



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Township of New Trier

County of Cook

State of Illinois

PRESENT:

Alan Goldberg, Supervisor

Jerome Hoynes, Clerk

Gail Schnitzer Eisenberg, Trustee

Stefan Mozer, Trustee

Elliott Robbins, Trustee

John T. Thomas, Trustee

Jan Churchwell, Assessor

Diane Tye, Director of Administration and Finance

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 7:33 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 AUGUST 20, 2019 TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Mozer seconded approval of the August 20, 2019 Township Board Meeting Minutes; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Goldberg discussed communications programs as well as friendly competitions between religious groups to stock the Food Pantry. After consulting with Niles Township officials about the legal aid clinics similar to the program that we are considering supporting at New Trier Township, Supervisor Goldberg was assured that the clinics are conducted in a completely apolitical way.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Hoynes offered best regards to the Board from Deputy Clerk Sandy Forrester; she appreciates the kind wishes that she has received from the township. He also asked the board for their feedback on the possibility of scaling back the cost and production quality of the Township Annual Report presented each year at the Annual Town Meeting. Most of the information included in the Annual Report is reprinted in the Summer issue of the *Courier* that

reaches all township residents. Communications Director Jack Macholl will be consulted further for his recommendations.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Assessor Churchwell announced that the Appeal Window to the Board of Review had closed today. She also provided a detailed report of the activities of the Assessor's Office. Assessor Churchwell also brought the issues of property tax shifts due to appeals as well as stormwater flood plain problems to the attention of the Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Director Tye reviewed a *Financial Report* document that detailed year-to-date activity representing six months of the year. She noted revenues and expenditures in both the Town Fund and the General Assistance Fund and provided a re-cap of township funds in general. Administrator Tye also commented that the township's tax levy dollars actually received from Cook County were quite high this year. The question of what the ideal amount for the township to hold in financial reserves was raised.

LEGAL AID UPDATE:

The Board reviewed a formal request for funding from the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic for \$3,000 to fund an educational forum held at the township as well as launch the off-site clinic program in the township to begin in April 2020. Trustee Eisenberg moved and Trustee Robbins seconded that the township provide \$3,000 to the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic to fund expenses for an educational forum and starting a legal aid clinic next year in the township; motion passed on a roll call vote:

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

LIFE LINE SCREENING:

Director Tye reported to the Board that she is investigating the possibility of providing space at the township to host a one-day Life Line health screening for our residents.

TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

- Mental Health Committee- Trustee Thomas reported that the committee had received funding proposals.
- Money Follows the Person (MFP)- Trustee Mozer had no report.
- Agency Oversight Committee- Trustee Robbins shared that the committee will meet next week to discuss the addition of the North Suburban Legal Aid agency as a new requestor for funding.
- Special Projects- Trustee Eisenberg had no report.

CONSENT AGENDA: STAFF REPORTS

- A. Community Services Administrator Brian Leverenz
- B. Communications Director Jack Macholl
- C. Social Services Administrator Jeanne Rosser

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Thomas reported that New Trier Township High School is coordinating an effort to bring together the township's three youth service agencies to discuss their common purposes, programs and possibilities for cooperation.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

The Township Board's next meetings were set for 7:30 p.m. on October 22, 2019 and for 7:30 p.m. on November 19, 2019.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Mozer seconded approval of the New Trier Town Fund checks for the period August 21, 2019 through September 17, 2019, numbered 24640 through 24675 (noting voided check #24641), for a total disbursement of \$57,395.59; 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 Township Payroll checks for the period August 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019, numbered 7454 through 7470, for a total disbursement of \$24,090.42; motion passed on a roll call vote:

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome Hoynes, Township Clerk