

**PROCEEDINGS OF A TOWN MEETING HELD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW TRIER
THE COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS
APRIL 13, 2021**



The One Hundred Seventy-Second Annual Town Meeting of New Trier Township convened virtually via ZOOM due to the continuing Coronavirus Pandemic on April 13, 2021, pursuant to statutory notice.

Call to Order:

At 7:33 p.m., Jerome Hoynes, Township Clerk, called the meeting to order and asked for a *Moment of Silence* to remember members of our Township community, including his mother Virginia Hoynes, who have passed away since the last Annual Town Meeting held in September of 2020. Clerk Hoynes invited Trustee Eisenberg and the Girl Scouts to lead us in reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance* and sing patriotic songs.

Introduction:

Clerk Hoynes welcomed participants and stated that tonight's meeting--- our 172nd Annual Town Meeting--- provides an opportunity for residents to have a direct voice in their government. The meeting will also include reports from elected officials and recognition of township award winners who have offered their time and expertise to the community.

The Clerk introduced the Township's elected officials and staff present: Supervisor Alan Goldberg, Assessor Jan Churchwell, as well as Trustees: Stefan Mozer, Gail Schnitzer Eisenberg, John T. Thomas and Elliott Robbins. Members of the Township's staff were thanked for their hard work: Diane Tye, Director of Administration and Finance; Brian Leverenz, Community Services Administrator; Jeanne Rosser, Social Services Administrator; Lorrecia Pearson, Administrative Assistant; Len Shifflett, Deputy Assessor; Jack Macholl, Communications Director and Sandy Forrester, Deputy Clerk. Newly elected township officials, Gail Eisenberg, Supervisor-Elect, Nicole Capretta, Clerk-Elect and Danielle Ruben, Trustee-Elect were congratulated.

The Clerk clarified that, since a Town Meeting calls for direct citizen participation, registered voters of New Trier Township who have logged-in would be eligible to vote to approve the Meeting Agenda, adopt Meeting Rules and Procedures, elect a Moderator and vote on the Resolution presented.

Approval of Agenda:

In response to the Clerk's request for a motion to approve the Agenda, Kate Casale MacNally moved to approve the agenda as presented in the program. Nicole Capretta of Wilmette seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.

Election of the Moderator:

The Clerk requested a motion to place in nomination the name of a qualified resident to be chosen as Moderator of the Meeting. Peter Tyor of Winnetka moved, and Kate Casale MacNally of Winnetka seconded the motion to nominate Victoria McDonough of Winnetka for Moderator of this Annual Town Meeting. The motion to nominate Victoria McDonough passed on a voice vote.

The Clerk then read the following oath, which was repeated by Ms. McDonough: "*I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the moderator at this Town Meeting.*"

Ms. McDonough assumed the role of Moderator of the Meeting.

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Adoption of Rules & Procedures:

The Moderator requested a motion to accept the Rules and Procedures of the Meeting. Peter Tyor of Winnetka moved, and Kate Casale MacNally seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.

Acceptance of Year 2020 Town Meeting Minutes:

Moderator McDonough requested acceptance of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting Minutes. She noted that, following a parliamentarian's recommendation, the 2020 Annual Town Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved by a committee of three people who had attended the previous year's meeting, including: Jerome Hoynes, Sandra Forrester, and Virginia Hoynes. As there were no additions or corrections noted, the Moderator declared the Minutes accepted as presented.

Reports from Township Officials:

Moderator McDonough called for reports from the New Trier Township elected officials. No reports were offered this evening because the reports of Township Assessor Jan Churchwell, Township Clerk Jerome Hoynes, Township Trustee Stefan Mozer and Township Supervisor Alan Goldberg were all printed and mailed in the Annual Report included in the Spring 2021 issue of the *Courier*.

2019/2020 Financial Reports:

Moderator McDonough next called on the Clerk to review the Supervisor's Financial Statement derived from the Certified Public Accountant's Unaudited Financial Statement of Funds received and disbursed for the Fiscal Year ending February 28, 2021.

Questions/Comments from the Public:

Moderator McDonough next called for questions or comments from the public. Nancy Bohrer of Wilmette asked about the operations of our Food Pantry since the fire at the Township Hall.

Approval of Resolution to set time for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting:

Moderator Robbins called upon a registered voter to approve a resolution to set the time for the next Annual Town Meeting. Jerome Hoynes of Winnetka moved the following resolution:

"It is hereby resolved and ordered by the electors present at the Annual Town Meeting of New Trier Township, held this 13th day of April 2021, that the time of the next Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, shall be at a time no earlier than 6:00 p.m., and at a place to be designated by the New Trier Township Board of Trustees."

Kate Casale MacNally seconded the motion to approve the Resolution, which passed on a voice vote.

Township Awards:

Moderator McDonough announced the presentation of awards for services to the Township and Community.

- Moderator McDonough asked Trustee Eisenberg to begin the Awards by recognizing *Gold & Eagle Scouts for their Community Service Projects*. Several members of the Girl Scouts shared what the details of what they did for their service projects and answered questions about their work.
- Moderator asked Community Services Administrator Brian Leverenz to present the *Supervisor's Superior Service Award* to Jerome Ginsburg & Inez Grzeslo.
- Moderator asked Trustee Elliott Robbins to present the *Friend of the Township Award* to the Winnetka Presbyterian Church.
- Moderator asked Social Services Administrator Jeanne Rosser to present the *Township Superior Service Award* to Jerome Hoynes & Sandra Forrester.
- Moderator called upon Assessor Jan Churchwell to present the *George E. Noyes Community Spirit Award* to Jim Carlson.
- Moderator called upon Trustees John Thomas and Stefan Mozer to present the present the *Harriett Hahn Lifetime of Service Award* to Supervisor Alan Goldberg.

Adjournment:

The Meeting Agenda being completed and hearing no objection, Moderator McDonough adjourned the 172nd New Trier Township Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jerome Hoynes and Sandra Forrester.