

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Town of West Deerfield

DATE: November 17, 2015

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Feiger. Roll call was taken by Clerk Kristen Scott. Present were Trustees Ron Levitsky, Ron Schwartz, Jack Strom and Marc Brown; Supervisor Feiger; and Clerk Scott.

Present from the public were Bruce Johnson and Jan Zobus of Nicasa Behavioral Health Services.

MINUTES

Trustee Schwartz noted one error in the October, 2015, minutes, which Clerk Scott agreed to correct. Trustee Levitsky then motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Feiger welcomed Jan Zobus and Bruce Johnson, executive director of Nicasa Behavioral Health Services, and invited them to describe the work of that agency in Lake County. Mr. Johnson described the substance abuse, mental health, and parent education and support services, among other assistance, which Nicasa provides. He noted that the agency provides approximately 900 hours of service to West Deerfield Township residents per year, serving at least 40-50 clients from the Township. He further described an "Art Impact" program Nicasa is planning to launch in Highland Park within several months, aimed at providing youth a positive and creative environment. Board members asked various questions of both Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Zobus, who is both a Board member and an active volunteer for Nicasa.

OLD BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Establish Estimate for Tax Levy for 2016

Supervisor Feiger recommended lowering the Levy by 2% (Town Fund) rather than issuing an abatement. Discussion followed. Supervisor Feiger motioned to adopt Tentative Ordinance No. 2015-4, setting the Levy, collectable in 2016, at \$874,872 (Town Fund), \$56,982 (IMRF), totaling \$931,854, representing a 2% reduction (Town Fund) over last year. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. Brief discussion proceeded roll call: Trustee Levitsky (aye); Trustee Strom (aye); Trustee Schwartz (aye); Trustee Brown (aye); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

B. For discussion and potential action: Approval of Paratransit Van Replacement

Supervisor Feiger explained that two bids were received for a new paratransit van for the Township's transportation service. She has opted to select the lower bid, \$30,325; the proposed van has all the necessary attributes required by the "Going Places" service. Discussion followed, including suggestions regarding specific budget line items from which the funds would be transferred. Supervisor Feiger motioned to replace West Deerfield Township's paratransit van at a cost of \$30,325. Trustee Levitsky seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye); Trustee Strom (abstain); Trustee Schwartz (aye); Trustee Brown (aye); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Sponsorship of November 20 "Friday with Friends" program at the Patty Turner Center

Trustee Strom motioned that West Deerfield Township sponsor the November 20, 2015 "Friday with Friends" program at the Patty Turner Center up to \$500, with the funds coming from the Senior Services line item. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye); Trustee Strom (aye); Trustee Schwartz (aye); Trustee Brown (aye); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion carried.

B. For discussion and potential action: Approval of 2016 Board Meeting Schedule for West Deerfield Township

Trustee Schwartz motioned to approve the 2016 Schedule of Board meetings as presented (attached.) Trustee Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

C. For discussion and potential action: Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Ron Schwartz for ACA services

Supervisor Feiger motioned to approve Resolution 2015-4, authorizing contracts with Ron Schwartz for providing Affordable Care Act services to residents. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. There being no discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye); Trustee Strom (aye); Trustee Schwartz (abstain); Trustee Brown (aye); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor the motion was approved.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of various matters including 1) her interest in pursuing Township support of the Nicasa Art Impact Program at the Highland Park location, stating that she will put this item on the agenda for a future meeting; and 2) the Food Pantry has received substantial donations in the last week, including a very large donation from the Deerfield High School Student Council, with further donations scheduled in the next two weeks.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Levitsky thanked Clerk Scott for organizing the annual Township Halloween Party for Children with Special Needs held October 24 and noted that it was a very successful event.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Supervisor Feiger noted her intention to discuss a recent bill with the Township's engineer, and therefore would pull that invoice from the bills to be paid. Following brief further discussion, Trustee Brown motioned to approve the bills with the exception of payments to Ron Schwartz for ACA services, and to Bleck Engineering. Supervisor Feiger seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye); Trustee Strom (aye); Trustee Schwartz (aye); Trustee Brown (aye); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve payment to Ron Schwartz in the amount of \$220.00 for ACA services, and \$5.00 for recertification as an ACA agent. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye); Trustee Strom (aye); Trustee Schwartz (abstain); Trustee Brown (aye); and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Levitsky moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk