

**State of Illinois
County of Cook
Township of Northfield
Northfield Township Board of Trustees Meeting February 8, 2011**

The following board members were present:

Jill Brickman, Northfield Township Supervisor
Brendan Appel, Northfield Township Trustee
Carol Blustein, Northfield Township Trustee
Karen McCormick, Northfield Township Trustee
Mary Reynolds, Northfield Township Trustee

Also present:

Laura Fine, Northfield Township Clerk
Patricia Damisch, Northfield Township Assessor
Peter Amarantos, Northfield Township Road District Commissioner
Wally Kehr, Northfield Township Road District
Lucinda Fuller, Northfield Township Finance Director
Gayle Zalatoris, Northfield Township Staff
John Baran, Northfield Township Resident
Kathy Fishman, Northfield Township Resident
Jenny Larson, Northfield Township Resident

Supervisor Brickman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Appel arrived at 6:01 PM.

Approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2011 meeting

Trustee Blustein moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2011 board meeting.

Trustee McCormick seconded the motion.

The minutes were unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Approval of the minutes of the Executive Session meetings November 10, 2010 and December 14, 2010

Trustee Reynolds moved to approve the Executive Session minutes from November 10, 2010 and December 14, 2010.

Trustee Blustein seconded the motion.

The minutes were unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Recess Town Meeting

Open Sewer Meeting

Approval of the sewer bills

Trustee Blustein moved to approve the sewer bills.

Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Ayes: Supervisor Brickman, Trustee Appel, Trustee Blustein, Trustee McCormick, Trustee Reynolds (5)
Nays: None (0)
Motion carried 5-0

Sewer collections for January, 2011

Supervisor Brickman noted an increase in the sewer collections.

Old Business

No discussion

New Business

Northfield Township Road District Foreman, Wally Kehr gave the board members an outline of proposed capital projects for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposals are for sliplining and manholes. Supervisor Brickman said the board will review the proposals and discuss the projects when the board discusses the budget.

Reconvene Town Meeting

Approval of Human Services recommendations

On behalf of the board, Supervisor Brickman thanked the Human Services Commission members for all of their hard work. Gayle Zalatoris introduced 2 members of the committee present at the meeting, committee chair John Baran and committee member Jenny Larson.

Trustee Reynolds asked the committee members how they reached some of their funding decisions. She noted the Hanul Family Alliance received funds last year, but it did not receive any for this year. Mr. Baran explained he visited the Alliance and learned it had a \$200,000 surplus last year, and other organizations need the money more than they need it. Trustee Reynolds said she was concerned because this is one of the only Korean organizations, but the explanation makes sense. Supervisor Brickman added Family Services also has a strong program aimed at the Korean community.

Trustee McCormick asked if the situation was similar for the North Suburban YMCA. Ms. Larson explained the YMCA was requesting money for recreational programs, and the commission wanted to focus on prevention and housing programs. Mr. Baran said each commission member visited 4 sites, and they reached a consensus to fund programs for things like health care, food and preventing abuse.

Trustee Reynolds noted a large decrease in the amount of funding given to Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care. Ms. Larson said she visited the site, and although she found it to be a fantastic facility, they have money coming in from outside sources. Mr. Baran noted they receive money from insurance companies and grants.

Trustee Reynolds told commission members she appreciates their responses to her questions. She added it looks like the commission split up the funding very well, and she realizes it is not an easy job. Trustee McCormick thanked the members for all of the time and thought that was put into their decisions.

Ms. Larson said commission members visited all of the organizations on the list, and the agencies were appreciative of their efforts. Mr. Baran thanked Gayle Zalatoris for all of her kindness and her help guiding the commission through the process.

Trustee McCormick moved to approve the Human Services Commission recommendations.

Trustee Blustein seconded the motion.

Trustee Appel asked if anyone on the commission visited Links. He said last year he had an issue with funding Links because he believed it provided the morning after abortion pill. He felt it was unclear how Links would use the money. He does not want taxpayer money being used for anything in respect to abortion. He said he would like to see how Links would segregate the funds.

Trustee Appel moved to amend to the motion to remove Links from the Human Services Commission funding.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Trustee Appel asked if anyone could explain if Links provides pills that cause abortions. Township resident Kathy Fishman, co-president of the board of Links was at the meeting. Ms. Fishman explained Plan B, also known as the morning after pill, prevents pregnancy, but it does not cause an abortion. It is a high dose of birth control, and it is also available at pharmacies. Ms. Fishman explained Links provides counseling and information to its clients.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Supervisor Brickman, Trustee Appel, Trustee Blustein, Trustee McCormick, Trustee Reynolds (5)

Nays: None (0)

Motion carried 5-0

Supervisor Brickman asked Mr. Baran to let the committee know how much the board appreciated all of its hard work.

Approval of Town Fund Bills

Trustee Blustein moved to approve the Town Fund bills.

Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion.

Trustee Blustein asked if the township continues to rent the storage facility for the pantry for \$500 a month. Ms. Fuller said yes, the space is still necessary because of the large amount of cans and soap stored at the facility.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Supervisor Brickman, Trustee Appel, Trustee Blustein, Trustee McCormick, Trustee Reynolds (5)

Nays: None (0)
Motion carried 5-0

Approval of Road and Bridge bills

Trustee Reynolds moved to approve the Road and Bridge bills.
Trustee Appel seconded the motion.

Trustee Reynolds noted the taxpayers of Northfield Township are again donating to Glenbrook North's Grad Night via the Road District. Trustee Appel added that the board feels it is not appropriate for taxpayers' funds given to the Road District to be given to the schools.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Supervisor Brickman, Trustee Appel, Trustee Blustein, Trustee McCormick, Trustee Reynolds (5)
Nays: None (0)
Motion carried 5-0

Matters to be presented by the public

No discussion

Old Business

Supervisor Brickman noted the hard work of the township staff organizing its part for this year's Heart of Glenview fund raising event. The supervisor said the township will reevaluate its participation in the Heart of Glenview for 2012. Increased costs and other demands are part of the consideration. Ms. Fuller said the event raised about \$7,000 for the pantry.

New Business

Supervisor Brickman said she received positive emails from residents of Glenview Countryside praising the Road District's performance during the recent blizzard. Supervisor Brickman thanked Mr. Kehr for all of his hard work. Mr. Kehr said the praise should go to the entire crew.

Supervisor Brickman gave the board information about the recommendations for permit requirements from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District in regard to the infiltration and inflow of the sewer systems. Supervisor Brickman said the requirements are unrealistic. The MWRD is looking to target the flow rate (gallons per capita per day) in Northfield Township to 150. Northfield is currently at 350. Supervisor Brickman encouraged board members to contact MWRD Commissioner Debra Shore, since many board members have contacted her in the past, about this issue. She feels having a dialogue between sewer operators and the MWRD could be helpful.

Trustee Blustein asked if there are any updates on the township's relocation. Trustee Appel said the committee is still looking. Assessor Damisch added the committee is still considering both leasing and buying.

Trustee Appel moved to adjourn.
Trustee McCormick seconded the motion.
The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Fine, Northfield Township Clerk