



TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2023

Alan J. Goldberg Conference and Community Room
Township of New Trier, County of Cook, State of Illinois

PRESENT: Gail Schnitzer Eisenberg, Supervisor
Jerome Hoynes, Clerk
Katherine Casale MacNally, Trustee
Stefan Mozer, Trustee
Elliott Robbins, Trustee
Danielle Zinn Ruben, Trustee
Jan Churchwell, Assessor (via Zoom)
Lorrecia Hopkins, Township Administrator & Deputy Clerk
Brian Leverenz, Community Services Administrator
Julie Koenigsberger, Outreach & Communications Director
Steven Anderson, Community Partnerships Coordinator

ALSO PRESENT: Rick Drake, Chair- Mental Health Funding Committee
Ed Olinger, Chair- Youth, Senior and Community Resources Committee
Mary Lawlor, League of Women Voters
James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Inc. (via Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Following a roll call of attendees, Township Clerk Jerome Hoynes announced that a quorum for conducting official business had been established. Supervisor Gail Schnitzer Eisenberg called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Eisenberg presented the following announcements:

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APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Clerk Hoynes presented two edited draft copies of the Meeting Minutes for Board approval:

- Trustee Robbins moved and Trustee Mozer seconded approval of the **November 15, 2022, Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes** ; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Trustee Mozer moved and Trustee Casale MacNally seconded approval of the **December 13, 2022, Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes** ; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

CLERK'S REPORT

Supervisor Eisenberg asked Clerk Hoynes if he accepted her appointment to serve as the Township's Freedom of Information (FOIA) Officer; he gladly accepted and will complete the state's mandatory training requirements.

Clerk Hoynes underscored the need to plan for the Annual Town Meeting, welcoming input from Board members concerning what location would work out best for this year's event. A detailed update will be provided for the February Board meeting.

MOTION TO TABLE ITEMS ON AGENDA

Supervisor Eisenberg asked the Board to table two Agenda items, the "Financial Report" and the "Verification of Claims" to be addressed after Public Comments. Trustee Casale MacNally moved, and Trustee Mozer seconded the motion to table the Agenda items; motion passed on a voice vote.

COMMITTEE FUNDING PRESENTATIONS

Leaders of the Township Advisory Committees shared presentations that reviewed in detail each agency funding request and provided an insightful rationale explaining the reasons behind the committee's funding request decision. Each committee representative thanked and mentioned by name the group's members as well as the Trustee Liaisons. Furthermore, each committee expressed a tremendous gratitude to Community Services Administrator Brian Leverenz for his extensive years of excellent service, leadership, expertise, and wisdom. They wished Brian well in his retirement and were pleased to welcome Community Partnerships Coordinator Steven Anderson as he will assume Administrator Leverenz's position as he retires this Spring.

Dr. Ed Olinger spoke first on behalf of the Youth, Senior and Community Resources Funding and Oversight Committee. Mr. Rich Drake then offered his presentation representing the Mental Health Funding and Oversight Committee. Speaking for Mr. Mitch Dulin and the members of the Disability Support and Funding Oversight Committee, Community Services Administrator Brian Leverenz delivered the details concerning each agency and decision of the group. Board members asked numerous questions about the funding recommendations; discussion ensued.

Supervisor Eisenberg and all the Township Trustees extended sincere appreciation for the high quality of each presentation and for the valuable effort that it takes from the committee members to interview the agency representatives during the agency hearings as well as the time to determine their funding recommendations. The Board of Trustees will deliberate and vote upon the agency funding decisions at the February 14th Board meeting.

RETURN TO REGULAR AGENDA ORDER OF BOARD MEETING

Trustee Casale MacNally moved, and Trustee Robbins seconded a motion to return to the regular Agenda order for the Board meeting; motion passed on a voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

VERIFICATION OF CLAIMS

Trustee Mozer moved, and Trustee Casale MacNally seconded a motion for verification of claims dated _____; passed by roll call vote:

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were given during the meeting.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Churchwell.....

COMMITTEE LIASON REPORT

Trustee Robbins report that the Peer Jury recently received two case referrals from the Wilmette Police Department.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STAFF REPORTS

- A. Township Administrator- Lorrecia Hopkins
- B. Community Services Administrator- Brian Leverenz
- C. General Assistance Administrator- Jeanne Rosser
- D. Outreach and Communications Director- Julie Koenigsberger
- E. Community Partnerships Coordinator- Steven Anderson

Trustee Casale MacNally asked if the township computer hard drives collected recently were devoid of any information that could identify client data and private information; Township Administrator Hopkins assured the Board that all the computer equipment that was disposed of had been wiped clear of information.

Trustee Casale MacNally also mentioned the Winnetka School District #36's effort to promote composting and recycling with students; Outreach & Communications Director Koenigsberger will continue covering recycling and composting campaigns in future issues of The Courier.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Supervisor Eisenberg provided a detailed plan to begin an Investment Proposal for some of the township funds with _____. Discussion ensued considering the advantages and possible drawbacks, recommending that the Supervisor start this investment and measure the quality of the experience.

Supervisor Eisenberg motioned and Trustee Robbins seconded the motion to invest with _____; motion passed on a roll call vote:

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

NEW BUSINESS

No new business items were proposed at the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee Casale MacNally moved and Trustee Robbins seconded adjournment; motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Eisenberg adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome Hoynes, Clerk