

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK PARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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 7:08 p.m. On the call of the roll the following were present: Supervisor F. David Boulanger, Trustees Clarmarie Keenan, Mary Cozzens, James Taglia, and Ade Onayemi. Township Manager Gavin Morgan and Attorney John Garofalo were also present. Clerk Gregory White was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Bigg of the Chicago Recovery Alliance attended the meeting to give a presentation on making Narcan available to the public, as an antidote to heroin overdoses. Mr. Bigg explained the seriousness of the heroin use problem in the U.S., how Nalaxone (Narcan) works as an antidote, and possible methods of distribution to users and families.

Tod Altenburg, Chief Financial Officer of OPRF High School D200, gave the D200 presentation on the pool referendum appearing on the November 8th ballot, for a new pool/facilities plan, along with proposed financing and plans for the facility. A question and answer period among Board members and Mr. Altenburg followed.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Keenan moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Minutes of the October 11, 2016, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, and Township bills for the period October 7, 2016 through October 20, 2016. Trustee Onayemi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE 2016 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Manager Morgan presented a draft of the 2016 Tax Levy Ordinance, with a 1.5% increase over the current year's tax levy extension as previously discussed and directed by the Board. After discussion, Trustee Cozzens moved to approve **ORDINANCE 2016-03, TENTATIVE TOWNSHIP 2016 PROPERTY TAX LEVY**, in the following amounts, to be taken to Public Hearing on December 12, 2016:

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

Trustee Taglia seconded the motion which passed unanimously. A copy of the Tentative 2016 Property Tax Levy is available for inspection in the Clerk's Office.

APPROVAL OF TWO NEW STAFF POSITIONS

Manager Morgan recommended the hiring of a part-time Activity and Outreach Assistant for the Senior Lunch Program. This request is due to a substantial increase in the number of diners for the program, and to assist with organized activities. Trustee Cozzens then moved to approve a new part-time position to assist with the Senior Lunch Program at \$25,000 per year to cover salary and benefits. Trustee Keenan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Additionally, funding is available from the Illinois Department of Human Services for a part-time Alcohol and Drug Prevention Program Assistant position working with the *Partnership For Success* program, with Board approval. Trustee Onayemi moved to approve a part-time position for the *Partnership For Success* program at \$25,000 per

year to cover salary and benefits. Trustee Cozzens seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF IFF/CMHB WELLNESS CENTER

Trustee Keenan, CMHB member and Board liaison, reported that the CMHB is still investigating the concept of a wellness center and tabled any further action until March, 2017.

BRIEF REPORTS

Youth Services: Melissa Piotrowski has resigned her post as a Youth Interventionist, and Director John Williams received an award from the Chamber of Commerce for the *Cargo Circles Program*.

The CMHB is preparing for a financial audit in the near future. Agency Thrive has failed a CMHB audit again and may not be renewed for a funding grant if not in compliance with reporting requirements. Site visits to funded agencies are taking place this month.

The Senior Services Committee discussed adding links to the Township website for volunteer opportunities. *Dine Out Program* reimbursement rates have been increased by *AgeOptions*. More discussion was held on the future direction of the Senior Citizens Services Committee.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Gavin Morgan reviewed the Emergency Assistance numbers for *Prevail*. Information on the IGOV Meeting and presentation for October 29 was shared with the Board. The Employee Survey has been distributed as part of the Township Human Resources Program.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Boulanger reported that several employees may be eligible for early retirement through the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The Annual Employee Holiday Party has been tentatively scheduled for December 9, with more information to come.

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, November 15, 2016, at the Oak Park Township Hall, 105 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Onayemi moved to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Trustee Cozzens seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by

Jim Taglia, Acting Clerk

and recorded in the office of

Gregory White, Township Clerk

Approved: