

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: March 19, 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 Ron Levitsky and Kathryn Somers. Trustee Emily Mysel was absent. Trustee Kaye Kharasch joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Township Assessor Andrew Richter joined the meeting via audio conference at 7:16 p.m.

MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 Board Meeting with one correction, and was seconded by Trustee Somers. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took a voice vote. All were in favor and the motion was approved as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1) **For discussion and potential action: Designate Ethics Officer**

Supervisor Feiger reported that Township legal counsel advised that designating such an officer is not necessary.

2) **For discussion and potential action: Approve Community Service Agency Committee funding recommendations**

Supervisor Feiger reviewed the funding recommendations (attached) provided by the committee, which included Jerry Zachar, Lupe Sommerville, Paras Parekh and herself. Following discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the recommendations as presented, totaling \$40,000, and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. 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.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger reported on several issues, including 1) the food pantry was serving more residents than ever before; 2) the Annual Meeting will be held April 9, preceded by dinner with the Board and township staff; 3) West Deerfield Township will participate in the Deerfield Farmers Market on July 20th; and 4) she invited the Board to join her for Township Legislation Day in Springfield is on April 17, 2024.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Richter noted that he is coordinating the installation of LED lighting throughout the Township building in the upcoming week, predicting an energy savings beginning in May. He reported a 31% reduction in phone charges since the installation of the new system last year.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Levitsky updated plans for the next Dementia Friendly "Community Sit Down" event on May 16, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Deerfield Village Hall. He also outlined a new Rotary matching grant program supporting mental health initiatives, which the Township may wish to apply for.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following discussion, Trustee Somers moved to approve the bills as presented, and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. 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 Levitsky moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Trustee Somers. Clerk Scott took a voice vote; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The next meeting will be held April 9, 2024, following the Annual Town Meeting and Public Hearing on the Budget beginning at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL, 60015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
Township Clerk