

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois  
Lake County  
Town of West Deerfield

DATE: January 15, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Deerfield Township was called to order by Supervisor Julie Morrison at 7:00pm. This meeting was held at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Julie Morrison. Roll Call was taken by Clerk Robbie Boudreau. Present were Trustees: Adrienne Johnson, Ron Levitsky, Bob Rosenbacher, Ron Schwartz, Supervisor Julie Morrison and Clerk Robbie Boudreau.

Also present were Nancy Milota, President/Deerfield Bank & Trust.

### MINUTES

Trustee Johnson requested that a revision be made to the December 18 minutes to reflect that the discussion about "A Safe Place" centered on the incompleteness of the application and not the "merits" of the organization. Trustee Rosenbacher moved to approve the minutes with this change. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tree Preservation Ordinance**
- B. Vehicle Fee Ordinance**

Supervisor Morrison did not receive the revised ordinances from the Township attorney, Chuck Smith, and Board discussion had to be postponed. The Board reviewed the Township's legal needs in general. Further discussion will be carried to the February Board meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Deerfield Bank & Trust President Nancy Milota**

Nancy Milota joined the group to provide professional advice on the building's mortgage payment, whether or not to pay it off or keep the Township's current low interest rate. With Nancy's input, the Board discussed a variety of solutions that could balance fiscal responsibility, investment goals and liquidity. Supervisor Morrison agreed to follow-up with the auditor regarding investment options. Supervisor Morrison thanked Nancy for her good work in leading the group through this discussion. Nancy expressed enthusiasm about the bank's upcoming opening and the bank's community relations programs.

## **B. TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Supervisor Morrison presented a tentative budget for 2008-2009 and addressed questions from the Board. Board discussion followed. A revised budget will be presented at the February Board meeting.

Trustee Schwartz moved to accept the tentative budget. Trustee Rosenbacher seconded the motion. Roll Call was then taken: Johnson/aye, Levitsky/aye, Rosenbacher/aye, Schwartz/aye, and Morrison/aye. All were in favor and the motion carried.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Morrison informed the group that there is a proposed amendment to zoning regulations that would prohibit parking vehicles in front yards. A public hearing will be held January 16. The Board discussed the potential implications for the unincorporated areas, especially Del Mar Woods which uses its grassy parkways to support street parking. Supervisor Morrison agreed that the amendment status should be an issue on the February agenda. Supervisor Morrison also updated the Board on the emergency assistance program, archiving, early voting, recycling drive and plans for new Township Board photos.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD**

The Board discussed several concerns about the most recent newsletter including the absence of any listing of the trustees, how to distinguish between Township services and cooperative organizations and several erroneous mistakes in editing. Alternative options for handling future newsletters were discussed. Enhancements to the newsletter, as well as the website, will be added to the February meeting agenda.

The Township's liability related to snow removal in the unincorporated areas was discussed. Supervisor Morrison will confirm that the road agent is responsible.

The Board was supportive of further promoting the go green pledge through a variety of channels. A Go Green Initiative will be included on the February agenda.

## **AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS**

A motion to accept and approve the bills was made by Trustee Johnson and was seconded by Trustee Rosenbacher. Trustee Schwartz asked that we give additional demarcation for General Assistance bills to provide context when the Board reviews the bills. Roll Call was then taken: Johnson/aye, Levitsky/aye, Rosenbacher/aye, Schwartz/aye, and Morrison/aye. All were in favor and the motion carried.

There being no further business, Supervisor Morrison moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Rosenbacher seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15p.m. The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 7:00pm at West Deerfield Township, 601 Deerfield Rd, Deerfield.

Robbie Boudreau  
West Deerfield Township Clerk