The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of West Deerfield Township was called to order by Township Supervisor Alyson Feiger at 7:00 p.m. at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Rd., Deerfield, Illinois.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Kristen Scott. Present were Trustees Kaye Kharasch, Ron Levitsky, Paras Parekh, Ron Schwartz, and Supervisor Feiger.

MINUTES
Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2017 Board meeting with one amendment, and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. There being no further discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the minutes were approved as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

NEW BUSINESS
A. For discussion and potential action: Adopt Resolution for ACA services by Ron Schwartz for 2018
Trustee Levitsky motioned to adopt Resolution 2017-3 (attached) authorizing 2018 contracts with Ron Schwartz to provide consulting services to residents related to healthcare and the Affordable Care Act with two amendments. Trustee Parekh seconded the motion. There being no discussion, roll call was taken by Clerk Scott: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Parekh (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (abstain), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). The majority being in favor the Resolution was adopted as amended.

B. For discussion and potential action: Approve schedule of 2018 Township Board meetings
Clerk Scott presented a proposed schedule of Board meetings for 2018 (attached). Brief discussion followed. Trustee Schwartz motioned to approve the schedule as presented and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. A voice vote was taken, and all being in favor the motion was approved.

C. For discussion and potential action: Approve gap-filling grant to Faith in Action for $6,000
Trustee Kharasch motioned to approve a gap-filling grant in the amount of $6,000, coming from the senior services line item, to Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers to augment the Township’s transportation program when necessary. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Parekh (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

D. For discussion and potential action: Approve funding to Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic of $2,500 for legal counsel for Township residents
Supervisor Feiger explained that the Clinic particularly assists with immigration, domestic abuse, and housing issues. After brief discussion, Trustee Schwartz moved that West Deerfield Township enter
into an agreement with Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic for free legal counsel for Township residents who qualify for such services, for $2,500, with funds coming from the Board Initiatives line item. Supervisor Feiger seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Parekh (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT
Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of various points, including her recent attendance at the Township Officials of Illinois Conference in Springfield, at which the focus was the media. She reported that the Township office is very busy, with multiple food donations and the Holiday Wish program coordination, as well as passport services.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD
Trustee Levitsky thanked Clerk Scott for another successful Township Halloween Party for children with special needs; and noted that he and Bob Rosenbacher, Food Pantry Board president, represented the Township at a “Project Share” event at North Suburban Church in Deerfield, from which a large Pantry donation was received.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS
Trustee Kharasch motioned to approve the bills as presented. Trustee Parekh seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Roll call was then taken by Clerk Scott: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Parekh (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, Trustee Levitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk