

February 17, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deerfield was called to order on February 17, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at Deerfield Village Hall. The clerk called the roll and announced that the following were

Present: Robert Benton
Larry Berg
Jennifer Goldstone
Jesse Greenberg (remote)
Elaine Jacoby
Mary Oppenheim

Absent: Dan Shapiro, Mayor

and that a quorum was present and in attendance. Also present were Village Manager Kent Street and Benjamin Schuster, Village Attorney.

PRESIDING OFFICER

Trustee Berg moved to appoint Trustee Goldstone as the Presiding Officer. Trustee Oppenheim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ameeta Reed, Angie Butera and Mary Beth Arzac from the District 113 Education Foundation led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENT

On behalf of Mayor Shapiro, Presiding Officer Goldstone appointed Dottie Fiedler to the Chair of the Fine Arts Commission.

Trustee Oppenheim moved to approve the appointment. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATION

Ms. Reed reported their mission is to enrich the student experience at Deerfield and Highland Park High Schools by trying to fund beyond the budgeted amounts to create innovative initiatives and opportunities to empower students. They are a 501(c)3 and have funded \$650,000 in grant requests since 2007. Some of their funded innovative projects include STEM, athletics, special needs, world languages, fine arts, English and social science programs to support leadership, diversity and social/mental health.

Their grants support both current and future students. These investments benefit Deerfield students by fostering meaningful, long-lasting connections and ensure the students have an enhanced experience. The grants are accessible to everyone, not just certain groups of students. Ms. Reed asked for the Village's sponsorship.

DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES

Director of Public Works and Engineering Bob Phillips presented highlights from the departmental objectives report. He announced the upcoming retirement of a long-term employee from the department. The 2025 construction season was highly productive and included the substantial completion of the Hazel Avenue Reconstruction Project, continued sewer rehabilitation, water systems upgrades and full compliance with all IEPA and NPDES permit requirements at the Water Reclamation Facility. The Department also advanced regional watershed initiatives, completed the nutrient assessment and reduction plan, expanded energy efficiency through the WRF solar project and supported multiple commercial and residential developments throughout the Village. In addition to capital improvements, staff maintained essential daily operations including snow and ice control, street maintenance, water distribution, fleet and facility upkeep and regulatory compliance. Investments in new vehicles, equipment and asset management systems further strengthened service reliability and operational efficiency. In 2026, the proposed street rehabilitation project will come before the Trustees at the next Board of Trustees meeting. In 2025, there were 52 water main breaks, which is a manageable number compared to 140 a few years back. Sewer blockages are down substantially due to the hard work of the Sewer Division. The Public Works Department assists in a number of Village-wide special events. Mr. Phillips thanked the Trustees for their support. Trustee Oppenheim asked if residents could be informed about the departmental statistics and the ongoing need to invest in the maintenance of the Village's infrastructure.

DOCUMENT APPROVAL

Trustee Benton moved to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Jacoby seconded the motion. Village Manager Street noted there were scrivener corrections to pages 18, 19 and 21 of Ordinance O-266-05 approved on February 2, 2026. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Finance Director Eric Burk presented highlights from the January 2026 Treasurer's Report representing the first month of the fiscal year. Sales tax continues to exceed the prior two years due to the increased cost of goods. Water and sewer billings reflect lower usage months, which is typical this time of year. Hotel tax reflects payments from five hotels. The sixth hotel paid shortly after year-end. State Income tax increased from the same period of last year and last month. Many of the January cash payments related to 2025 and are not included as expenditures in this report. Overall operating expenditures are below projection as expected due to the timing of seasonal/once-a-year expenditures such as liability insurance, memberships and special events. The audit fieldwork will begin next month.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Oppenheim moved to approve the bills and payroll dated February 17, 2026. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Berg, Goldstone, Greenberg, Jacoby, Oppenheim (6)
NAYS: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON
THE REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION: RESIDENTIAL
LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT
COST SHARE PROGRAM

Assistant Director of Public Works and Engineering Tyler Dickinson reported that as part of the Illinois Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act passed in 2021, the Village must facilitate the replacement of known lead service lines beginning in 2027. Taking a proactive approach to this requirement, the Village has budgeted \$100,000 in FY2026 to begin a cost sharing program that would financially aid residential properties that replace their lead water service line. The general approach to this program was presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting in the spring of 2025 and has since been refined based on stakeholder input. If the program is approved, staff will work to make this available to the public in early March.

Mr. Dickinson noted that all Village residents with dedicated water service lines are eligible for this program. Eligibility is for full replacement unless there is copper. The reimbursement for a full replacement is up to \$6,000. Permit fees will be waived and the expenditures are on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Trustee Goldstone questioned if there will be more incentives if residents hold out. Mr. Dickinson said it is difficult to know. Mr. Schuster noted it is up to the Village Board to make funds available and they may decide to stop funding it in future years.

Trustee Jacoby questioned whether the Village should reach out to residents adjacent to the resident taking advantage of the cost share to take advantage of economies of scale. Mr. Dickinson noted there are areas the Village wants to target, but the budget is \$100,000.

Trustee Oppenheim moved to approve the report and recommendation regarding residential lead service line replacement costs share program. Trustee Jacoby seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Berg, Goldstone, Greenberg, Jacoby, Oppenheim (6)

NAYS: None (0)

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE O-26-06 AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD, ILLINOIS WAGE AND SALARY PLAN Mr. Burk stated this Ordinance adjusts the Village's wage and salary plan to add a building inspector/plan reviewer category as discussed in Closed Session.

Trustee Oppenheim moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the wage and salary plan to add a building inspector/plan reviewer category. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Berg, Goldstone, Greenberg, Jacoby, Oppenheim (6)
NAYS: None (0)

DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business or discussion, Trustee Benton moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Village Clerk