

Wheatland Township, Will County

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APPROVED 10/13/2016

Township Board Meeting Thursday, September 8, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Supervisor Kern, Trustees Mitchell, Rotkis, DeRango, and Holscher, and Clerk Peabody were present. Also present were Highway Commissioner Alstrom and Cemetery Committee member Jim Hofman representing Tax Collector Peterson. Assessor Monaghan was absent.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Resident Andy Rothman discussed issues regarding work being done in his area by Metronet.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5.1 On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the minutes of the August 11, 2016 Township Board Meeting were approved 3-0-2 on a roll call vote, with Trustees Rotkis and DeRango abstaining.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Senior Development Officer of the Northern Illinois Food Bank (and Wheatland Township resident) Gina Gramarosso acquainted the Board with the challenges of hunger in this area and the role of the food bank in helping 800 feeding programs in 13 Illinois counties to provide over 65 million meals last year. They are currently operating from 3 distribution sites in the North, Northwest, and West suburbs, and are reviewing locations in Will County to add a 4th site. They estimate the cost to open the site and operate it for the first year will be \$730,000 (of which they have raised approximately \$200,000).

6. OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 On a motion by Trustee Holscher and second by Trustee Mitchell, Ordinance 16-05-O, Township Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy, was approved 4-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Holscher voting no.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Trustee Rotkis and second by Trustee DeRango, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$102,501.36 were discussed and approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 SUPERVISOR

- Supervisor Kern distributed the staffing schedule for early voting for the upcoming November 8th General Election.
- He reminded the Board that an item on next month's agenda will be the setting of salaries for elected officials for the coming term.

- He advised the Board of an invitation to the North Wheatland Township Homeowner's Association Annual Picnic taking place on September 18th. Resident Bob Segal was in attendance to extend the invitation.

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

- Discussed progress with a large drainage project taking place in North Wheatland View and another in Andermann Acres.
- Will be reviewing work necessary for the 2017 renovation of the 119th Street Bridge. Work will take place next summer.
- Advised the Board that he is in discussion with the City of Aurora and IDOT to close a section of Heggs Road between 111th Street and Route 30 after a recent fatal accident. Aurora is planning a reconfiguration of the Heggs/Route 30 intersection, to include a traffic signal, in 2018.
- Announced that the road salt contract for 2016/17 was recently signed. The price will be the same as we paid last year.

9.3 TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE DERANGO

- The new Township quarterly electronic newsletter was distributed to residents last month who have subscribed by providing their email addresses. This is considerably less expensive than mailing a paper newsletter would be. Another will go out prior to the election with early voting and other election information.

TRUSTEES HOLSCHER AND MITCHELL

- Reported on the August Senior Luncheon. The next luncheon meeting will be on September 21st at Wheatland Salem Church. Food will be provided by Giordano's and the activity will be the game of Pokeno.

TRUSTEE ROTKIS

- Another Boy Scout project was recently completed with six bags of garbage and weeds removed from the property.

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (RICHARD PEABODY)

- There will be a lot of activity over the next two months as we provide registration and voting services to area voters. We are offering an expanded schedule during the 10/24 through 11/07 Early Voting period and will be fully staffed during the hours we are open.

9.5 JIM HOFMAN FOR BEN PETERSON

- Recently walked the cemetery property with our weed control vendor. Will coordinate with the Highway Department and the Park to combine services and reduce costs.
- Reported that they provided lunch to the Highway Department employees to thank them for their assistance.
- Received a (large) replacement headstone from the Department of Defense for our War of 1812 soldier buried in the cemetery. It will be installed soon. His story will be the subject of the committee's next video.

OTHER: Supervisor Kern reported a meeting with our mosquito abatement contractor to do additional work because of the severity of the problems this year.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the meeting was adjourned without discussion on a voice vote at 8:25 PM.

Next meeting October 13, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

September 8, 2016 (Cont.)

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk