295 holiday meals as part of the annual Holiday Wish program; 2) passport activity has been extremely busy; and 3) she is seeking a new transportation coordinator.

## **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

Assessor Richter stated that he was very pleased with his first year in the position, and the successful appeals season completed by him and his staff.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Levitsky provided more details on the celebration planned for May 18, 2023 at the Deerfield Public Library recognizing the Township as a Dementia Friendly Community, including speakers from the Alzheimer's Association of Chicago, Supervisor Feiger, and, he hopes, a care partner.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD**

Trustee Mysel reported that she will train all the Deerfield Police Department officers in best practices for interacting with persons with dementia. She also applauded Township staff for a great experience renewing her sons' passports at the office in December.

## **AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Following discussion, Trustee Somers moved to approve the bills as presented and was seconded by Trustee Mysel. 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 Somers moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Trustee Mysel. 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 7:45 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on February 21, 2023, at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL, 60015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott  
West Deerfield Township Clerk