

May 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deerfield was called to order by Mayor Harriet Rosenthal on May 3, 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 were Kent Street, Village Manager, at Village Hall, and Steven Elrod, Village Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rosenthal led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Rosenthal proclaimed the month of May 2021 as Better Hearing Month in the Village of Deerfield. She encouraged all citizens to recognize the achievements of audiologists in improving the quality of life for people with communication disorders.

Audiologist Sheri Gostomelsky from Deerfield Audiology Associates thanked the Village for the Proclamation. She reported three out of 1,000 babies have hearing loss. The number of adults with untreated hearing loss is staggering. Dr. Gostomelsky noted it is possible to prevent hearing loss. She advised people to get their hearing checked.

Trustee Oppenheim moved to accept the Proclamation for Better Hearing Month. Trustee Shapiro seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

DOCUMENT APPROVAL

Trustee Struthers moved to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2021, 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 March 2021 Treasurer's Report, representing 25 percent of the fiscal year. Sales tax net of the rebate decreased from the same

period of the prior year due to one-time activity. The decrease from two years ago is due to economic incentive activity. The Village received a portion of Cook County property tax. Hotel tax reflects lower occupancy due to COVID and includes back payments of approximately \$10,000. Electric utility tax includes receipts for February and March. MFT revenue includes the third payment of \$206,268 related to the Rebuild Illinois bonds. Building permit revenue increased due to two commercial projects. Notable expenditures in March include engineering and construction costs, snow and ice control, purchase of sewer vacuum and skid steer, sinking fund excess transfer and timing of payment for water purchases.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Oppenheim moved to approve the bills and payroll dated May 3, 2021. Trustee Shapiro 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.

There were no in-person public comments on non-agenda items. Mr. Street read the public comments received prior to the meeting.

Adam Lyons lives at 1319 Carlisle Place and has been a resident of Deerfield for most of his life. Mr. Lyons believes it is past time for the Declaration of Emergency to expire as it has existed for more than a year. He asked what specific criteria the Village is using to determine when to end the State of Emergency. He urged the new administration to move forward to the regular order.

Alan Farkas noted times do not seem to allow for the proper recognition of Mayor Rosenthal. She has given her life to the Village and has been a fixture at so many events and has always made the time for small and large individual concerns. Mr. Farkas explained the Village has prospered because of Mayor Rosenthal and the Village owes her our gratitude. She should be recognized as one of Deerfield's finest residents.

Moe Ban, 234 Forestway Drive, asked if there is a process for filling the open trustee seat. If not, he asked if the Village could pursue an open nomination period for possible candidates. Mr. Ban noted there were other candidates during the caucus process.

REPORTS

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON  
THE REPORT AND

The Plan Commission held a Public Hearing on April 8, 2021, to consider a Text Amendment to the

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLAN COMMISSION FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Zoning Ordinance for a short-term rental definition. The Plan Commission found that the proposed definition would clarify a short-term rental and reduce any ambiguity in the policy objective to prohibit short-term rentals in the Village. The Plan Commission voted 6-1 in favor if the Text

Amendment.

Assistant Village Manager Andrew Lichterman reported the Plan Commission is recommending a definition be added to the Zoning Ordinance. The definition being recommended is identical to the definition referred to the Plan Commission by the Board of Trustees. The Plan Commission recommended three items to be considered in the future.

Trustee Oppenheim moved to accept the report and recommendation of the Plan Commission for a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for short-term rentals. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CONCERNING THE REQUEST OF 520 BRIERHILL LLC FOR RELIEF FROM ARTICLE 2.02-D,1 OF THE DEERFIELD ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 520 BRIERHILL ROAD TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOME WITH A 106.38 FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK IN LIEU OF THE 166 FOOT FRONT ESTABLISHED SETBACK

Mayor Rosenthal noted the petitioner has sold the property and requested this matter be withdrawn from the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

ORDINANCE O-21-16 AUTHORIZING RELIEF FROM ARTICLE 9.02-B,15,(2), (3)&(5) OF THE DEERFIELD ZONING ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) GROUND SIGN AT 1 WAUKEGAN ROAD – 2R

An Ordinance authorizing relief from Article 9.02-B, 15,(2),(3)&(5) of the Deerfield Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of a new light emitting diode (LED) ground sign to be located at 1 Waukegan Road. Second Reading.

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT  
MASTER CUSTOMER AGREEMENT  
AND SUBSCRIPTION SOFTWARE  
ADDENDUM BETWEEN DEERFIELD  
POLICE DEPARTMENT AND  
WATCHGUARD

An addendum between the Village of Deerfield and WatchGuard Video for a master customer agreement and subscription software agreement.

Trustee Oppenheim asked how the videos are used. Deputy Chief Budny noted the cameras would be used in the squad cars and the storage will be on

the cloud. It is an update to the current system.

Trustee Jester moved to accept the Consent Agenda and adopt the Ordinance. Trustee Struthers seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

DISCUSSION

THANK YOU

Trustee Struthers thanked residents and staff. This is a great village with great schools. She has

enjoyed her time on the Board and appreciates having opportunity to serve.

Mayor Rosenthal noted it has been an honor of a lifetime to serve as Mayor, Trustee and on the Plan Commission. She believes it is time to end her public service in the Village, but is fortunate to call Deerfield home. This year, many of the community events had to be abandoned. People put Deerfield first. Mayor Rosenthal thanked Village Manager Street, residents and staff. She congratulated the newly elected Mayor and Trustees. Mayor Rosenthal thanked her daughters, husband and grandchildren, who are her best fans. Mayor Rosenthal reminded everyone to Shop Deerfield!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Trustee Jester moved to adjourn the meeting sine

die. Trustee Oppenheim seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk

May 3, 2021

Mayor-elect Dan Shapiro, Trustee Robert Benton, Rebekah Metts-Childers and Trustee Mary Oppenheim took their oath of office. Judge Wallace Dunn swore in the newly elected Mayor and Trustees.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deerfield was called to order by Mayor Dan Shapiro on May 3, 2021 at 8:09 p.m. The clerk called the roll and announced that the following were:

Present: Dan Shapiro, Mayor  
Robert Benton  
Tom Jester  
Rebekah Metts-Childers  
Mary Oppenheim  
William Seiden

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Shapiro led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He congratulated the Trustees and thanked former Mayor Rosenthal, former Trustee Struthers, staff, the newly elected Trustee and returning Trustees for their leadership. Deerfield is an amazing place to live and has exceptional schools.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Shapiro read a Proclamation honoring the public service of Barbara J. Struthers. Ms. Struthers has been an outstanding leader and ambassador for the Village of Deerfield, including the last 12 years as a Village Trustee. She has been a resident of the Village for more than 35 years and has greatly contributed to the community by being actively involved in numerous community groups including the Village Center Development Commission for 18 years, the Deerfield Rotary Club, the League of Women Voters, the Southeast Lake County Mosquito Abatement District and many more. On behalf of the residents and business in the Village, Mayor Shapiro recognized and honored Ms. Struthers for her dedicated public service.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Shapiro read a Proclamation honoring the public service Harriet E. Rosenthal. Ms. Rosenthal has been an outstanding leader and ambassador for the Village of Deerfield, including the last 12 years as Mayor and the previous 24 years as a Village Trustee. She has been a resident of the Village for more than 50 years and has greatly contributed to the Village by being actively involved in numerous community groups, including the Village Plan Commission, the Streetscape Design Task Force, the League of Women Voters and many more. Ms. Rosenthal has provided outstanding leadership to the residents, businesses and visitors of Deerfield and has been an active proponent of improving public safety and sound infrastructure investments while leading with a conservative and diversified financial vision resulting in the retention of the

Village's AAA bond rating, completing the reconstruction of the WRF and Deerfield Road, advocating for a local assault weapons ban, the addition of affordable housing and ensuring that financial stability and high quality Village services were provided throughout her tenure. Ms. Rosenthal will be greatly missed by her colleagues, Village staff and residents.

Mayor Shapiro presented former Mayor Rosenthal with Harriet's Garden, a garden which will be built in front of Village Hall to honor her years of public service. The garden will feature walking paths and benches from which the public can view Village Hall's landscaping and public art.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION OF  
EXTENSION OF MAYOR SHAPIRO'S  
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
DATED MAY 3, 2021

Mayor Shapiro issued a Declaration of Emergency for the Village of Deerfield related to the Covid-19 emergency. The Declaration and the Mayor's Supplementary Orders will expire at the end of tonight's Board of Trustees meeting unless the

Village Board extends the duration of the Declaration.

Mr. Elrod recommends extending the Declaration of Emergency to the adjournment of the June 7, 2021, Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee Seiden moved to extend the Mayor's May 3, 2021, Declaration of Emergency until the end of the June 7, 2021, meeting of the Village Board. Trustee Oppenheim seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Jester, Metts-Childers, Oppenheim, Seiden (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Mr. Elrod noted Mayor Shapiro has made a determination regarding in-person meetings that they prudent to have until the State moves into Phase 5. Mayor Shapiro made the determination to have remote meetings.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Trustee Jester moved to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Oppenheim seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Jester, Metts-Childers, Oppenheim, Seiden (5)

NAYS: None (0)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk