

January 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deerfield was called to order by Mayor Harriet Rosenthal remotely on January 4, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. The clerk called the roll and announced that the following were:

Present: Harriet Rosenthal, Mayor
Robert Benton
Tom Jester
Mary Oppenheim
William Seiden
Dan Shapiro
Barbara Struthers

and that a virtual quorum was present and in attendance. Also present via teleconference were Kent Street, Village Manager, at Village Hall, and Steven Elrod, Village Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joan Reed led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Mayor Rosenthal thanked Ms. Reed for her service and awarded her the Bernard Forest Public Service Award. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed. The award has been given out five times since 2001.

Ms. Reed served on Village Center Development Commission and Village Center Commission for 30 years. She created Plaza Pleasures and worked on Holiday on the Plaza, Farmers Market and Harvest Fest over the years and ran the Farmer's Market for more than 20 years. Ms. Reed moved to Deerfield in 1984. In addition to volunteering for the Village, Ms. Reed volunteered at Hospice as a volunteer baker and served on the Board of Directors of West Deerfield Township Food Pantry. She was active in the PTO and other groups. Ms. Reed started her own cooking business called Dinner Thyme. Mayor Rosenthal is happy to have shared so many wonderful activities with Ms. Reed.

Ms. Reed thanked the Village. It has been an incredible honor to be part of the creation of the downtown. Being a stay-at-home mom, she had the time to devote to the Village. She met so many people and is so happy to be among this group. It is hard to believe 30 years have gone by. Ms. Reed has so many fond memories and treasures the friendships that have grown in this wonderful community.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Assistant Village Manager Andrew Lichterman presented highlights from the departmental objectives report for the Administration Department. In addition to supporting the Mayor, Village Board, Village Attorney, Boards and Commissions and Departments, the Village Manager's Office undertook a number of significant projects over the past year including:

- Leading the crisis action plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Amending the Municipal Code to provide the Mayor the ability to make the determination as to when a civil emergency exists and granted certain executive powers for the protection of health, safety and welfare of the public.
- Partnering with the DBR Chamber of Commerce to deliver material supply kits containing COVID-19 signage and facemasks to every business in the Village, launching a community-wide texting program to promote businesses and community events, and creating new socially distanced events.
- Created a rapid response network to assist families impacted by COVID-19.
- Solicited bids for new janitorial services for the Village.
- Staff chaired the Deerfield Complete Count Committee to help promote participation in the 2020 Census. Deerfield had the 20th highest participation rate in the State of Illinois.
- The Deerfield Farmers Market opened as scheduled on June 13 with a focus on health and safety.
- Staff attended multiple on-line training sessions regarding the April 2021 consolidated municipal election.

The Information Technology Division contracted for and facilitated wireless and external penetration testing against the Village's network. They worked on phone lines for the police department including converting Riverwoods' non-emergency lines so they could be answered by Deerfield communications. They replaced the Village's primary data storage array, and replaced server hardware in the Village's secondary datacenter as well as upgraded an array of software in the Village.

Mayor Rosenthal appreciates all the hard work. Mr. Street noted there were 29 meetings in April and thanked Mayor Rosenthal and Mr. Elrod for their assistance. She is so proud of the team's efforts.

DOCUMENT APPROVAL

Trustee Struthers moved to accept the minutes from the December 21, 2020, Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Jester, Oppenheim, Seiden, Shapiro, Struthers (6)

NAYS: None (0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Finance Director Eric Burk presented highlights from the November 2020 Treasurer's Report, representing 92 percent of the fiscal year. Sales tax net of the rebate decreased from the same period of the prior two years due primarily to economic incentive activity and reduced sales related to COVID. The Village received the final installment of the Lake County property tax. Hotel tax includes payments from five of the six hotels. The Village received some of the back taxes from the sixth hotel in December. Water and sewer billings decreased from last month, as expected. Notable expenditures for November included infrastructure project costs, transfer to the refuse fund, leaf collection costs and debt service payments. Large expenditures to come in

December include general fund transfer to the infrastructure fund and the police pension contribution.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Oppenheim moved to approve the Bills and Payroll dated January 4, 2021. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Jester, Oppenheim, Seiden, Shapiro, Struthers (6)

NAYS: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Rosenthal explained the emails received before the meeting would be read during the first Public Comment. If any emails are received during the meeting, they would be read during the second Public Comment. If someone wants to make a comment via Zoom, they need to raise their hand on Zoom or press *9 by phone.

Mr. Street read the public comment received by email. Resident Chris Goodsnyder thanked Management Analyst David Fitzgerald-Sullivan for thoughtful assistance to all of the candidates to complete the municipal election ballot submission process. He also thanked the Public Works Department for maintaining the Village's infrastructure and roads.

There was no other public comment.

REPORTS

There were no Reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CLASS A SPECIAL USE FOR A MEDICAL OFFICE LOCATED AT 730 WAUKEGAN ROAD IN THE FORMER DAO SUSHI SPACE IN THE SHOPS AT DEERFIELD SQUARE – 1R An Ordinance authorizing a Class A Special Use for a medical office to be located at 730 Waukegan Road in the former DAO Sushi space in the Shops at Deerfield Square. First Reading. This will stand as a First Reading of the Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE
CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS
TO THE VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD'S
PLAN OF OPERATION AND
GOVERNANCE FOR ITS ELECTRICITY
AGGREGATION PROGRAM

A Public Hearing regarding the consideration of amendments to the Village of Deerfield's plan of operation and governance for its electricity aggregation program. There was no public comment.

Trustee Oppenheim moved to open the Public Hearing. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Jester, Oppenheim, Seiden, Shapiro, Struthers (6)

NAYS: None (0)

Mr. Lichterman presented the background for the electricity aggregation program, which was approved in March 2012. At that time, eight municipalities including Deerfield formed the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium. During the three-year contract term of 2012-2015, participating Deerfield customers saved over \$3.2 million, with total aggregate savings across all Consortium communities of \$36.5 million over the ComEd default service rate. The electricity aggregation program formally ended in 2017 when cost savings were no longer achievable.

The Consortium members have developed a new aggregation model by moving some, but not all, residents to an alternate provider. As a result, it is estimated that approximately 52% of eligible residential customers could receive 100% renewable energy through the purchase of renewable energy credits (RECs). In order to engage in this new aggregation effort, the Village must amend its aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance through two consecutive Public Hearings.

Aggregation 1.0 guaranteed cost savings for those enrolled in the program. All residents were automatically enrolled with an opt-out offer. The new program (Aggregation 2.0) objective is to capture available savings and deliver a benefit to the entire community. Aggregation 2.0 cannot deliver guaranteed savings versus the ComEd rate; however, Aggregation 2.0 has a new value add proposition for energy efficiency or carbon reduction. Under Aggregation 2.0, 52 percent of residents would move to an alternative supplier. They would have the option to opt out. The Village proposes to use the savings to purchase renewable energy credits, which would offset 20 percent of the Village's community energy consumption.

If the Board wishes to move forward, a second Public Hearing and vote would take place on January 19, 2021. The contract would be awarded before the end of March. This program would not cost the Village money, but would generate revenue thru the purchase of renewable energy credits.

Mr. Elrod noted this process requires two public hearings by State law. Action can be taken on the same night as the second Public Hearing. Mayor Rosenthal noted that if a resident signed up

for the Village's Community Solar program, they would still save money via that program. This program is environmentally friendly.

Trustee Struthers asked if the instructions could be put on the Village website, Facebook page or in a Village email. Mr. Lichterman noted the Community Solar program is available now and the Aggregate 2.0 will be available after the possible second Public Hearing.

Trustee Oppenheim believes anything the Village can do to support sustainable energy is terrific. She noted many residents are not aware of the meaning and community-wide benefits of renewal energy credits and that needs to be explained. The Village also needs to provide information that some households are eligible for the program while others are not. She indicated this is a change and people need to be educated.

Trustee Benton noted there have been a lot of questions on the Community Solar program. Trustee Jester noted there is a big difference between Aggregation 1.0 and Aggregation 2.0. Aggregation 1.0 had a reduction in residents' bills and the Community Solar has a reduction, while Aggregation 2.0 has community benefits. Mr. Lichterman noted everyone not on solar would pay the same rate each month regardless of who is providing the electricity.

Mr. Street read a comment from George McClintick, Green Energy Team Facilitator with Go Green Deerfield. Mr. McClintick has been engaged in efforts to reduce carbon emissions produced by residents and businesses in Deerfield for the past two and a half years. His efforts have been applied in tandem with other local members of the local environmental group, Go Green Deerfield and have received support from the Village Board and staff.

Mr. McClintick strongly recommends that the Village Board support the program, as it will provide Deerfield with an efficient means to substantially reduce the carbon footprint at no cost to residents and small businesses.

Trustee Shapiro moved to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Oppenheim seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Jester, Oppenheim, Seiden, Shapiro, Struthers (6)

NAYS: None (0)

DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Street indicated there were no public comments received during the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Trustee Shapiro moved to adjourn the meeting to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2 (c) 11 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Trustee Oppenheim seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

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NAYS: None (0)

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Village Clerk