



**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2021
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

Township of New Trier
County of Cook
State of Illinois

Meeting conducted on-line due to Coronavirus Crisis guidelines.

PRESENT:

Alan Goldberg, Supervisor
Jerome Hoynes, Clerk
Gail Schnitzer Eisenberg, Trustee
Stefan Mozer, Trustee
Elliott Robbins, Trustee
John T. Thomas, Trustee
Jan Churchwell, Assessor
Diane Tye, Director of Administration & Finance
Jack Macholl, Communications Director
Sandy Forrester, Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Following a roll call of attendees, Clerk Hoynes announced that a quorum for conducting official business had been established. Supervisor Goldberg called the Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and then led the reciting of the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America*.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Goldberg graciously acknowledged Jerome Hoynes for his twelve years of service as Township Clerk. Supervisor Goldberg thanked Trustee Thomas for his willingness assumed the Chair's responsibilities for the rest of the meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Hoynes thanked Supervisor Goldberg and the Board for their quality service, representation and friendship. He then presented a detailed description of the proposed virtual 2021 Annual Town Meeting Agenda, including several awards for township residents who have generously offered distinguished service to the Township.

Trustee Mozer suggested renaming the Board Room in honor of Alan Goldberg for all his years of service to the township; this proposal will be considered at the April meeting. With

the retirement of Sandy Forrester in May, Trustees asked if there will be a new Deputy Clerk; Clerk Hoynes has encouraged Clerk-Elect Capretta and Supervisor-Elect Eisenberg to consider appointing a new Deputy Clerk as Sandy Forrester has provided dedicated service to the township for the past 14 years and has done such a wonderful job in office.

Trustee Eisenberg moved, and Trustee Thomas seconded approval of the Annual Town Meeting Agenda; motion approved by a roll-call vote:

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

Clerk Hoynes reported on matters related to the upcoming Consolidated Election on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Assessor Churchwell discussed the tax assessment appeals process to the Cook County Assessor's Office.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Director Tye provided a complete review of the financial data for the township's accounts. She thoroughly reviewed detailed documents that listed all the revenues and spending items with particular attention to preparing the Township budget. A new budget draft will be reviewed at the April Board of Trustees meeting which will then be approved at the May Board meeting. Trustee Mozer asked what financial information is included in the Annual Report that will be shared in the Spring issue of the *Courier*.

TRUSTEE LIASION REPORTS:

Trustee Eisenberg reported that the Mental Health Committee met and learned that Samara Care and Samara Care Counseling have merger and are looking for office space within the township. All of their therapists are fully utilized. Trustee Mozer said the Agency Oversight Committee has an upcoming meeting at the end of March. Trustee Thomas had no report about the Money Follows the Person Committee.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Community Services Administrator Brian Leverenz
- B. Communications Director Jack Macholl
- C. Social Services Administrator Jeanne Rosser

Trustees voiced their appreciation for, and acknowledgement of, all Staff Reports.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Trustee Eisenberg detailed efforts for the township to collaborate with the township's villages to coordinate getting all of our senior citizens vaccinated for the coronavirus. Discussion ensued. The Board expressed great concern that we do what we can to assist in the campaign to get as many New Trier residents vaccinated as possible.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Robbins seconded approval of New Trier Township Payroll checks for the period February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021 numbered 7760 to 7776, for a total disbursement of \$24,634.00. Motion passed on a roll call vote:

Aye 4 Nay 0 Abstain 0

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Robbins seconded approval of Town Fund checks for the period of February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021, numbered 25698 to 25765 for a total disbursement of \$566,547.29. Motion passed on a roll call vote:

Aye 4 Nay 0 Abstain 0

APRIL 2021 MEETING:

The Township Board's next meeting was set for 7:30 p.m. on April 20, 2021.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Robbins moved and Trustee Mozer seconded adjournment. Trustee Thomas, acting as Supervisor, closed the meeting at 8:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome Hoynes, Clerk