

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR 2014 AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK PARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015, AT THE OAK PARK TOWNSHIP HALL, 105 SOUTH OAK PARK AVENUE, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Boulanger called the Public Hearing on the Tentative Township Tax Levy for 2015 to order at 7:05 p.m. There being no public questions or comments, the Supervisor closed the public hearing.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Boulanger called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. On the call of the roll the following were present: Supervisor F. David Boulanger, Trustees Clarmarie Keenan, James Taglia, Mary Cozzens, Ade Onayemi and Clerk Gregory White. Township Manager Gavin Morgan, Township Attorney John Garofalo and Business Manager Jack Norton were also present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Elector Tom Butler spoke on concerns over the loss of a qualified candidate for the Community Mental Health Board, due to perceived conflict of interest in being a member of an agency receiving funding from the CMHB. He felt that better clarification on the issue would be helpful.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Onayemi moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Minutes of the November 10, 2015 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting; Minutes of the November 10, 2015 Executive Session Meeting; and Township Bills for the period: November 6, 2015 through December 3, 2015. Trustee Cozzens seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF 2015 TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY ORDINANCE**

Board members gave final review to the 2015 Tax Levy Ordinance, as tentatively approved at the November 10, 2015 Board meeting.

Trustee Onayemi moved to approve the 2015 Township Tax Levy Ordinance in the following amounts:

Town Fund	\$2,668,718
General Assistance	484,052
Mental Health	<u>1,493,646</u>
TOTAL	\$4,646,416

Trustee Keenan seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote. A copy of the Ordinance is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO CMHB**

Supervisor Boulanger reported on recent interviews of candidates for appointment to the Community Mental Health Board. Trustee Onayemi then moved to appoint William Troyer, Michelle Bryant and Nancy Staples to full four-year terms on the CMHB. Trustee Cozzens seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Trustee Onayemi suggested a policy statement with clear qualifications of candidates for the CMHB.

## **APPROVAL OF 2015 PACE RESOLUTION**

Trustee Keenan moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2015-03, AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE 2016 PARATRANSIT GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUBURBAN BUS DIVISION OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (PACE) AND OAK PARK TOWNSHIP**, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Trustee Cozzens seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON TO COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY TASK FORCE**

Board members discussed a memorandum from the Park District of Oak Park requesting participation in a needs assessment for a Community Recreation Center. Tasks and procedures of the group were listed for a recommendation to the Park District Board of Commissioners at the conclusion of the study. It was agreed that Trustee Keenan serve as the Township Liaison to the Community Recreation Center Feasibility Study Task Force.

## **YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Onayemi, liaison to the YSC, reported that a third training session for funded agencies was held, and that agencies will soon begin giving proposals for funding of youth serving programs. YSC members will also be doing site evaluations in January. Discussion was also held on a new alternative school in Oak Park called Menta to which the High School is referring students. John Williams, Youth Services Director is working with the Concordia University counseling program to develop a program to run groups for junior high school students. The YSC held a retreat meeting recently.

## **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD REPORT**

Trustee Keenan, liaison and CMHB member, reported that the December 15 meeting focused on gaps in psychological services available to local citizens. *Thrive* requested the reallocation of CMH funding received, which was approved.

## **SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Cozzens, liaison to the SCSC, reported that the SCSC had a Holiday Dinner Meeting, featuring a presentation on senior balance and mobility, discussion on the topic of the *Senior Village Movement*, and discussion on Oak Park as a livable community by AARP standards.

## **TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Morgan reported on discussion with the Oak Park Community Foundation on coordination of funding for local agencies to improve efficiency of services to area residents.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Boulanger reported on the highlights of the recent Council of Governments Meeting, and on his presentation at the recent Community Forum at the Oak Park Library on Township services. There will be an insert in the next Village of Oak Park FYI Newsletter on Township services for citizens. The Annual Employee Holiday Party will be on Friday, December 11 at the Carleton Hotel.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Trustee Taglia reported on a possible heroin antidote and its use in the community. The Board expressed support for further investigation of the topic and to include the Community Mental Health Board.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Oak Park Township Board of Trustees will be a Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at the Oak Park Town Hall, 105 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Onayemi moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Trustee Taglia seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by  
and recorded in the office of

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Gregory White, Township Clerk

Approved with correction: 1/12/2016