



**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2019
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Township of New Trier
County of Cook
State of Illinois**

PRESENT:

Alan Goldberg, Supervisor
Jerome Hoynes, Clerk
Kevin Boyd, Trustee
Gail Eisenberg, Trustee
Elliott Robbins, Trustee
John Thomas, Trustee
Jan Churchwell, Assessor
Diane Tye, Director of Administration and Finance
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 exactly 7:30 p.m. and then led the reciting of the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America*.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2019 TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES:

Trustee Eisenberg moved and Trustee Robbins seconded approval of the March 12, 2019 Township Board Minutes as presented; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Goldberg announced the following notices and recommendations:

- ❖ Clerk Hoynes was congratulated on the recent successful *2019 Annual Town Meeting*. Board comments concurred.
- ❖ The *Townships of Cook County (TOOC)* Trustees meeting will be May 16th.
- ❖ With regret, Supervisor Goldberg announced that Trustee Kevin Boyd who, having served on the Township Board for two years, has issued his resignation due to responsibilities in his new position as CIO for the University of Chicago. All of the Board members expressed their gratitude for his outstanding service to the Township.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Hoynes reminded the Board members to file their SEIS statements electronically with the Cook County Clerk before the May 1st deadline. He also debriefed the 2019 Annual Town Meeting with the Board; it was a very special evening--- everyone was particularly impressed with Brian Leverenz' presentation as well as the wonderful award winners. Additionally, Clerk Hoynes invited our Board members to attend the TOCC Clerks Association dinner meeting that he is hosting on May 2nd at Gusto in Wilmette.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

- ❖ Assessor Churchwell reported the Assessor's office has experienced a great public response to its offer of assistance with property tax appeals. She noted that, with the deadline for the appeals process being Monday, April 29, the Assessor's office will be open to assist New Trier homeowners with appeals on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- ❖ In the future, Assessor Churchwell stated that she will be requesting an additional Assessor's Office staff member position.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Director Tye reviewed FY 2019 year-end financial activity in both the Town Fund and the General Assistance Fund with February 2019 line-item analysis of year-to-date revenues and expense changes approved. The Board discussed funding issues:

- Our Place of New Trier Township
- JJ's List
- Peer Jury Funds
- Retirement Funds
- Annual Town Meeting
- Printing and Publishing Expenses
- IT Support
- Website maintenance
- Assessor's office request for added staff member
- Town Fund Utilities and Telephone Expenses
- General Assistance Emergency Assistance
- General Assistance Home Relief

Director Tye spoke to the timing of FY 2019 Levy receipts received by February 28th (the end-date of FY 2019) and how some may affect payouts needed in FY 2020.

FY 2020 BUDGET:

Noting that the Township's FY 2020 Budget must be submitted to Cook County by the end of May, 2019, Director Tye presented a DRAFT FY 2020 BUDGET document for both the Town Fund and the General Assistance Fund.

DISABILITY FUNDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Discussion has been tabled to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

- ❖ Trustee Boyd reported the Mental Health Committee did not meet.
- ❖ Trustee Robbins reported the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Committee did not meet.
- ❖ Trustee Eisenberg reported the Agency Oversight Committee did not meet.
- ❖ Trustee Thomas had no report for the Special Projects Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA: STAFF REPORTS

Community Services Administrator – Brian Leverenz
Communications Director – Jack Macholl
Social Services Administrator – Jeanne Rosser

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Robbins seconded approval of the Consent Agenda; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Boyd seconded approval of the New Trier Township Payroll checks for the period March 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 numbered 7363 through 7383, for a total disbursement of \$24,830.25; motion passed on a roll call vote.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Boyd seconded approval of the New Trier Township Town Fund checks for the period February 28, 2019 through April 23, 2019, numbered 24096 through 24429, noting voided 24111, for a total disbursement of \$299,258.14; motion passed on a roll call vote.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

MAY MEETING DATE:

The next Board meeting was scheduled for May 21, 2019.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Boyd seconded adjournment; Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome Hoynes, Clerk