

Wheatland Township, Will County

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APPROVED 3/10/2016

Township Board Meeting Thursday, February 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Kern.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Kern, Trustees DeRango, Holscher, Mitchell, and Wronski, and Clerk Peabody were present. Also present was Highway Commissioner Alstrom and Tax Collector Peterson. Assessor Monaghan was absent.

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Tony Iannone addressed the board concerning the continuously muddy condition of 119th Street in the vicinity of the Boughton Quarry. Highway Commissioner Alstrom suggested residents contact the Will County Land Use Division about their concerns. Mr. Iannone also asked about contacting the Will County Sheriff's Department and was advised that contact from individual residents may prove more effective than contact from the Township. Supervisor Kern said that the Township is trying to arrange a meeting with one of our County Board members and the Sheriff to discuss this and other safety issues in the Township.

Resident Gerhardt Werber advised the board about the practice of scattering cremains on National Park Service land and additional benefits of establishing a Revitalizing Garden at the Township Cemetery.

Resident Mike Lynn thanked the Highway Commissioner for his assistance with problems in the area of Rebecca Court.

CLERK'S REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2016 Board Meeting as corrected. Trustee Holscher asked that expanded information regarding Ride DuPage negotiations be included in future minutes. Trustee Wronski suggested, and everyone agreed, that board members should alert the Clerk when they want extended comments included in the minutes. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015 Executive Session. The motion was approved without discussion on a 3-0-2 roll call vote, with Trustees Wronski and Mitchell abstaining.
- C. It was reported that there were no FOIA requests for January.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Alstrom showed the board the new speed monitoring machine that he will be using to detect speeders and display their speed to the drivers. He also discussed items contained in his February 2016 Road District Report.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No report was presented.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- A. Supervisor Kern reviewed last year's Annual Meeting agenda and the proposed agenda for the April 12, 2016 meeting. Trustee Holscher discussed information regarding the City of Naperville's possible assumption of the Naperville Township Road District. It was requested to add an item to the agenda under the Supervisor's Report about the possible future consolidation of taxing bodies. The final agenda will be approved at the next board meeting.
- B. There was no correspondence for this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PARK COMMITTEE

Trustee Wronski stated that the park is closed for the winter and that the chain is back up closing the entrance. He also indicated that the Township Office has received an inquiry from a group interested in renting the park's athletic fields.

B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Holscher indicated that we are waiting for a response from our other Ride DuPage partners to our 13.28% cost sharing proposal for the coming year. Extended discussion of the situation followed. Supervisor Kern indicated that a fallback plan is available.

C. SENIOR COMMITTEE

Trustee Mitchell reported that the committee will resume activities in the spring.

D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Tax Collector Peterson reported that their second YouTube video is up and running and that a third video is in the works.

E. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Trustee DeRango reported that they are considering beginning the publication of an electronic township newsletter in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Trustee Wronski distributed a letter indicating he intended to resign from his position as Trustee after the March Board Meeting. Supervisor Kern thanked Trustee Wronski for his service.
- Highway Commissioner Alstrom indicated that he will be meeting with engineers to discuss repairs to the 119th Street Bridge.

BILL PAYMENT

On a motion by Trustee Wronski, a second by Trustee Mitchell, and comments by Supervisor Kern, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$70,534.86 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee DeRango, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM without discussion on a voice vote.

Next meeting March 10, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk