

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: February 20, 2024

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. Clerk Kristen Scott took roll call. Present were Trustees Kaye Kharasch, Ron Levitsky, and Kathryn Somers. Trustee Emily Mysel was absent.

Township Assessor Andrew Richter was also present.

MINUTES

Trustee Summers moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024 Board Meeting, and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took a voice vote. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) For discussion and potential action: Approve agenda for Annual Town Meeting**
Clerk Scott presented a proposed agenda for the Annual Town Meeting (attached), scheduled for April 9, 2024. Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the agenda and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the motion was approved.
- 2) For discussion and potential action: Approve Tentative Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-25**
Following discussion, Trustee Somers motioned to approve the Tentative Budget as presented by Supervisor Feiger and was seconded by Trustee Levitsky. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Levitsky (aye), and Somers (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.
- 3) For discussion and potential action: Approve retrofitting of current light fixtures with LED**
Trustee Kharasch asked Assessor Richter to outline the proposal he obtained from Zentech Efficiency LLC, which predicted a one-third savings of current electrical usage for the Township building. Total cost of the project would be approximately \$5,000. Following further discussion, Trustee Somers moved to approve the proposal as outlined by Assessor Richter, and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Levitsky (aye), and Somers (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger reported that 1) she'd learned of two interventionists who can assist Township residents in immediate crisis, if required; 2) the Council for Jewish Elderly would offer senior services and advice to residents, using space in the Township offices twice monthly; 3) she is considering holding a blood drive or passport fair for residents within the next year; and 4) she intends to hold the Budget Hearing immediately prior to the Annual Town Meeting, beginning at 7 pm.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Richter stated that his staff is updating their records, using MLS listings and new property record cards to guide their revisions. He noted that he would be meeting with District 113 administrators regarding projected value coming from new construction in the next several years.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Levitsky mentioned that another Dementia Friendly event is being planned for May, and the committee would meet soon to discuss details.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

The Board engaged in brief discussion of several seasonal issues, including Township participation in the Deerfield Farmer's Market and Fourth of July parade.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following discussion, Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the bills as presented, and was seconded by Trustee Somers. There being no further discussion, Supervisor Feiger took roll call: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Levitsky (aye), 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. Supervisor Feiger took roll call: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Levitsky (aye), Somers (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. The next meeting will be held March 19, 2024, at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL, 60015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
Township Clerk