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 Levitsky, Ron Schwartz and Paras Parekh, and Supervisor Feiger.

Marian Robertson was also present.

MINUTES
Trustee Levitsky motioned to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2020 Board Meeting as presented that evening, and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken. Trustee Levitsky abstained as he was absent at the January meeting. All others were in favor and the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

NEW BUSINESS
A. For discussion and potential action: Approve Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2020-21
After substantial discussion, Supervisor Feiger motioned to approve the tentative Budget for the upcoming year as presented, and was seconded by Trustee Kharasch. There being no further discussion, Clerk Scott took roll call: Trustees Kharasch (aye), Levitsky (aye), Schwartz (aye) and Parekh (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) the potential impact of redevelopment of the Beeson’s property at Half Day and Waukegan Road; 2) that a large food donation from Deerfield High School was scheduled to be delivered February 20; 3) she recently met with the Township’s bankers as she does periodically; and 4) she will continue to update the Board on her role as liaison for the 2020 Census.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT
None.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD
Trustee Levitsky described his interest in “Memory Cafes,” designed to provide socialization and lifelong learning for memory patients and their caregivers, who are often isolated. He suggested
the Township explore ways it might partner with other agencies, such as libraries or senior centers, to help provide these experiences. He also noted that an Illinois law was recently modified to allow funds designated to transport homeless students to school from wherever the family is living, to also be used to help those families find affordable housing in the school district.

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 Levitsky (aye), Trustee Schwartz (aye), Trustee Parekh (aye), and Supervisor Feiger (aye). All being in favor the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, Trustee Kharasch motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Supervisor Feiger. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m., at the West Deerfield Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Scott
West Deerfield Township Clerk