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Oak Park Township Board February 23, 2010

Marge Gockel, Observer

Attending: Supervisor Boulanger, Trustees Davis, Reid & Calloway, Clerk White, Attorney Garofalo, & Manager Morgan. Absent: Trustee Keenan & Collector Taglia. Also present: Township Financial Manager and Desiree Scully, Senior Services Director.

Desiree Scully presented the Senior Services proposed budget for FY2010 amounting to \$1,974,862. It anticipates half the income to come from grants & fees, & half from the Township portion of Oak Park property taxes. Federal stimulus funds helped support the Home Delivered Meals program this year. The Dine Out program replaced the Maple Tree with the Cosy Corner restaurant this year. The State of Illinois is behind \$290,000 in payments due to Senior Services programs. The Township will use its general fund balance to cover the severely delayed state support. The state may also eliminate support for the Respite Care & Care Giver Support programs next year.

Agreed to retain Sikich accounting firm to perform the Township's annual financial audit for \$14,920, a 2% increase over last year. They were very helpful in developing the documents that earned the Township the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association the last several years.

Reviewed the "Allocation of Township Board Funds Policy" & its current application form "Request for Special Funding of a Community Initiative." A limited amount of funds are set aside by the Township each year to fund initiation of programs fundamental to human welfare & development in Oak Park with an emphasis on proper administration & effective use of resources. Applicant agencies or organizations must document the need for the program & provide measurable goals. The Early Childhood Collaborations & the Walk-In Ministry are among the groups who have benefitted from this policy.

Brief reports were given from:

Youth Services - Trustee liaison: Calloway. Held a very successful meeting for 25 prospective mentors. Both the Oak Park & the River Forest Youth Services advisory committees will be looking for new members this spring (River Forest contracts with Oak Park for services for youth.) . If you are interested, call the Township at 383-8005.

Community Mental Health Board (CMHB) - Trustee liaison: Reid. Their long time grants administrator is retiring.

Senior Services - Trustee liaison: Keenan & Collector Taglia. Senior Services will also be looking for new board members this spring. Call 383-8005. They are doing a phone survey in Oak Park to determine the need for affordable senior housing.

Supervisor - Is revising the Trustee Manual .

Clerk-Is participating in FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) training.

Meeting adjourned to executive session re property at 8:10 pm.

(online minutes: www.oakparktownship.org/aboutus/board.htm)