

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK PARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017, AT THE 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 7:03 p.m. On the call of the roll the following were present: Supervisor Clarmarie Keenan, Trustees Ade Onayemi, Eric Davis and Clerk Gregory White. Township Manager Gavin Morgan, Assessor Ali Elsaffar, Attorney John Garofalo was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Onayemi moved to approve the Minutes of the September 26, 2017, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting with the following addition under the Community Mental Health Board Report: "The five-year strategic plan was approved by the CMHB." Supervisor Keenan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Davis moved to approve the Township bills for the period September 23, 2017 through October 6, 2017. Trustee Onayemi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE OPRF COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN

Manager Morgan gave an overview of the OPRF Community Health Plan, approved by the CMHB in September, 2017. The Oak Park Township Board also provided funding for this project, and the Township will contribute to efforts related to youth substance use and abuse, opioid use, and other priority areas. Trustee Onayemi then moved to approve the **OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN**. Trustee Davis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF 2017 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Manager Morgan shared options with the Board for the 2017 Property Tax Levy with the Board, including an explanation of capturing the additional Equalized Assessed Value from new growth, and the impact of a balloon levy to capture that additional value. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for staff to draft a Tentative Levy for 2017 as a balloon levy of 2.5% to aggregate, allocated to the Town Fund, since the General Assistance and CMH Funds are above their respective Fund Balance Policies. Mr. Morgan noted that if necessary at any point in the fiscal year, the Board could transfer funds from the Town Fund to the General Assistance or Community Mental Health funds.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Ali Elsaffar reported that his office staff handled more appeals this past period than any previous period for the Township. He also shared a handout with Board members on a proposed Property Tax Relief for Low/Moderate Income Senior Citizens. The Board commended Mr. Elsaffar and his staff for their efforts in handling the volume of inquiries and for the courteous service given to area residents.

BRIEF REPORTS

General Assistance and IGOV Reports were shared with Board members.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Keenan reported that the Township has installed a new security system with keys for Board members, and surveillance video of the Township Offices and parking lot. The Annual Volunteer Recognition will be a breakfast at the Carleton Hotel on November 6. The Annual Employee Holiday Party will be held on December 8 on the Odyssey Cruiser at Navy Pier.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Morgan reported on the potential for *Community Conversations* facilitated by Oak Park Library staff, which could inform future Board discussion on goals and priorities. The Board discussed the concept and agreed to Board input, discussion and tentative goals, to be followed by a special meeting in January.

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, October 24, 2017, at the Oak Park Township Hall, 105 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Davis moved to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Trustee Onayemi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
and recorded in the office of

Gregory White, Township Clerk

Approved: