

## WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois  
Lake County  
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: January 21, 2025

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 via Zoom. Clerk Kristen Scott took roll call. Present at the Township Center were Trustees Ron Levitsky and Kathryn Somers. Trustee Emily Mysel was absent. Trustee Kaye Kharasch joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Assessor Andrew Richter was also present.

### MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2024 Board meeting and was seconded by Trustee Somers. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took a voice vote. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1) For discussion and potential action: Accept Disability Committee recommendations

Clerk Scott noted that one application was received during the fourth quarter of 2024, which the committee recommended funding in the full amount requested (see attached). Following brief discussion, Trustee Somers motioned to approve funding in the amount of \$1,000 and was seconded by Trustee Levitsky. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Somers (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

#### 2) For discussion and potential action: Assessor's Budget 2025-26

Assessor Richter summarized his proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board asked a number of questions and thanked Mr. Richter for his presentation.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger stated that Township operations were running smoothly, with a mild uptick in passport applications.

### ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Richter reported 969 appeals at the close of the appeal period, 75% of which produced no change, with 25% receiving assessment reductions. He also noted that Cheryl Jenkins had recently been promoted to Chief Deputy Assessor.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

None.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD**

Trustee Levitsky asked about the food pantry's status following larger than normal expenditures during the holidays. Supervisor Feiger confirmed that the pantry maintained a healthy financial balance and continued to receive substantial community support.

## **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, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Kharasch (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 Supervisor Feiger. Clerk Scott took a voice vote; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held February 18, 2025, at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL, 60015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott  
Township Clerk