

**LEAGUE of WOMEN
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**Oak Park Township Board
7:05 pm, February 8, 2011**

Ruth Foley, Observer

Attending: Supervisor Boulanger, Trustees Reid, Callaway, Davis, Keenan(after 7:30), Clerk White, Attorney Garofalo, Manager Morgan.

Minutes and Bills were approved. Representatives from the Collaboration for Early Childhood Education were at the meeting to give the Board an update on their progress. Child assessments are ahead of schedule; child population data base is behind schedule; four programs are now using Early Screening Inventory to gather intake data. The Township Board has contributed to the Collaboration in the past.

Jay Allen helped present the General Assistance budget. Grant amounts and the number of clients serviced have both increased. The Board is reviewing and trying to firm up the criteria for residency which is used to determine eligibility. There are more PADS shelters in Oak Park than in surrounding townships. The number of people requesting General Assistance is increasing.

Brief reports were given from:

Community Mental Health Board--Grants to agencies are being awarded.

Senior services-Bids are out for meal providers. Senior Appreciation Week will be funded through the Community of Congregations (May 16-13).

Manager-Preparations are nearly complete for a program to use debit cards for General Assistance clients. This will cut down on check fraud and will allow clients to use the cards at ATM machines, grocery stores, banks, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 for an executive session.

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