



**MINUTES OF THE NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**New Trier Township, Cook County, State of Illinois**  
**June 14, 2016**

Padraig (Paddie) Brennen, Supervisor;  
Jerome Hoynes, Clerk;  
Jan Gargula, Trustee;  
Hamilton Chang, Trustee;  
Gerri Kahnweiler, Trustee;  
Stefan Mozer, Trustee;  
Jan Churchwell, Assessor;  
Jack Macholl, Communications Director;  
Sandy Forrester, Deputy Clerk.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Carl Steiner, township resident.

**ABSENT:** Diane Tye, Director of Administration and Finance;

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:**

Following a roll call of attendees, Clerk Hoynes declared a quorum to be present, and Supervisor Brennen called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Supervisor Brennen led the *Pledge of Allegiance* to the flag of the United States of America.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Wilmette resident Carl Steiner noted his appreciation for the Assessor's Office recent assistance with property tax reassessment information.

**APPROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2016:**

Trustee Chang moved and Trustee Gargula seconded approval of Minutes of the May 24, 2016 Township Board Meeting; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Hoynes presented the State of Illinois Ordinance 2016-02 for Board approval. The ordinance reads:

"An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the State, county, city of any public body or any political subdivision or by an one under contract for public works", approved June 26, 1941, as amended (Illinois Compiled Statutes (820 ILCS 130/1 et. seq.)

This Act requires the Board of Trustees of New Trier Township to investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages as defined in said Act for laborers, mechanics and other workers in New Trier Township employed in performing construction of public works for said Township.

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Following discussion and review, Trustee Kahnweiler moved and Trustee Chang seconded approval of Ordinance 2016-02; motion passed on a roll call vote.

3 Aye            2 Nay (Trustees Gargula and Chang)            0 Abstain

Notice that the New Trier Township Board has adopted this Ordinance, and that the determination is effective June 14, 2016, will be published in local media.

Clerk Hoynes next reviewed the April 2016 Annual Town Meeting and discussed the event with the Board.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: No Report**

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**

Assessor Churchwell provided a First Quarter (March 1 – May 31, 2016) Report of Township Sales and Building Permits processed. The report noted that while median increases were @ 21% for condominiums and @ 25% for homes, many residents received much higher increases. Increases of 40-90% were quite common and consequently the number of appeals was overwhelming. The office provided assistance to over 1,000 residents during the appeal period. The report also noted that the State of Illinois has stopped paying the taxes of the seniors who are in the Tax Deferral Program, potentially putting them at jeopardy of foreclosure.

**TRUSTEE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR:**

- Trustee Kahnweiler will be the liaison to the Oversight Committee.
- Trustee Chang will be the liaison to the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Committee.
- Trustee Gargula will be the liaison to the Mental Health Committee.
- Trustee Mozer will review ongoing General Assistance, Emergency Assistance and Angel Fund expenditures.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Trustee Chang reported the Mental Health Committee reviewed an Annual Report from the *Chasing Hope Foundation*. The committee also discussed *Our House* activity.
- Trustee Gargula called attention to Director Leverenz' detailed report on the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Committee's approval of a \$50,000 Incubator Grant for *Our House* to provide appropriate housing for persons with disabilities in New Trier Township.
- Trustee Mozer reported discussion in the Agency Oversight Committee's May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting involved a proposed merger of the *Glencoe Youth Service* and *Winnetka Youth Organization* (YO) boards, staffing and administrative expenses. Although one new member recently joined the Oversight Committee, Trustee Mozer noted the continuing difficulty of functioning with very low committee membership.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

- Community Services Administrator    Brian Leverenz
- Social Services Administrator        Jeanne W. Rosser
- Communications Director              Jack Macholl
- Deputy Assessor                        Lois Cross

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

- The Township building's elevator repair is expected to be completed within the next few weeks.
- Supervisor Brennen praised Deputy Assessor Lois Cross for her constant pleasant demeanor while handling the recent surge of Township residents seeking assistance with tax appeals.

**COMMUNITY GRANT GUIDELINE DISCUSSION:**

The Board reviewed the Township's Community Grant program, which initially was developed to respond to the *Money Follows the Person* directives to assist the developmentally disabled in the community. Since its start, the program's guidelines have expanded to include residents with mental health challenges as well. This has resulted in more grants, but at a lower dollar amount per individual. The Board considered re-defining the qualifying diagnoses for the FY 2017 Community Grant program to reflect the original intent of the program. It was suggested that by eliminating three currently designated categories of (mental health) diagnoses, qualifying developmentally disabled individuals would receive grants of a more meaningful dollar amount.

Trustee Kahnweiler moved and Trustee Gargula seconded changing the Community Grant applicant categories of diagnoses to exclude:

- Bipolar and Thought/Psychotic disorders (including Schizoaffective),
- Depression/Mood Disorders (including Anxiety, OCD, PTSD, depression with psychosis) and
- ADD/ADHD

The motion passed on a roll call vote:

4 Aye                      1 Nay (Trustee Mozer)                      0 Abstain

**TRUSTEE REVIEW OF EA/GA/ANGEL FUNDS:**

Trustee Kahnweiler reported a satisfactory review of recent G.A., E.A. and Angel Fund expenditures.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Trustee Kahnweiler moved and Trustee Mozer seconded approval of Town Fund checks dated May 25, 2016 through June 14, 2016, numbered 22094 through 22131, for a total disbursement of \$52,052.12; motion passed on a roll call vote.

5 Aye   0 Nay   0 Abstain

Trustee Kahnweiler moved and Trustee Mozer seconded approval of Payroll checks dated May 1, 2016 through May 31, 2016, numbered 6643 through 6663, for a total disbursement of \$23,905.02; motion passed on a roll call vote.

5 Aye   0 Nay   0 Abstain

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Trustee Mozer moved and Trustee Chang seconded to adjourn; Supervisor Brennen adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jerome Hoynes, Clerk