

**MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING OF NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP**



**State of Illinois  
County of Cook**

**Township of New Trier**

**The Board of New Trier met at the Township Hall on January 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Patricia B. Cantor, Supervisor  
Jerome Hoynes, Clerk  
Paddie Brennen, Trustee  
Alan Goldberg, Trustee  
Gerri Kahnweiler, Trustee  
Diane Tye, Director of Administration and Finance  
Brian Leverenz, Community Services Administrator  
Karen Spillers, Communications Director  
Sandra Forrester, Deputy Clerk

**Also Present:** Barbara Takahashi, MFP Committee Chair  
Peggy Cornog, Oversight Committee Chair  
Chuen Tam, Mental Health Committee Chair

**Not Present:** Stefan Mozer, Trustee  
Joe Fell, Collector

**Supervisor Patricia Cantor, acting as Chair, and Jerome Hoynes, acting as Clerk, transacted the following business:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Cantor called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Following a roll call of the Board, Clerk Hoynes declared a quorum to be present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Supervisor Cantor led the *Pledge of Allegiance* to the Flag of the United States of America.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**APPROVAL- DECEMBER 19, 2011 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES:**

Trustee Goldberg moved and Trustee Brennen seconded the motion to approve Minutes of the December 19, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Collector Fell joined the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Trustee Goldberg questioned the use of "letters of support" from members of the community in support of agencies participating in the funding recommendation hearings process. Community Services Administrator Leverenz stated that this is the first year he has received such letters and he did forward them on via e-mail to committee members.

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Trustee Mozer joined the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

**AGENCY ALLOCATION PRESENTATIONS for FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013:**

Mental Health Committee Chair Chuen Tam thoroughly reviewed various funding requests and the decisions his committee had made concerning mental health agency funding. Chair Tam explained the committee's decision not to fund the Samaritan Counseling Center.

Agency Oversight Committee Chair Peggy Cornog provided a detailed description of the process by which her committee reached its' decisions (after lively debate!) regarding agency funding. Trustees asked several questions about the several agencies including: YWCA, Meals at Home, Interfaith Housing, LINKS and the Youth Centers.

Trustee Alan Goldberg recused himself for the duration of the MFP Committee report. MFP Committee Barbara Takahashi noted that her committee followed the same protocol as the other committees as far as hearings and meetings but also decided to conduct site visits. These site visits benefitted committee members as they could explore the space each agency had and see how that affects the service the agency provides.

The Board of Trustees expressed gratitude, admiration and appreciation to each of the Committee Chairs for their devoted leadership, diligent work and dedicated service. Chairs Tam, Cornog and Takahashi left the meeting at 8:48 pm.

**DISCUSSION OF FY 2012-2013 AGENCY ALLOCATIONS:**

Discussion of agency allocations was tabled to the January 24, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**FY BUDGET TIMELINE:**

Director Tye reviewed the FY 2013 Budget information, noting:

- the 2011 levy process is completed;
- FY 2012-2013 agency allocations will be decided at the February 2012 Board meeting;
- Staff healthcare issues and any salary adjustments will be decided at the February Board meeting.

Director Tye added that the FY 2012-2013 Budget must be approved by the end of May 2012.

**TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

As Trustees had just heard extensive reports from their committees to the entire Board, there were no follow up reports. Trustee Mozer stated that the Disabilities Committee had no December meetings.

**CONSENT AGENDA – STAFF REPORTS:**

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| A. Community Services Administrator | Brian Leverenz |
| B. Social Services Administrator    | Jeanne Rosser  |
| C. Township Social Worker           | Art Sontag     |

Trustee Mozer moved and Trustee Brennen seconded the motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Supervisor Cantor called attention to the following:

- A. Attorneys have been invited to meet with Trustees at the February Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss consultation services and fees.
- B. Customer complaints from numerous township residents concerning service they have been receiving from the 303 Cab Company elicited a letter from the Township Office requesting resolution of the complaints. The letter expresses the township's expectation that our residents can continue to utilize 303 Cab Company as a valuable resource. Supervisor Cantor noted the planned change from a discount card to a voucher program will ease administration of the program.
- C. Financial details of the CJE contract to provide mobility service assistance for persons with disabilities are now final.
- D. 87 Community Support Grant Applications have been submitted to the township for consideration in this year's grant lottery.
- E. Townships of Cook County (T.O.C.C.) will meet January 19, 2012 in Arlington Heights.
- F. Many "thank you" notes have been received from Township recipients appreciative for the holiday gifts. Trustee Kahnweiler suggested a story in the Courier would be appropriate to acknowledge Jewel's contribution.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Trustee Goldberg moved and Trustee Kahnweiler seconded the motion to approve Town Fund payroll checks dated December 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, numbered #5475 through #5499, for a total disbursement of \$24,636.37. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

Trustee Goldberg moved and Trustee Kahnweiler seconded the motion to approve Town Fund checks dated from December 20, 2011 through January 10, 2012, numbered #18339 through #18372, for a total disbursement of \$18,725.29. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Clerk Hoynes announced that Toni Preckwinkle has confirmed her participation as the keynote speaker for the 2012 New Trier Township Annual Town Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Trustee Mozer moved and Trustee Brennen seconded the motion to adjourn, and Supervisor Cantor adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jerome Hoynes, Township Clerk