

September 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deerfield was called to order on September 6, 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
William Seiden

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Chief Chris Fry and Officer Bryan Foster led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of

Allegiance.

RECOGNITION

Chief Sliozis congratulated Deputy Chief Chris Fry on 25 years of service. He noted Deputy Chief Fry

started as a patrol officer and served in numerous positions before being promoted to Deputy Chief in 2021. He led the accreditation three times, which is quite an accomplishment. Deputy Chief Fry noted it has been a privilege. Mayor Shapiro presented Deputy Chief Fry with a watch as a token of the Village's appreciation.

OATH OF OFFICE

Officer Bryan Foster took the oath of office for the position of Police Sergeant. Chief Sliozis

congratulated Officer Foster on his promotion. He served in numerous positions since he started with the department in 2011. He is very involved with the community. Sergeant Foster thanked his family and friends for all their support.

APPOINTMENT

Trustee Oppenheim moved to appoint Beth Mednick to the Fine Arts Commission. Trustee

Metts-Childers seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Berg, Jacoby, Metts-Childers, Oppenheim, Seiden (6)

NAYS: None (0)

APPOINTMENT

Trustee Oppenheim moved to appoint Jason Merel to the Family Days Commission. Trustee Benton

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

AYES: Benton, Berg, Jacoby, Metts-Childers, Oppenheim, Seiden (6)

NAYS: None (0)

APPOINTMENT

Trustee Metts-Childers moved to appoint Kate Joyce to the Volunteer Engagement Commission.

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

AYES: Benton, Berg, Jacoby, Metts-Childers, Oppenheim, Seiden (6)

NAYS: None (0)

DOCUMENT APPROVAL

Trustee Berg moved to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee Oppenheim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Village Treasurer Eric Burk presented highlights from the treasurer's report representing 58% of the year. Sales tax increased from last month partially due to increased use tax and a general overall increase. Water and Sewer billings increased which is typical this time of year. Hotel tax increased again this month. Food and beverage tax increased from the prior month, the same period of last year and pre-COVID year to date amount. Notable expenditures in July include three payrolls, a medium duty truck chassis, installation of a truck crane and engineering and construction costs.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Metts-Childers moved to approve the bills and payroll dated September 6, 2022. Trustee

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

AYES: Benton, Berg, Jacoby, Metts-Childers, Oppenheim, Seiden (6)

NAYS: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Arnold Footle asked when the road construction will be complete. Mayor Shapiro believes the construction season will be completed around Thanksgiving.

REPORTS

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLAN COMMISSION ON THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A CLASS B SPECIAL USE TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CODER SCHOOL AT 827 WAUKEGAN ROAD

The Plan Commission held a Public Hearing on August 11, 2022 to consider the request for a Class B Special Use to permit the establishment of The Coder School at 827 Waukegan Road. The Plan Commission voted 6-0 in favor of the request. The Appearance Review Commission held a workshop meeting to consider the proposed building and signage updates. The ARC voted 6-0 in favor of the

proposal, pending Board approval of the Special Use.

Justin Brown, Managing Member of the Coder School, is a Deerfield resident. Their first location is in Highland Park. Trustee Oppenheim noted the school will only be in the 827 building. Mr. Brown noted the 829 building will be a sports memorabilia store, which he will also own. Trustee Berg cautioned the petitioner about the narrow apron. He suggested the possibility of changing the entryway. Mr. Brown noted they would install one-way signs and use the rear entrance as the main entrance. He reported they would also repave.

Trustee Seiden moved to accept the report and recommendation of the Plan Commission on the request for approval of a Class B Special Use to permit the establishment of a coder school at 827 Waukegan Road and direct the Village Attorney to prepare the ordinance. Trustee Oppenheim seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Berg, Jacoby, Metts-Childers, Oppenheim, Seiden (6)
NAYS: None (0)

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-22-46 AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF BAKER TILLY TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR 2022 THROUGH 2026 A Resolution authorizing the engagement of Baker Tilly for professional auditing services for 2022 through 2026.

Mr. Burk explained in 2017, the Village selected Baker Tilly to provide professional auditing services. The Village has been happy with their services and requested a 5-year extension.

Trustee Seiden moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the engagement of Baker Tilly for professional auditing services for 2022 through 2026. Trustee Benton seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Berg, Jacoby, Metts-Childers, Oppenheim, Seiden (6)
NAYS: None (0)

DISCUSSION

FALL FEST

Mayor Shapiro reported the Deerfield Historical Society Fall Fest will take place Sunday, September 11, 2022 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Historic Village. There will be food and music, antique cars and a fire truck, numerous crafters, activities for children, a native plant sale, a flag display, vintage photographs and more.

HARVEST FEST

Harvest Fest is Saturday, September 17th. Activities include touch-a-truck in the morning at the Farmers Market followed by food trucks, a bags tournament and live music.

CONDOLENCES

The Community suffered the tragic loss of a young child. It is important to try to remember to support and be kind to our kids.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Trustee Berg moved adjourn the meeting. Trustee Oppenheim seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Benton, Berg, Jacoby, Metts-Childers, Oppenheim, Seiden (6)
NAYS: None (0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Village Clerk