## Special Board Meeting of the Board of the Trustees of Elk Grove Township Elk Grove Township Hall, 2400 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights IL March 20, 2017

## **MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order: Supervisor Sweeney call the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. <u>Roll Call:</u> Trustees Koshaba, Satern, Niewiardowski and Ingraffia and Supervisor Sweeney present / In Attendance: Administrator Pioch and Highway Commissioner Niewiardowski.
- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. Executive Session: Supervisor Sweeney asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the sale of Township properties. Motion was made by Trustee Koshaba and seconded by Trustee Niewiardowski to adjourn to Executive Session. The motion passed on a voice vote at 7:03 p.m.
- V. <u>Reconvene Special Board Meeting</u>: The Special Elk Grove Township Board meeting was reconvened at 7:25 p.m. A roll call was taken with Trustees Koshaba, Satern, Niewiardowski and Ingraffia and Supervisor Sweeney present. In attendance were Administrator Pioch and Highway Commissioner Niewiardowski.
- VI. Discussion and Action on Elk Grove Township Community Day Care Center. Supervisor Sweeney stated that he had listened to the Board over the last couple of meetings and felt that a change in the arrangements for the transitioning of the Elk Grove Township Community Daycare Center out of the Township facility at 711 Chelmsford Lane was needed. He proposed that the Daycare Center be allowed to operate in the Township building on Chelmsford Lane until March 31, 2018 or upon the sale of the property whichever occurs last. He also proposed that the Township continue to fund the Daycare Center at FY16/17 levels through the end of FY17/18 which is March 31, 2018. On April 1, 2018 he proposed that a Daycare Voucher Program be instituted, funding for which would be included in the FY18/19 budget. Supervisor Sweeney noted that the details of the Voucher Program still needed to be worked out but that he had some general ideas on how the Program should be structured. In brief, he believes that those Township residents seeking to participate in the Township Daycare Voucher Program would also need to apply for state assistance. The state assistance program sets a co-pay for those in the state program. The Township would consider the state co-pay and the cost of local daycare services and then, on an income based sliding scale, determine what the voucher amount would be for each qualifying program participant. Supervisor Sweeney felt that a participant should be allowed to use the voucher at any Illinois certified daycare facility either in or outside of the Township. He also said he believes the Township Board should set a voucher cap and should require any resident participating in the program to periodically meet with the Township welfare services office in order to monitor their

financial status and to provide additional assistance if appropriate. There was considerable discussion regarding the voucher program and particularly the requirement for participants to periodically meet with the Township welfare services office. Trustee Koshaba suggested that a subcommittee be established to workshop the details for the Daycare Voucher Program. Supervisor Sweeney stated that he felt the program details could be worked out in a Committee of the Whole and that this work should begin as soon as April or May of this year. After further discussion, Supervisor Sweeney made a motion to allow the Elk Grove Township Community Daycare Center to operate in the Township building at 711 Chelmsford Lane, Elk Grove Village through March 31, 2018 or until the property is sold whichever comes last. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nierwiardowski. The motion passed on a voice vote. Supervisor Sweeney then made a motion to fund the Elk Grove Township Community Daycare Center at the FY16/17 budget level through Fy17/18 and to institute a Township Daycare Voucher Program on April 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Trustee Niewiardowski. The motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

VII. <u>Adjourn</u>: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Koshaba and seconded by Trustee Satern. *The motion carried on voice vote*. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**George Busse** 

Elk Grove Township Clerk