

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK PARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016, AT THE OAK PARK TOWNSHIP HALL, 105 SOUTH OAK PARK AVENUE, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Supervisor Boulanger called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. On the call of the roll the following were present:, Supervisor F. David Boulanger, Trustees Clarmarie Keenan, Ade Onayemi, Mary Cozzens, James Taglia, and Clerk Gregory White. Township Manager Gavin Morgan, Finance Director Jack Norton and Attorney John Garofalo were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Bunting. Legislative aide to State Rep. Camille Lilly attended the meeting as an observer.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Cozzens moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Minutes of the December 8, 2015, Public Hearing and Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, with the following correction, under "Senior Citizens Services Committee Report": for the first sentence to read: "*Trustee Cozzens, liaison to the SCSC, reported that the SCSC had a Holiday Dinner Meeting, featuring a DISCUSSION on senior balance and mobility...*"; and to approve the Township bills for the period December 4, 2015 through January 7, 2016. Trustee Taglia seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

FY2017 BUDGET PRESENTATION: GENERAL GOVERNMENT, GENERAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPITAL OUTLAY

Manager Morgan shared study sheets on Town General Government, General Assistance, and Capital Funds Revenue and Expenditure Projections to assist in the budgeting process for the next fiscal year. There were no major changes or increases over the current year Budget. Other departmental budget presentations will be given at the next several meetings.

APPROVAL OF FY2017 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Trustee Keenan moved to approve the FY2017 Board Meeting Schedule for the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Trustee Onayemi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD POLICY ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND CMHB APPOINTMENTS

Board members discussed appointment of citizens to advisory committees while avoiding potential conflicts of interest of members serving as employees or board members of funded agencies. Trustee Keenan suggested an annual report/questionnaire form of advisory committee members (CMHB and Youth Services) for disclosure of any related funding received. Manager Morgan agreed to peruse the legal opinion on the topic from Attorney Garofalo and draft a proposed policy for review by the Board in the near future.

DISCUSSION OF JANUARY 23 IGOV ASSEMBLY

Trustees Keenan and Taglia, Board representatives to IGOV, reported that invitations have been sent to all Oak Park elected officials to attend an IGOV Assembly on January 23, 2016 at Percy Julian Middle School. The format for the assembly was explained, in the hope of collaboration among local governmental bodies to aid the overall quality of life and service to citizens of the community. Board members agreed to attend, except Clerk White, who will be assisting with a League of Women Voters' forum at Township Senior Services the same day.

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER REPORT

Trustee Keenan, liaison to the Park District Feasibility Study Committee for a Community Recreation Center, shared copies of a memorandum given to Committee members explaining the purposes, procedures and timeline for the study. The study will launch in January, 2016 and is expected to conclude by midyear, and will include focus group meetings, community input sessions, and factors of potential sites and costs.

YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Onayemi, liaison to the YSC, reported that grant applications for program funding are currently being accepted for presentations and hearings to come in the near future.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Morgan reported on Village of Oak Park interest in raising the legal age for purchase of tobacco to 21. The Supervisor will be communicating with the Village on information regarding a heroin antidote. The IDHS Grant Coordinator Vicki Scaman has progressed well with community involvement in strategic planning to prevent underage alcohol use, through more volunteers, focus groups, data research and school information sharing among community stakeholders.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk White reported that he filed the 2016 Tax Levy Ordinance with the County Clerk's Office on December 16, and reported on the services available to voters on the Cook County Clerk's website. The Illinois Primary Election will be held on March 15, and early voting will again be available at Village Hall. Board members were informed that their names and addresses were submitted to the Cook County Clerk in compliance with requirements for the Statements of Economic Interest.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Boulanger reported that Youth Services Director John Williams and Youth Interventionist Supervisor Bert Patania gave presentations on their respective programs at the recent River Forest Council of Governments Meeting, and will do so at the next Oak Park COG Meeting. An insert explaining Township Services for residents was included in the recent Village of Oak Park Newsletter, and featured the Youth Interventionist program. There may be other inserts featuring other Township services. The League of Women Voters will be holding a forum for members on Saturday, January 23 at Township Senior Services at 130 S. Oak Park Ave. Township offices will be closed on January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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 26, 2016, at the Oak Park Township Hall, 105 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Onayemi moved to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Trustee Cozzens seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
and recorded in the office of

Gregory White, Township Clerk

Approved: 1/26/2016