



TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES JUNE 13, 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*

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 and activities:

- Marched in the Memoria Day Parade with the participation of the Girl Scouts
- Established a Lyft business account to transport unhoused individuals in the township to a respite center located in Nilus Township.
- Hosted a Housing Meeting and Resources Information event, resulting in a wonderfully successful collaboration between housing agencies. There are also several changes for the Angel Fund spending procedures, plus the bylaws will be revised for next year's Angel Fund Corporate meeting.
- Discussion about the soon to be rejuvenated Escorted Medical Transport Service run through the North Shore Senior Center.
- Attended the Our House Open House.
- Participated in the Wilmette Intergovernmental Agreements meeting focused on Mental Health with many stakeholders present.
- Attended the League of Women Voters Annual Meeting
- Will attend the upcoming Township Officials of Cook County (TOCC) Spring Conference on June 22nd in Oak Brook.

- Youth Services Update: the Winnetka Youth Organization is not operational; right now, it is “on pause”.
- Board members are welcome to attend our annual Agency Luncheon on July 12th at the Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Clerk Hoynes requested that the Board table approval of the May 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes for presentation at the August 2023 Board meeting; Supervisor Eisenberg then asked the Board to vote to table and all agreed. Clerk Hoynes had no additional report.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT

Assessor Churchwell reported that the Assessor’s Office is open for appeals; the final date to appeal is June 26, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were given during the meeting.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER APPLICATION

Supervisor Eisenberg moved approval of the application of Micele Renee Shoolin of Glencoe to serve on the Life-Stages Funding and Oversight Committee; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Trustee Robbins moved and Trustee Casele MacNally seconded approval of the application of Jennifer Anne Morrissey of Winnetka to be appointed to the Committee that is determined to be in most need of new members; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE LIASON REPORTS

- A. Mental Health Funding and Oversight Committee
Trustee Casale MacNally reported they even while the committee is on summer break, they are having success with reports coming in via email.
- B. Life-Stages Funding and Oversight Committee
Trustee Ruben had no report.
- C. Disability Support Funding and Oversight Committee
Trustee Mozer had no report.
- D. Peer Jury
Trustee Robbins reported that they have had eight cases in May and two new cases in June. The Peer Jury has eight new jurors and had a second juror training session on June 12th. Trustee Casele MacNally inquired about what happens if a student does not fulfill or comply with the terms of the sentence agreement decided by the Peer Jury; Trustee Robbins responded that while it does not happen often, they can be referred back to the Police Juvenile Officer. Trustee Robbins was confident that

recent disputed cases would work themselves out as this is a restorative and rehabilitative process.

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 Mozer requested more detail in Community Partnership Coordinator Anderson's staff report; Supervisor Eisenberg will bring up that in discussion at the Township Staff meeting on June 14th. Trustee Casele MacNally asked Administrator Hopkins for an update on this year's Audit; Administrator Hopkins replied that the process was going well, moving along quickly, and scheduled to finish on-time. Questions were also raised about installation of the solar panel on the roof and work needed in our basement area. Trustee Casele MacNally also asked questions about recruiting Food Pantry volunteers and wondered why the Food Pantry is addressed in both Brian and Jeanne's staff reports; Supervisor Eisenberg explained that they handle different aspects of the operations---- Brian runs the Food Pantry program while Jeanne is responsible for client intake, determining whether a resident is eligible to use the Food Pantry. Trustee Mozer and Trustee Robbins both suggested that we reach out to "*Rebuilding Together*" for their expert advice on what to do about our basement renovations.

Supervisor Eisenberg mentioned that we have an Intern working with Outreach & Communications Director Koenigsberger this summer. She is also pleased to announce that a representative from Congressman Schneider's Office will have office hours at the Town Hall to discuss any federal concerns and questions with our residents. The Township will participate in both the Winnetka and Glencoe 4th of July Parades as well as village Sidewalk Sales this summer. Trustee Ruben asked how Highland Park would be handling their 4th of July festivities this year; Supervisor Eisenberg explained that they are holding a Walk and a Memorial Ceremony and then a drone performance. Supervisor Eisenberg also proposed that the scheduled July Board Meeting be cancelled with numerous items to be addressed at the August Board of Trustees meeting.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Trustee Casele MacNally presented and moved, and Trustee Robbins seconded, a Proclamation in Recognition of "Monarch Butterfly Month" for approval from the Board. Trustee Mozer, although he plans to vote in favor of approval, expressed reservations whether this proclamation falls within the purview of the township to get involved in topics like this one. Trustee Robbins strongly supported the proclamation feeling that it falls squarely within the township's mission for health and well-being. Trustee Casele MacNally provided more details about the process that led to bringing this proclamation forward and outlined the questions and positive feedback she encountered while investigating this issue. Supervisor Eisenberg mentioned that the township historically had a Health Commissioner and tackled the presence of troublesome weeds; Clerk Hoynes added that the township had

an officially appointed “Noxious Weed Commissioner”. The proclamation was ultimately approved by voice vote. A copy of the proclamation will be posted on our township website.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business items were presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Because James Howard of *Governmental Accounting, Inc.* was unable to join the meeting via Zoom, thus there was no formal financial report presentation this evening. Discussion ensued about the financial report. Trustees did look through the financial documents together and will have an additional opportunity to raise questions at the August 8th Board meeting.

VERIFICATION OF CLAIMS

Trustee Mozer moved, and Trustee Robbins seconded a motion for verification of claims dated from May 1st through May 31st; passed by roll call vote:

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee Casale MacNally moved and Trustee Mozer seconded adjournment; motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Eisenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome Hoynes, Clerk