

## WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois  
Lake County  
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: March 21, 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. Clerk Kristen took roll call. Present were Trustees Ron Levitsky, Emily Mysel and Kathryn Somers. Trustee Kaye Kharasch arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Deerfield residents Judy Bubser and Braeden Bubser were also present.

### MINUTES

Trustee Somers moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023 Board Meeting and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Mysel (aye) and Trustee Somers (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Bubser introduced herself and her son, Braeden, who is a sophomore at Deerfield High School, and was attending the Board meeting for his civics class. Mrs. Bubser thanked the Board for the good work the Township performs, and noted that she and her family have benefitted from programs the Township provides.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **A. For discussion and potential action: Community Services Funding recommendations**

Supervisor Feiger gave some detail to the report of the committee's recommendations for funding allocation (attached), and answered several questions from the Board. Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the recommendations as presented and was seconded by Tuesday Somers. There being no further questions, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Mysel (aye) and Trustee Somers (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

#### **B. For discussion and potential action: Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2023-24**

Trustee Mysel motioned to approve the tentative budget as presented 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 tentative budget was approved. The Board then discussed various adjustments to next year's

budget to meet anticipated Township financial obligations. Clerk Scott noted that the public budget hearing will be held May 16 at 7 p.m., immediately preceding the May Board of Trustees meeting.

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Feiger stated that the transportation program gained four new riders in the last month, and she continued to seek a van coordinator. She noted also that the Food Pantry has several new clients, including Ukrainian refugees. Finally, she informed the Board that the SNAP food benefit would be rolled back to pre-pandemic amounts, an adjustment certain to impact Pantry clients.

### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

None.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Levitsky reviewed ongoing plans for a May 18 celebration of the Township's Dementia Friendly Community designation, and reported that an Alzheimer's walk would be held September 30, 2023, at Independence Grove in Libertyville.

### **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 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 Kharasch moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Trustee Somers. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Mysel (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Somers (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on April 11, 2023, immediately following the Annual Town Meeting at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL, 60015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott  
West Deerfield Township Clerk