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**WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

State of Illinois  
Lake County  
Township of West Deerfield

DATE: May 19, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the West Deerfield Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Alyson Feiger. Supervisor Alyson Feiger took roll call. Present in the room were Supervisor Feiger and Trustees Kathryn Somers, Ellie Sylvan, Rachel Weisberger and Ron Levitsky.

**MINUTES**

The draft minutes from the April 14, 2026 Board meeting were discussed. Trustee Somers moved to approve the minutes, and was seconded by Trustee Weisberger. There being no further discussion, Supervisor Feiger took a raised hand vote. Supervisor Feiger (aye), Trustee Somers (aye), Trustee Sylvan (aye) and Trustee Weisberger (aye). Trustee Levitsky abstained. The motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alyson introduced Lauren Stein, Candidate for Township Clerk.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

The Board continued the discussion of the ways the Township can participate in the America 250 celebrations. These are the current activities planned:

- 1) Trustee Levitsky is working on a booklet with Supervisor Feiger using documents from our archives. The booklet is expected to be 24-28 pages long. It will be available in hardcopy and on the website. Lesson plans will be developed from the material. Action required: supply more photos.
- 2) The booklet will be placed in a Time Capsule on July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall.
- 3) The Township will create approximately 9 signs to be posted outside the Township office.
- 4) The Township will participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

**B. For discussion and potential action:** Adopt tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2026-2027

The discussion of the Tentative Budget and Appropriation ordinance was tabled until the Budget Meeting on May 28, 2026.

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**C. For discussion and potential action:** Approve Dementia Friendly Initiative Committee Mission statement

Trustee Sommers motioned to accept the proposed mission statement for the West Deerfield Township Dementia Friendly initiative. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. The motion was accepted with a hand vote.

Supervisor Feiger distributed hard copy of material that will be on the Dementia Friendly portion of the Township website.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. For discussion and potential action:** Accept Resignation of Township Clerk, effective April 28, 2026.

The Board accepted the resignation of Molly Michaels from the position of Township Clerk. Clerk Michaels contributed greatly to the efficient operations of the Township, and she will be missed.

**B. For discussion and potential action:** Appointment of Township Clerk.

Supervisor Feiger reviewed applications to fill the Township Clerk position and recommended that the Board appoint Lauren Stein for the position.

Lauren Stein has an impressive professional background, community involvement, and the skills to be effective with the public. The Board voted to appoint her to the position of West Deerfield Township Clerk.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Feiger discussed various efforts that have been made to support community members in need.

The Township will now add the service of offering Temporary Handicap placards to residence who qualify.

Supervisor Feiger is on a Village of Deerfield committee to look at the needs of the community that are not being met.

Supervisor Feiger is working on Social Media options to launch a fund raiser for our Food Pantry.

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**ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

None.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Sommers presented plans to register a Township team for the Alzheimer Walk in the fall.

**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 Supervisor Somers. There being no further discussion, Supervisor Feiger took a roll call vote: Supervisor Feiger (aye), Trustee Sylvan (aye), Trustee Weisberger (aye), Trustee Levitsky (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. Supervisor Feiger took a raised hand vote. All being in favor the motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held June 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL, 60015.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie Sylvan  
Township Trustee