



**MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2019
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

Township of New Trier
County of Cook
State of Illinois

PRESENT: Alan Goldberg, Supervisor
Jerome Hoynes, Clerk
John T. Thomas, Trustee
Elliott Robbins, Trustee
Gail Schnitzer Eisenberg, Trustee
Jan Churchwell, Assessor
Diane Tye, Director of Administration and Finance
Sandy Forrester, Deputy Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Stefan Mozer

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 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 APRIL 23, 2019 TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Robbins seconded approval of the April 23, 2019 Township Board Meeting Minutes; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Goldberg presented the following announcements and recommendations:

- Trustees were encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting of the Township Officials of Cook County scheduled on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 in Countryside, IL.
- Informed the Board of recent anti-township legislation being pursued in the Illinois General Assembly, including one which would allow voters in McHenry County to dissolve townships within that county.
- Recommendation to appoint Stefan Mozer as Township Trustee to fill and serve out the unexpired term of Kevin Boyd's due to his resignation from the Board.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT:

Clerk Hoynes performed the official swearing-in of our new Township Trustee Stefan Mozer. Trustee Mozer then answered inquiries from the Board, noting his former longtime service as a New Trier Township Trustee and stated his enthusiasm for rejoining Board activities.

CLERK’S REPORT:

- Clerk Hoynes reported he had met with the local League of Women Voters to review the Township’s voter services.
- Informed the Board of the FOIA Request from the Better Government Association asking for township salary information.
- Thanked our own Community Service Administrator Brian Leverenz who gave a presentation about the New Trier Township Peer Jury Program at the May 2019 meeting of the Cook County Township Clerks in Wilmette.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT:

Assessor Churchwell acknowledged Director Macholl’s recent work on producing a helpful brochure for the public that clearly explains the assistance offered by the Assessor’s Office. She then presented a request for Board approval to add to Deputy Assessor Shifflett’s job a new position: that of an independent contractor, within the Assessor’s office. She noted that Cook County’s new Assessor has asked all Townships to report local problems with property taxes. This could include reporting property “field checks” to determine unequal taxation and establishing uniform new assessments on home remodeling.

In subsequent Board discussion, Trustees suggested that field checks to identify inappropriate property assessments were the responsibility of the County. Trustee Eisenberg also noted a potential employment law conflict of combining an employed position with an independent contractor position. Decision on Assessor Churchwell’s request was tabled for further study.

At 8:22 p.m., Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Eisenberg seconded adjourning the Township Board meeting for a Budget Hearing of the Town Fund and the General Assistance Fund; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Supervisor Goldberg then called the Budget meeting to order.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Director Tye presented the **Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2019-01** :

I. GENERAL TOWN FUND BUDGET

Beginning Balance March 1, 2019 (unaudited)		\$1,066,460
<u>Estimated Revenues</u>		
Property Tax	2,609,729	
Replacement Tax	37,000	
Interest Income	23,000	
Other Income	<u>16,900</u>	

Total Estimated Revenues	\$2,686,629
Total Estimated Funds Available;	\$3,753,089

Budgeted Expenditures

Administration	848,500	
Programs and Services	2,297,965	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,000</u>	
Total Estimated Expenditures/Appropriations:		<u>\$3,147,465</u>

Estimated Ending Balance February 28, 2020 **\$605,624**

II. GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND BUDGET

Beginning Balance - March 1, 2019 (unaudited) **\$910,188**

Estimated Revenues

Property Tax	356,820	
Interest Income	<u>18,000</u>	
Total Estimated Revenues		<u>\$374,820</u>
Total Estimated Funds Available		\$1,285,008

Budgeted Expenditures

Administration	265,400	
Home Relief	77,500	
Hospitalization & Insurance	28,500	
Pantry	<u>65,000</u>	
Total Expenditures/Appropriations:		<u>\$436,400</u>

Estimated Ending Balance February 28, 2020 **\$848,608**

III. That the amount appropriated for town purposes for the Fiscal Year beginning March 1, 2019 and ending February 28, 2020 by fund shall be as follows:

GENERAL TOWN FUND	\$3,147,465
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND	\$436,400

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$3,583,865

At 8:28 p.m., Trustee Eisenberg moved and Trustee Robbins seconded reconvening to the regular Township Board meeting; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Following discussion, Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Robbins seconded approval of Budget & Appropriation No, 2019-01; motion passed on a roll call vote:

4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain (Trustee Mozer)

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: STAFF REPORTS

- A. **Community Services Administrator** Brian Leverenz : written report
- B. **Social Services Administrator** Jeanne Rosser: written report
- C. **Communications Director** Jack Macholl presented a detailed report of the extensive activities he is working on to advance township communications and outreach.

Supervisor Goldberg moved and Trustee Thomas seconded acceptance of the Consent Agenda; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: None

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Robbins seconded approval of the New Trier Township Payroll checks for the period April 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019, numbered 7384 through 7402, for a total disbursement of \$ 24,563.88. Motion passed on a roll call vote:

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Mozer seconded approval of the New Trier Town Fund checks for the period April 24, 2019 through May 21, 2019, numbered 24430 through 24469, noting a voided check numbered 24251, for a total disbursement of \$42,452.21;; motion passed on a roll call vote:

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

NEXT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING:

The Township Board's next meeting was scheduled for July 2, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Eisenberg seconded adjournment; motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Goldberg adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Jerome Hoynes, Clerk