

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK PARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007, AT THE OAK PARK TOWN HALL, 105 SOUTH OAK PARK AVENUE, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Boulanger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. On the call of the roll the following were present: Supervisor F. David Boulanger, Trustees Clarmarie Keenan, Eric Davis, Mary Cozzens, William Troyer and Clerk Gregory White. Collector Trevor Agard, Township Manager Sharon Hammer and Attorney John Garofalo were also present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Christine Freeman, representing Pillars Agency, spoke in opposition to the proposed CMHB Relationship Policy.

Dennis Trybus, former Executive Director of the Community Mental Health Board, also voiced his opposition to the proposed CMHB Relationship Policy. He offered his services as a facilitator for formation of an agreement between the two boards.

Richard Carroll, President of the Community Mental Health Board, stated his appreciation for the Town Board and Supervisor's patience in the past year regarding the proposed CMHB Relationship Policy, yet expressed concerns over several points in the proposed policy. He suggested an intragovernmental agreement as opposed to a Town Board policy.

Dan Kill, of Family Services and Mental Health Center of OPRF, objected to the proposed policy and wanted assurance of continued quality services in the mental health area.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Davis noted that the Community Mental Health Fund bills are included in the presented bills for each meeting. Trustee Davis moved to approve the Township Bills for the period September 21, 2007 through October 4, 2007, in the amount of \$113,273.45. Trustee Cozzens seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Keenan moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2007 Joint CMHB and Township Board Meeting, with the following addition at the beginning: "This is a summary of the discussion that ensued." Trustee Davis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF CMHB RELATIONSHIP POLICY**

Supervisor Boulanger shared a memorandum with Board members recommending approval of the proposed Community Mental Health Board Relationship Policy, 10/04/07 revision, which is based on Illinois statutes and seeks to clarify the financial and procedural relationship of the Township and Community Mental Health Board. He noted that adoption of the policy would not change CMHB procedures. He agreed to consider a request from Richard Carroll, CMHB President, to have a meeting of the Supervisor, Township Manager, CMHB Executive Director and Dr. Carroll to clarify several points in the proposal.

Town Board members discussed this draft of the proposed policy at length, and commented on various points and procedures. Attorney Garofalo suggested that the policy be shortened to address specific policy and omit procedures and responsibilities. He also stated that the Township Trustees serve as auditors of Township bills.

The Supervisor then proposed another revision of the 10/04 draft by meeting with Manager Hammer and Dr. Carroll in the hope of reaching a consensus to proceed with a Township Board Policy. The CMHB can then proceed with a similar policy if desired.

### **YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Keenan, liaison to the YSC, reported on the October 3 Youth Services Committee Meeting. The main order of business was discussion on changes to the upcoming fiscal year funding process, including priorities for programming, evaluation factors, and the YSC obligation as liaisons/monitors of contracted programs throughout the year. The YSC will host a vendors/potential vendors night on November 7 from 6- 8 p.m., stating explicitly the types of programs the YSC intends to contract for and those they will not consider for funding.

### **TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Hammer stressed that the next three meetings are very important for the Trustees to attend. 1<sup>st</sup> consideration of the annual levy will be presented at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, approval of the Tentative Levy at the November 13 meeting, and a Public Hearing and approval of the 2007 Levy at the December 11 meeting. The Budget cycle will begin in January. Also, Strategic Planning evaluation will be discussed at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Boulanger mentioned the letter received from Dr. Richard Carroll regarding the May 22, 2007 Township Board Meeting. He shared copies of his response, which Board members agreed to. He will forward the response to Dr. Carroll. Vacancies for the Community Mental Health Board will be advertised on October 15; criteria and interview dates will be discussed at the next meeting. The Annual Volunteer Recognition will be at Brookfield Zoo on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The Supervisor will be meeting with a graphic designer for a uniform theme on Township publications. Mills Park is being considered as a possible site for a Senior Center. Finally, the Supervisor and Trustee Troyer will be attending the TOI Conference in Springfield in November.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Oak Park Township Board of Trustees will be a Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at the Oak Park Town Hall, 105 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Troyer moved to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Trustee Davis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by  
and recorded in the office of

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Gregory White, Township Clerk

Approved: