

July 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deerfield was called to order on July 18, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at Deerfield Village Hall. The clerk called the roll and announced that the following were

Present: Dan Shapiro, Mayor  
Robert Benton  
Larry Berg  
Elaine Jacoby  
Rebekah Metts-Childers  
Mary Oppenheim

Absent: William Seiden

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jannes Zobus led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Shapiro recognized Ms. Zobus for her endless hours of service to the Village. She was an integral part of the VCDC, which helped develop the downtown and Village center. She served as the Chairperson of an ad hoc committee of the Appearance Code. Ms. Zobus also served on the Streetscape Design Task Force. She also served as Chairperson to the VCC, and advocated for Village Center businesses. Ms. Zobus has been instrumental in so many Village and business initiatives for the past 40 years and is an insightful and invaluable Deerfield resident.

Ms. Zobus believes the Board and committee members are also deserving of an award, because they have been so supportive as has her husband of 62 years. She loves Deerfield and thanked the Board for the honor.

POLICE UPDATE

Deputy Chief Brian Budny provided an update about the tragic incident that happened in Highland Park. He commended Highland Park fire, police and administration for their outstanding handling of the incident. Their entire community stepped up. He also thanked the Deerfield fire department, Village Board and staff for their assistance. Deputy Chief Budny specified Deerfield initially sent 12 people to assist Highland Park within the first hour. The department was there for all aspects of the investigation including security, patrol, social services, and more. About 63 percent of the Village's police agency stepped up and assisted Highland Park. Deputy Chief Budny noted the department is available to assist Highland Park as much as they need. They did a phenomenal job in the tragic situation.

Mayor Shapiro commended Deputy Chief Budny for the professionalism of the department. Mr. Street thanked everyone who helped serve.

DOCUMENT APPROVAL

Trustee Oppenheim moved to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2022 Board of Trustees and May 24, 2022 Committee of the Whole meetings. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Oppenheim moved to approve the bills and payroll dated July 18, 2022. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Berg, Jacoby, Metts-Childers, Oppenheim (5)

NAYS: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment on non-agenda items.

REPORTS

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON  
A REPORT AND REVIEW OF THE  
ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE  
FINANCIAL REPORT

Village Treasurer Eric Burk reported the Village's 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report was audited by Baker Tilly and received a clean opinion.

Susan Filipovic from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP presented highlights from the report. The unmodified (clean) opinion is the highest level of assurance auditors can provide. She noted the police pension fund is a net pension asset this year, rather than a liability, which means the investments exceed the total liability. The Village's revenues exceed the expenses consistently.

Ms. Filipovic discussed the audit report, which includes responsibilities and internal controls for the Village and auditors. This year and last year, there was nothing that needed to be reported.

Mr. Street thanked Baker Tilly, the finance staff and department heads for their hard work and assistance. Trustee Oppenheim noted the resident's median income in Deerfield went up 51 percent since 2010.

Trustee Oppenheim moved to accept the annual comprehensive financial report. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Berg, Jacoby, Metts-Childers, Oppenheim (5)

NAYS: None (0)

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

DISCUSSION

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS

Mayor Shapiro reported there will be more than double the number of food trucks on Thursday due to the success of the first Food Truck Thursday. Trustee Metts-Childers asked if there would be any additional security measures. Deputy Chief Budny noted there will be police presence at the event.

FARMER'S MARKET

Trustee Oppenheim and Trustee Berg will be present at the Farmers Market on Saturday for Trustee in the Town. Trustees are available for questions.

HIGHLAND PARK VIGIL

Trustee Oppenheim, Trustee Berg and Mayor Shapiro attended the vigil at Highland Park. There were so many people there to grieve and support each other. Everything was to the point talking about how much the community lost through this terrible tragedy. The atmosphere was grim but hopeful. It was a beautiful, meaningful service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Trustee Oppenheim moved to enter closed session for discussion of collective bargaining pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)2. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Berg, Jacoby, Metts-Childers, Oppenheim (5)

NAYS: None (0)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk