

LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS™ OAK PARK / RIVER FOREST



Oak Park Township Board
7:10 pm, March 23, 2010

Marge Gockel, Observer

Attending: Supervisor Boulanger, Trustees Davis, Reid, Keenan & Calloway, Clerk White, Collector Taglia, Attorney Garofalo, Manager Morgan, Business Manager Williams & Community Mental Health Board Executive (CMHB) DiVito.

Lisa DiVito presented the CMHB proposed budget for FY2010-11 of \$1,872,000 which includes a 25% decrease (\$43,000) in administrative expenses by folding 4 positions into 3 upon the retirement of its Finance Director. Remaining staff will be Executive Director, Contract Manager & an Administrative Assistant. Other costs are reduced by 36% due to the implementation of an internet data reporting system documenting mental health services provided by CMHB's contracted agencies. Funding to these agencies is increased by 4% (to 75% of the CMHB total budget), including a new line item for "safety net" funding for agencies impacted by the devastating cuts in state support to human services. Among the agencies contracted with for mental health services are Thrive, Hephzibah, Pillars, Sarah's Inn, Vital Bridges, Thresholds, Way Back Inn, Aspire, Oak Leyden Developmental Services, Seguin Services and Parenthesis.

Approved strategic plan goals & objectives for 2010-11. New goals include developing a community needs assessment, monitoring newly documented internal financial control procedures, reviewing banking services with special attention to bank practices in community & philanthropic support, implementing ComED energy audit recommendations where feasible & cost efficient, collaborating with current partners in a feasibility study for affordable senior housing, & assuming from the Village full responsibility for the cab coupon program.

Approved annual town meeting agenda including a resolution for a referendum on immunization information. The town meeting is April 13 at 6:30 pm at the Township Hall.

Brief reports were given from:

Youth Services - Trustee liaison: Calloway. They are concerned about the pending loss of key partners--the superintendents of District 97 & OPRF High School, & RF Police Chief.

Community Mental Health Board (CMHB) - Trustee liaison: Reid. See report above.

Senior Services - Trustee liaison: Keenan & Collector Taglia. Participating in a joint Caregiver Resource Center Partnership with River Forest, Cicero, Berwyn & Stickney. Renewed agreement with Chicago State University College of Pharmacy whose students assist seniors in completing Medicare Part D, Illinois RX & Circuit Breaker applications.

Township Manager - Received another award for the Township annual financial report.

Township supervisor - Interviews will be conducted for applicants for the Senior Services Committee (1 vacancy) & Youth Services (4 vacancies). Will be participating in the Village Joint Review Board meeting re TIF funds.

Meeting adjourned 9 pm.

(online minutes: www.oakparktownship.org)