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

Roll call was taken by Clerk Kristen Scott. Present were Trustees Kaye Kharasch, Ron Schwartz, and Supervisor Feiger. Trustee Parekh participated by audio conference. Trustee Levitsky was absent.

Township Assessor Tom Healy was also present, as was Marian Robertson.

MINUTES
Trustee Schwartz motioned to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 Board Meeting as presented that evening, and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

NEW BUSINESS
A. For discussion and potential action: Assessor’s Budget 2019-2020
Assessor Healy presented his proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, noting it contained a 2% increase overall from current figures. Brief discussion followed, and Mr. Healy reminded the Board that the Assessor’s budget is approved and adopted with the overall Township budget this spring.

B. For discussion and potential action: Approve Disability Program Committee recommendations
Clerk Scott drew the Board’s attention to her summary of the Committee’s recommendations following their meeting of January 14 (attached). Brief discussion followed, then Trustee Kharasch motioned to approve the committee’s recommendation to fund five applications, and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

C. For discussion and potential action: Approve Faith in Action Auxiliary Transportation Program for Township Residents
Supervisor Feiger moved to fund Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers in the amount of $8,000.00 for gap-filling transportation services to Township residents. Trustee Schwartz seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees
Kharasch (aye), Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Feiger apprised the Board of a number of issues, including 1) a successful Holiday Wish program; 2) a heavy casework schedule for the past several months; 3) Dr. Jerry Zachar’s next social services meeting of area professionals will feature a Lake County official familiar with the protocol surrounding homeless children and school attendance; 4) 16 Community Service Funding applications received this year, and Trustee Schwartz will serve on the advisory committee evaluating them; 5) planning the Annual Town meeting to be held April 14. Clerk Scott provided a brief update on Early Voting being held at the Township office, running March 2 through 14 in advance of the General Primary Election March 17.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

None.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Following discussion, Supervisor Feiger motioned to approve the bills as presented, and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustee Kharasch (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Schwartz motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk