

## WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois  
Lake County  
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: February 17, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the West Deerfield Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:01 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.

### MINUTES

The draft minutes from the January 20, 2026 Board meeting were discussed. Supervisor Feiger provided text for an updated Supervisor's Report section of the minutes. Trustee Levitsky moved to approve the minutes as updated, 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

None.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. **For discussion and potential action:** Assessor's Budget 2026-2027

This topic was tabled until the next board meeting due to the Township Assessor not being in attendance.

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

The Board continued the discussion of potential ways to participate in the America 250 celebrations (aka the "Semi-Quin"), and these discussions will continue at future meetings.

Supervisor Feiger discussed identifying activities that showcase how Townships support the principles in our country's founding documents. This could related to protections under our laws, how we support voting, how we ensure equality of treatment, etc.

One suggestion was to use the word "Township" with each letter standing for a word related to a founding principle or value (eg, T stands for Trust, etc.) We could develop something like this and create posters or similar materials to help educate the public on the role of Township governance.

We will participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, and will consider a themed give-away such as a pencil or stickers.

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We will evaluate having a booth at the Deerfield Historical Society's events in the Fall. Clerk Michaels will review historical township documents to identify materials we could use as part of this activity.

- Trustee Levitsky noted that we have an interesting historical document related to Abraham Lincoln's Third Military Draft that is currently posted on our website and could be used in this activity. Clerk Michaels will review.

### NEW BUSINESS

- C. **For discussion and potential action:** Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting on April 14, 2026.

The agenda for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting was discussed. Trustee Somers moved to approve the agenda as agreed to in the meeting, and was seconded by Trustee Weisberger. 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.

Supervisor Feiger also noted that she will identify two Township residents to 1) serve as the Annual Meeting moderator; and 2) recite the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of the meeting.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger noted that Township staff have now met all of the residents at Zion Woods and the Township is actively helping them with their current needs. She also noted the efforts of the Township schools in ensuring that the children who have recently moved in are integrating well into their schools.

The Township has implemented a quarterly provision of paper goods, socks and soap, which the Township is able to obtain at less expense than the residents could. Supervisor Feiger also noted that residents are now receiving weekly deliveries of baked goods and fruit and vegetables from Whole Foods.

Clerk Michaels has participated in two recent voter registration drives at local high schools, as well as continuing to register voters at the Township office.

Supervisor Feiger noted that we will need to raise our transportation fees in April.

### ASSESSOR'S REPORT

None.

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### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Sylvan informed the board of a recent food drive at Mariano's that was held by Deerfield High School students. She made a point of thanking them for their efforts, as drives such as this are really important to the success of the Food Pantry.

### **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. 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 8:18 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held March 10, 2026, at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL, 60015.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Michaels  
Township Clerk