

Wheatland Township, Will County

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Township Board Meeting Thursday, March 10, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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 Gerhardt Werber discussed the intellectual benefits inspired by a Vitalizing Garden.

CLERK'S REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016 Board Meeting with corrections. A discussion took place about adding additional detail to the minutes. Clerk Peabody again asked that Board Members who want expanded information in the minutes, let him know what additional information they would like to see. Trustee Wronski stated that the Body should inform the Clerk if they would like to see expanded information about a particular topic in the minutes. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Wronski abstaining.
- B. It was reported that there were no FOIA requests for the month.
- C. Clerk Peabody reported that Early Voting has been light, but steady, despite problems with both the printers and the Internet feed.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Alstrom indicated that next Tuesday will be the bid opening for the 2016 road repair and repaving program, concentrating on the resurfacing and restoration of the bridge on 119th Street. He then discussed additional items in his March Road District Report. Of particular interest was the traffic study data on Meadow Lane and on 119th Street.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No report was presented.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to accept the resignation of Trustee Wronski effective at the conclusion of this meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee Wronski and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the Agenda for the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- C. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the 2016 Tax Levy Abatement – Resolution #16-01-R. This represents an overall reduction of \$50,000 from the amount the Township levied in December. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. Results of using Robo Calling last year to inform residents about the Annual Town Meeting was discussed. Although several residents indicated that they attended because of the calls, it was determined that the program was not cost effective, having possibly cost as much as \$60 per attendee, so it will not be utilized this year.
- E. No correspondence was reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PARK COMMITTEE

Trustee Wronski stated that the entrance chain is removed, so the park is now open. Supervisor Kern reported that there was evidence that cars had been driven around the chain, so it was removed to minimize further damage to the property. Commissioner Alstrom indicated that he would like to have TOIRMA do a free safety inspection of the park. He also suggested that they may try to add some additional plantings to the gate area in the future to discourage vehicles from driving around the chain.

B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Supervisor Kern indicated that he had been advised that Naperville Township intended to approve the new Ride DuPage contract (with our cost reduced to our requested 13.28%) this week. Lisle Township said they need some additional time to review it. Trustee Holscher reiterated that the taxpayers of Wheatland Township had spent an inordinate amount of money in the past subsidizing the other partner townships in Ride DuPage and that this was not going to take place in the future.

C. SENIOR COMMITTEE

Trustee Mitchell reported that the committee intends to resume programs with the April luncheon.

D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Tax Collector Peterson reported that they are working on their next YouTube video. They are also working on a program to re-position some of the headstones. In addition, they recently received granite monuments for the graves of two Civil War soldiers from the Department of Veteran’s Affairs. He also reported that the cemetery has repurchased two graves under their “Buy Back Program”.

E. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Trustee DeRango requested that we add space to the signup sheets at the Annual Town Meeting to begin gathering email addresses in anticipation of launching an electronic Township newsletter. Supervisor Kern displayed the recently receive Sunshine Award plaque from the Illinois Policy Institute for our perfect transparency rating on the Township’s website.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

BILL PAYMENT

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell, a second by Trustee DeRango, and comments by Supervisor Kern and Commissioner Alstrom, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$74,949.36 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM without discussion on a voice vote.

Next meeting April 14, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk