

**LEAGUE of WOMEN
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**Oak Park Township Board
April 8, 2008**

Ruth Foley, Observer

Present: Supervisor Boulanger; Trustees Cozzens, Keenan, Davis and Troyer; Clerk White; Manager Hammer; Attorney Garafalo; and Assessor Ali El Saffar

The meeting started at 7:40 pm after the Annual Town Meeting.
The minutes of the March 25 meeting and current bills were approved.

Oak Park resident, Bill Tomason asked the board to participate in the Disability Pride Parade in July.

Youth Services director, John Williams, presented the budget. He asked for an increase of 0.08% to continue Youth Services and expand the anti-bullying program in District 97. He hopes to reinvigorate the teen pregnancy program to be sure that teen mothers can finish high school. There are 3 vacancies on the Youth Services Committee.

Assessor El Saffar needs a budget increase because 2008 is a reassessment year and more staff will be needed. Reassessments will begin in late May or June.

After lengthy discussion, funding to the Collaborative for Early Childhood was approved by a vote of 3 to 2. The Board expects that the Collaborative will give a comprehensive report to the Board and will use John Williams of Youth Services as a consultant.

Manager Hammer reported that the township audit process has begun. She continues to meet with other village agencies about employee benefits.

Supervisor Boulanger reported that Collector Aagard has resigned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37.