MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK PARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025, CONDUCTED IN-PERSON AND ELECTRONCALY.

I. Call to Order

- 7:04 pm

II. Roll Call

- In person-Manager Evan Michel; Supervisor, Tim Thomas, Trustee Eric Davis, Trustee Margaret Trybus, Trustee Ade Onayemi, Trustee Juan Munoz; Township Attorney John Garfalo; Clerk DaToya Burin-Cox; Deputy Clerk Lou Anne Johanesson.
- Director of CMHB, Cheryl Potts, participated virtuall.

III. Public Comments

N/A

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes: February 11, 2025

B. Approval of Bills

- Trustee Davis made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Trustee Trybus seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

V. Business Items

VI. Discussion Items

A. Federal funding and state budget discussion

1. Discussed the federal freeze and its impact on Township programs such as senior and disability services, and low income programming.
    a) Senior services meal program has been steady since the pandemic.
    b) The general assistance has seen an increase in individuals requesting LIHEAP assistance.
2. There has not been a disruption in services based on the federal freeze of grant money. The Township receives majority of its funding through third parties. These partners are continuing to fund the programs.
3. TOI It's reviewing the question to ascertain the underlying purpose of freezing the federal funding grants.

B. Preliminary budget discussion

1. the Townships budget will be ready by the annual meeting. The Township Manager has been in communication with directors regarding their budgets. The director's budgets are due Monday February 3rd.
    a) It is anticipated there will be a 5% increase for workers compensation insurance.
    b) It is anticipated that the Township will spend $25,000 for audit service.
    c) IMRF right will pay 4.5%
    d) anticipating a 3% wage adjustment
    e) anticipating health insurance will be the biggest price

increase

f) Anticipating three new positions for the Township. These positions will be paid through several sources.

(1) Trustee Trybus requested that the board received a write up on the new positions to be created.

g) Anticipate capital improvement in the areas of IT, vehicles, new website.

VII. Brief Reports

A. Township Manager

1. The Oak Park Ave. Construction has been delayed to 2026.
2. Day and hour village in the elected officials banquet will be held on June 1st.
3. The townships issued an RFP for audit services and received one bid from our current auditing contractor.

B. Township Supervisor

1. Attended the district 97 public comment portion of the meeting to discuss issues related to services being provided by CMHB.

VIII. Trustee Liaison Committee Members

A. Youth and Family Services Committee

1. No meeting was had period next meeting scheduled for March.

B. Senior Services Committee

1. The committee discussed celebrating senior week and it's planning
2. They are taking nominations for the " lifetime achievement award"
   a) there will be an online form
3. They receive feedback on the listening session held by the Township
   a) the committee is indicating they would like to be part of the process for the strategic plan with the Township

C. Community Mental Health Board

1. Best policy regarding amending fund balance back to three to four months reserve
2. carefully watching the federal funding conversations being had
3. 1.4 Marian has been granted to 14 agencies that apply for grants through CMHB. This money will fund thirty programs.1.8 Marian was requested.

D. iGov Committee

1. Next meeting will be held on March 15th
2. Putting together a 2 page information sheet for individuals interested in seeking public office.
   a) Will be seeking information from individual agencies

IX. Adjournment of General Meeting - 8:18 pm

-motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Onayemi. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Thomas. The board voted unanimously to adjourn. .