

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: August 15, 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 Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Kristen Scott took roll call. Present were Trustees Ron Levitsky and Kathryn Somers. Trustee Emily Mysel was absent. Trustee Kaye Kharasch arrived at 7:07 p.m.

Also present was Township Assessor Andrew Richter, and Chris Scalet, CPA, township auditor, of the firm Evans, Marshall and Pease.

Township residents Robbie Boudreau, Bret and Jina Rappaport, and Nick D'Addezio were also present.

MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023 Board Meeting, and was seconded by Trustee Somers. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Somers (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robbie Boudreau, Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers, outlined plans for a series of resource panel discussions she hopes to present for Deerfield area seniors, possibly in cooperation with West Deerfield Township. The Board asked several questions on subject matter and logistics, and thanked Ms. Boudreau for her presentation.

Bret Rappaport asked the Board to consider placing a stop sign at an intersection in his neighborhood in unincorporated Deerfield. Nick D'Addezio and Jina Rappaport also expressed their thoughts on the need for this addition. Supervisor Feiger thanked them for attending the meeting and stated that the Board will research the possibility.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Accept Audit for fiscal year 2022-23

Township auditor Chris Scalet reviewed his audit for fiscal year 2022-23, stating that the Township's finances were in complete order and followed fiscally responsible practices. He answered several questions from the Board and noted that written copies of Following several questions from the Board, Supervisor Feiger thanked Mr. Scalet for his report, noting that copies of the audit would be available in the Township office.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger reported that 1) the Township will conduct a “fill the convertible” food-raising event at the Deerfield Farmer’s market on Saturday, September 2, and requested volunteers to staff the adjacent table and provide information on Township programs and services. She further noted that t-shirt and baseball caps with the Food Pantry logo are available should Trustees wish to order them; 2) she is continuing to research the impact a “708 Board” may have on West Deerfield Township; 3) the Township will have a table at the DBR Chamber of Commerce Healthy Lifestyle Fair on October 7, 2023; 4) she exploring a possibly sponsoring a Passport Fair conducted by the Lake County Circuit Court Clerk’s office; 5) Lake County suffered a lower percentage of losses from COVID-related scams than the rest of the U.S. and 6) invited the Board to join staff at Deerfield’s August food truck event the following evening.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Richter noted that Township assessments would be published on August 31, and that he will hold several workshops for residents explaining how to appeal one’s assessment.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Somers encouraged the Board to promote the West Deerfield Township team participating in the 2023 Lake County Walk to End Alzheimer’s on September 30 at Independence Grove in Libertyville.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

None.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the bills as presented and was seconded by Trustee Somers. Discussion followed, then 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 8:52 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on September 19, 2023, 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL, 60015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk