

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK PARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018, AT OAK PARK TOWNSHIP HALL, 105 SOUTH OAK PARK AVENUE, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Supervisor Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. On the call of the roll the following were present: Supervisor Clarmarie Keenan, Trustees Ade Onayemi, Eric Davis, Michelle Mbekeani-Wiley and Clerk Gregory White. Township Manager Gavin Morgan and Attorney John Garofalo were also present. Trustee Margaret Trybus was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Mbekeani-Wiley moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Minutes of the June 19, 2018 Public Hearing and Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, and Township bills for the period June 9, 2018, through August 22, 2018. Trustee Davis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Supervisor Keenan reported on the progress of the formation of the Financial Advisory Committee, as approved by the Board last spring. To date, she has interviewed five well-qualified applicants from the community, and would like the Board to consider expanding the committee structure from three community members to five. The next step is for interested Board members to meet with the applicants in the near future prior to final Board appointment.

DISCUSSION OF *CLEARGOV.COM* PROPOSAL

Manager Morgan gave a visual presentation on *ClearGov.com*, as a web platform for local governments to share information on finances, demographics and related features. He recommended contracting with Clear.Gov and posting information on the Township Web Page. Board members expressed concerns about cost, as opposed to developing the presentation of data in-house; methods of transmitting information; and a desire to gather feedback from Township Board and Committee members. Further discussion will take place at the next Town Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION OF VOP REFERENDUM

Supervisor Keenan reported on the Village Board's decision to place a nonbinding referendum on the November 6 Ballot regarding possible consolidation of local governments/taxing bodies. The Town Board has stated its opposition to the referendum question for being misleading and the process used by the Village Board and the Task Force on Taxing Bodies Efficiencies to date.

DISCUSSION OF ROTARY CENTENNIAL SPONSORSHIP

Trustee and Rotary member Ade Onayemi reported on a request from the Rotary Club for financial support for its Centennial activities. He noted that the Township already has funded and supported Rotary programs and memberships over several years. Other Board members expressed concerns of the appearance of favoritism and the need for a Township policy on sponsoring community agencies and events.

TOWNSHIP DAY PLANNING AND ACTIVITIES

Clerk White is co-chairing this year's Township Day Committee with Prevention Outreach Coordinator Kelly O'Connor. This year's event will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, September 21, at the 105 site. Local citizens are invited for tours of the restored Township offices, information on Township services, and refreshments and activities in the Township

Parking Lot. River Forest Township will also participate in the activities.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT: 105 BUILDING RESTORATION

Manager Morgan reported on the costs to date for restoration of the 105 Building from storm damage in May. With insurance coverage, the Township is responsible for \$5,000 of the cost, and \$7,000 for replacement of the sewer line. Most of the building has been fully restored and employees have returned to their offices after temporary quarters. Clerk White assisted with the move back into Township Hall, and commended Tony Roeder of Marion St. Services and Staff members Felita Wilson and Patricia Castrillon for their hard work on the move and resumption of Township services.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Keenan reported the following to the Board:

- Congratulations to Trustee Michelle Wiley, who began a new full-time position with the office of Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx.
- An IGOV Meeting was held last week, without a representative from the Village of Oak Park. Members of other governmental bodies shared concerns with Village relations and asserted their autonomy as local governmental entities.
- *The Children's School* has moved into Oak Park in the St. Edmund School Building at 200 S. Oak Park Ave.
- The Township Assessor's Office is finishing with the huge number of requests for assistance with tax appeals, ending August 30.
- The Parking Agreement with Maya del Sol Restaurant should be ready for presentation to the Board at the September 11 Meeting.
- The Village of Oak Park has refused the Township's request for discounted employee parking costs at the Avenue-Lake Garage, despite the Township's request for improved collaboration.
- A memo of understanding with District 97 Administration for Township Youth Services *Cargo Circles* in schools is still under review by the District.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk White reported the FY2019 Township Budgets were filed with the County Clerk on June 27. The Certificate of Ballot for the Advisory Referendum passed at the Annual Town Meeting was also filed, along with the 2017 Prevailing Wage Rate Resolution with State agencies. The Clerk's Office and files are now fully operational at the 105 Office following the restoration of the building. The Clerk also completed required annual training as the Township's FOIA and OMI Official. Weather Alert radios are operating in three Township areas and were received from the Cook County Homeland Security Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Mbekeani-Wiley moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter under the Freedom of Information Act at 9:06 p.m. Trustee Davis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 9:13 p.m.

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, September 11, 2018, at the Oak Park Township Hall, 105 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Onayemi moved to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Trustee Davis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
and recorded in the office of

Gregory White, Township Clerk

Approved: