

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

State of Illinois
Lake County
Town of West Deerfield

DATE: September 17, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Deerfield Township was called to order by Town Clerk Kristen Scott 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 Clerk Scott. Roll call was taken by Clerk Scott. Present were Trustees Ron Levitsky, Ron Schwartz, Jack Strom and Marc Brown; and Clerk Scott. Supervisor Alyson Feiger was absent due to illness.

Trustee Levitsky motioned to elect Trustee Schwartz to serve as Supervisor Pro Tem in Supervisor Feiger's absence. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. All were in favor and the motion carried.

MINUTES

Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. Supervisor Pro Tem Schwartz noted a typo in the spelling of Trustee Levitsky's name on page 2; Trustee Levitsky amended his motion to include correction of said typo. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. For discussion and potential action: Tax levy for 2016

Supervisor Pro Tem Schwartz suggested that discussion of the Levy be tabled until October due to Supervisor Feiger's absence. Trustee Strom stated, for discussion purposes, that he would like to see 2016 Levy remain at the 2015 level. Supervisor Pro Tem Schwartz motioned to table discussion of the Tax Levy for 2016 until the October, 2015 Board meeting. Trustee Strom seconded that motion. There being no further discussion, a voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

Supervisor Pro Tem Schwartz noted that he had recently discussed the van's deterioration with Supervisor Feiger. It has been temporarily repaired but required additional repair in the near future (within approximately one month's time). The Board discussed various options for replacing the existing van, which was purchased by the Township in 2008. Trustee Brown felt

strongly that the Board should not authorize an “emergency purchase” of a new van; that the Township should instead rent a van temporarily while all feasible options are explored, including leasing, cooperation with other agencies, and purchase. Trustee Strom agreed, and wished to pursue cooperative agreements, and possibly using the PACE van service for West Deerfield Township medical appointment rides, and the Township van for quality of life appointments. Following further discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to authorize the Supervisor to spend up to \$4,500.00, either to repair the current Township van or temporarily lease a van while she explores other options to continue the Township transportation program, with the money coming from the Van Replacement Accrual Fund. Supervisor Pro Tem Schwartz seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye); Trustee Strom (aye); Trustee Brown (aye); and Supervisor Pro Tem Schwartz (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

C. For discussion and potential action: Approval of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) policy

The Board asked several questions of Clerk Scott regarding an updated FOIA Policy, which outlines procedures for complying with Freedom of Information Act requests. Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the revised FOIA Policy for West Deerfield Township. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a voice vote was taken. All being in favor the motion was approved.

D. For discussion and potential action: Contribution of \$5,000 to Deerfield Community Emergency Fund

Supervisor Pro Tem Schwartz noted that the Board had budgeted for this contribution, and Supervisor Feiger was asking formal authority from the Board before making the expenditure. He then motioned that West Deerfield Township contribute \$5,000.00 to the Deerfield Community Emergency Fund. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. Discussion followed, including questions about contributions to the other municipalities within the Township; what specific purpose the fund served; and if only residents of Deerfield would benefit from the fund. Supervisor Pro Tem Schwartz noted that the Township has made a contribution to this fund for many years, and saw no reason to withdraw its support now. Due to the Board’s concerns, however, he withdrew his motion. Trustee Levitsky then motioned to table this agenda item until October, when Supervisor Feiger could provide further information on the fund. Supervisor Pro Tem Schwartz seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken. All were in favor and the motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Pro Tem Schwartz noted that the Deerfield-Bannockburn-Riverwoods Chamber of Commerce Healthy Lifestyle Expo, co-sponsored by West Deerfield Township, was successful and well-attended, with many queries regarding the Township transportation system, Going Places.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

Trustee Levitsky noted that a low cost Pet Vaccination Clinic, co-sponsored by Lake County Animal Control, Deerfield Park District and West Deerfield Township, would be held Saturday, September 26, 9 a.m. – 12 noon, at Jewett Park Community Center. Clerk Scott stated that the Township Halloween Party for Children with Special Needs would be held again this year, on Saturday, October 24, 1-3 p.m., in the lobby of Deerfield Village Hall.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following brief discussion, Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the bills as presented with the exception of \$5,000.00 to the Deerfield Community Emergency Fund. Trustee Strom seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, roll call was taken: Trustee Levitsky (aye); Trustee Strom (aye); Trustee Brown (aye); and Supervisor Pro Tem Schwartz (aye). All 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 8:08 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk