



**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2020
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

New Trier Township
Cook County
State of Illinois

Meeting conducted on-line due to the “shelter in place” guidelines because of the Coronavirus Crisis.

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
Jack Macholl, Communications Director
Sandy Forrester, Deputy Clerk

ALSO PRESENT:

Vic Doucette, Wilmette resident
Dan O’Hara, Morton Grove resident

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Supervisor Goldberg called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Following a roll call of attendees, Clerk Hoynes announced that a quorum for conducting official business had been established. Supervisor Goldberg then led the reciting of the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Supervisor Goldberg started by stating we are living in interesting times and the Board will continue to meet virtually until further notice. He noted that given the tenuous nature of our Township Board until the April 2021 Consolidated Election, he will not permit any making any major changes in upcoming months. Supervisor Goldberg predicted that things could be chaotic in the months ahead and he expressed his thanks to the Board for their continuous cooperation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STAFF BOARD REPORTS:

- A. Community Services Administrator - Brian Leverenz
- B. Communications Director - Jack Macholl

C. Social Services Administrator - Jeanne Rosser

Trustee Eisenberg requested to specifically discuss Community Services Administrator Leverenz' report in regard to the functioning of Peer Jury options. She also was disappointed to learn of Food Pantry policy changes from other sources and not directly from the Township Office. Supervisor Goldberg revealed that after consulting with our Administrators, it was his decision to make the Food Pantry policy change, primarily due to available staff time. Following that discussion, Trustees favorably acknowledged the Staff Board Reports.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Hoynes shared that he was eagerly anticipating our first ever virtual ZOOM session for our 171st Annual Town Meeting at beginning at 7:30 p.m. this evening. Trustees were asked to assist with making motions to keep the meeting moving. Trustee Robbins will be nominated to serve at the Annual Town Meeting Moderator. He also indicating that the Clerk's Office is assisting residents with questions concerning the election; fortunately, there will be an early Voting Polling Place once again in New Trier Township. Trustee Thomas asked about circulating the required signatures to get on the springtime ballot. Trustee Eisenberg answered that the threshold of 5% of the just under 7,000 township voters in the 2017 Consolidated Election will be around 350 signatures. Clerk Hoynes informed Board members that unlike all previous elections, the pandemic has delayed all sorts of decisions regarding election procedures and guidelines provided by the Cook County Clerk's Office.

ASSESSOR' REPORT:

Assessor Churchwell shared that the results of the tax appeals process should be announced shortly. Additionally, she shared that County officials will be hosting an upcoming webinar to review the process as well as a planned drive-by drop-off option for submitting tax appeals.

FY 2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE #2020-01 :

Director Tye presented the Budget Ordinance traditionally approved at the May Board meeting but delayed this year because of the coronavirus pandemic. She recapped the budget and appropriation documents showing the estimated expenses for the General Town Fund of \$3,236,815 and \$475,400 for the General Assistance Fund, giving a total expense appropriation for the Township of \$3,712,215 as well as the estimated revenues for the General Town Fund of \$2,731,025 and \$401,674 for the General Assistance Fund, giving a total revenue for the Township of \$3,132,699.

Trustee Eisenberg moved and Trustee Robbins seconded that the Board approve FY 2021 Budget Ordinance #2020-01; motion passed on a roll call vote:

5 Yay 0 Nay 0 Abstain

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Board meeting was scheduled for November 10, 2020.

New Trier Township Board Meeting
September 29, 2020

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Mozer seconded a motion for adjournment; Supervisor Goldberg then adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome Hoynes, Township Clerk