

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: January 21, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the West Deerfield Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Alyson Feiger. Clerk Molly Michaels took roll call. Present were Supervisor Feiger and Trustees Ron Levitsky, Kathryn Somers, Rachel Weisberger and Eleanor Sylvan.

Also in attendance was Deputy Chief Brian Budny from the Deerfield Police Department.

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 9, 2025 Board meeting were discussed. Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes as written, and was seconded by Trustee Somers. There being no further discussion, Clerk Michaels took a raised hand vote. Supervisor Feiger (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Sylvan (aye), Trustee Weisberger (aye) and Trustee Somers (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Chief Brian Budny reviewed the success of the recent “Field of Honor” event held over Veteran’s Day. He shared a very moving video of the event, which occurred over multiple days and was well attended despite the November weather. They raised over \$27,000 over the course of the event, which benefits Lake County Honor Flights and the Midwest Veterans Closet equally. This event will also be held next year.

Deputy Chief Budny presented the “Silver Sponsor” award to the Township, which was greatly appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **For discussion and potential action:** West Deerfield Township Support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration.

The Board discussed multiple ways to potentially participate in the America 250 celebrations, and will continue these discussions at future meetings.

- B. **For discussion and potential action:** Reduction of Community Service Contract funds from \$40,000 to \$20,000.

The board discussed reduction of the Community Service Contract funds, Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the reduction of Community Service Contract Funds and the motion was seconded by Trustee Weisberger. There being no further discussion, Clerk Michaels took a

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roll call vote. Supervisor Feiger (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Sylvan (aye), Trustee Weisberger (aye) and Trustee Somers (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved, and the Community Service Contract funds will be reduced from \$40,000 to \$20,000.

C. For discussion and potential action: Accept Disability Committee funding recommendations

The Board discussed the Disability Committee funding recommendations. Trustee Somers moved to accept the funding recommendations and Trustee Weisberger seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Clerk Michaels took a roll call vote. Supervisor Feiger (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Sylvan (aye), Trustee Weisberger (aye) and Trustee Somers (aye). All being in favor the motion to accept the Disability Committee funding recommendations was approved.

D. For discussion and potential action: Assessor's Budget 2026-2027

This topic was tabled until the next board meeting due to the Township Assessor being out of the office.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A total of 486 holiday gifts were provided to Township residents as part of the recent "Holiday Wish" program. All Township families of children receiving free lunch and books at District 109 and District 113 schools were included, as were the residents of Zion Woods and One Deerfield Place. Many service agencies, religious organizations, businesses, District 113 administration and teachers and Township residents participated in this effort, many of whom have participated for 15 or more years.

The Township also participated in a holiday luncheon at One Deerfield Place. All residents were given a box of Lindt holiday chocolates as well as a holiday card and a Jewel give card provided by Holy Cross Church and a Visa gift card provided by the Township. The residents were extremely grateful!

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

None.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Levitsky provided an update on the efforts of the Dementia Friendly Initiative Committee:

1. Business outreach: preliminary activities have already occurred, and the committee will be adding members to help with contacting businesses regarding their becoming dementia friendly
2. Community member outreach: Not started yet.
3. No Hush Movie: preliminary activities have occurred and planning is moving forward.

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OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

None.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following brief discussion, Trustee Levitsky moved to approve payment of the bills as presented, and was seconded by Trustee Somers. There being no further discussion, Clerk Michaels took a roll call vote: Supervisor Feiger (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Sylvan (aye), Trustee Weisberger (aye) and Trustee Somers (aye). All being in favor the motion to approve payment of the bills was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Levitsky moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Trustee Somers. There being no further discussion, Clerk Michaels took a raised hand vote. Supervisor Feiger (aye), Trustee Levitsky (aye), Trustee Sylvan (aye), Trustee Weisberger (aye) and Trustee Somers (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held February 17, 2026, at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL, 60015.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Michaels
Township Clerk