

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON GENERAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 HELD TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2007, AT OAK PARK TOWN HALL, 105 SOUTH OAK PARK AVENUE, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Boulanger called the Public Hearing on the General Assistance Budget Amendment for FY 2007-08 to order at 7:06 p.m. There being no public comments, the Supervisor closed the hearing at 7:07 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK PARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, JULY 24, 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 7:07 p.m. On the call of the roll the following were present: Supervisor F. David Boulanger, Trustees Clarmarie Keenan, Eric Davis, William Troyer and Clerk Gregory White. Collector Trevor Agard, Manager Sharon Hammer and Attorney John Garofalo were also present. Trustee Mary Cozzens was absent.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Davis moved to approve the Township bills for the period: June 16, 2007 through July 20, 2007. Trustee Keenan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Keenan moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2007 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, with a clarification under "Youth Services Committee Report": for the fourth sentence in the second paragraph to read: "*Trustee Keenan replied that the Joint Committee structure is satisfactory, but that the selection process for appointment to the YSC used by River Forest Township needs to be reexamined.*" Trustee Davis seconded the motion which passed unanimously, except for Trustee Troyer, who abstained because he was not present for the meeting.

ADOPTION OF ORD. 2007-02 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND FOR FY 2006-07

Board members gave final review to the Tentative Supplemental Budget Amendment for General Assistance for FY 2007-08. The amended budget was necessitated by statute since the spending for G.A. during the fiscal year exceeded the original amount budgeted. After discussion, Trustee Keenan moved to adopt Ordinance 2007-02 : **A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND FOR OAK PARK TOWNSHIP, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2007**, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Trustee Troyer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2007-05 DEFINING MEETING AND ADOPTING RULES FOR ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Manager Hammer shared a memorandum with Board members regarding electronic participation at meetings, with a resolution, rules, and a request form attached. Per the Board's discussion at the last meeting, the rules have been drafted so that a member of the Board may participate at a Board meeting if: (1) the member meets the criteria set forth in the rules and (2) there is an affirmative vote of the members present.

Trustee Davis moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2007-05 DEFINING MEETING AND ADOPTING RULES FOR ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Trustee Troyer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES COMMITTEE

Trustee Troyer moved to accept the Supervisor's recommendation and appoint Anna Cotto to a three-year term on the Senior Citizens Services Committee. Trustee Davis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF CRITERIA FOR FUNDING ALLOCATION

Board members reviewed a draft of a proposed Allocation of Discretionary Funds Policy, as agreed to at the last meeting. Discussion included the criteria for funding of programs, accountability, evaluation and effectiveness of the programs, and collaboration with other governmental bodies. Particular discussion focused on the Oak Park Early Childhood Care and Collaboration, which has received Township funding for the past four years. Trustee Keenan noted that she supported the Collaboration, but stressed the need for better and more detailed financial reporting by the group. Supervisor Boulanger and Manager Hammer agreed to revise the draft for further review by the Board.

YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Keenan, liaison to the YSC, reported that the new members of the Committee were orientated by Youth Services Staff. A subcommittee has met for planning a Committee retreat in the near future. Youth Interventionist Carrie Doyle will be leaving her position in August, and interviews for a replacement have begun. The Youth Interventionist Staff has been an active presence in local parks, libraries, and other popular gathering places for area youth. YS Director John Williams will be traveling to Montana next month to be certified as an Olweus Bullying Prevention Trainer, for training of all District 97 and private schools in the Olweus Model over the next 5 years. Supervisor Boulanger reported that he has spoken with River Forest Township Supervisor Veronica Krawczyk regarding the selection process for applicants to the RF Youth Committee. She agreed to discuss the matter with the River Forest Trustees.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Boulanger shared copies of a letter he sent to Gil Zych regarding the proposed Town/CMHB Policy, along with Mr. Zych's letter of reply. He will meet with him in early August. CMHB Executive Director Lydia Tuck stated that the Association is cautious in taking a position on the policy in view of possible statutory changes. The Supervisor also is waiting for the legislative outcome on mental health bills before proposing a final policy. Supervisor Boulanger also reported that the Supportive Housing Group had a feasibility study conducted of the YMCA Building, and that the cost and necessary changes to the building do not appear feasible for the supportive housing concept. Discussion on the topic was held at length. Dr. Wening, the new Dist 200 Supt, invited Sup Boulanger to meet with him and discuss the work of the Township and youth programs. The Supervisor also thanked Trustee Troyer and Collector Agard for their participation in the July 4 independence Day Parade. Finally, this year's Volunteer Recognition Event will be held at Brookfield Zoo on October 21.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Sharon Hammer reported that construction on Town Hall is nearly finished, and that a more efficient maintenance schedule is being formulated. The Annual Audit is also near completion and should be presented in the near future.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Clerk White shared communications from the Township Officials of Illinois regarding the upcoming Fall Conference, which will feature NBC News Anchor Carol Marin as the featured speaker.

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, August 28, 2007, at the Oak Park Town Hall, 105 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Davis moved to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Trustee Troyer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
and recorded in the office of

Gregory White, Township Clerk

Approved: 8/28/07