

Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center

31 W 236 91st Street

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Township Board Meeting

Thursday, December 13, 2012 @ 7:30 P.M.

Call to order

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

Roll Call

Supervisor Morse, Clerk Kern and Trustees King and Karantonis were present. Also present were Assessor Lord, Highway Commissioner Jarnagin and Collector Rahman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dayton Jarnagin led the Pledge.

Public Comment

Chuck Kern, 5331 Sand Lily, Naperville, asked the board for more scrutiny on the township legal costs. He said that township costs are considerably higher than other taxing bodies of similar size.

Clerk Report

Mr. King made a motion to approve the November 8, 2012 minutes and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse, Trustees Karantonis and King all aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Plan Commission Report

Mr. King made a motion to approve Resolution 12-05-RZC for a special use permit for an outdoor storage yard and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees Karantonis and King all aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Assessor's Report

Ms. Lord reported that appeals are done and her office will start reassessments soon.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Mr. Jarnagin said his department is getting ready for the first snowfall.

Supervisor's Report

Trustee Haddad arrived at 7:54 PM.

John Nania of Integrys Energy Services made a presentation regarding an electric aggregation referendum. If passed by the voters, he said that unincorporated homeowners could achieve significant savings on their monthly bills. Mr. King made a motion to approve Ordinance #12-07-O and was seconded. The ordinance would place a referendum on the ballot at the next election. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King, Karantonis and Haddad all aye. Nays none. Motion passed 4-0.

Kamala Martinez, a River Run homeowner, made a presentation to the board regarding concerns that her group has on rezoning a nearby quarry. She stated concerns about possible asbestos exposure and excessive truck traffic. She asked the board to reconsider their prior approval of the rezoning. Mr. King asked her to send her concerns to the board in writing. Mr. Scott Pointner, attorney for the petitioner, BMI, refuted some of the concerns. He said that his client will be in compliance with all laws and regulations and that concerns about truck traffic were overblown.

Mr. Haddad made a motion to approve Ordinance 12-05-O Road District Tax Levy for 2012 and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees Haddad and King voting aye. Nays none and Mr. Karantonis abstained. Motion passed 3-0-1.

Mr. Haddad made a motion to approve Ordinance 12-06-O Town Fund Tax Levy for 2012 and was seconded. Mr. Karantonis objected to continuing to collect funds for a building that will likely not be built. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King and Haddad voting aye. Mr. Karantonis voted no. Motion passed 3-1.

Mr. Morse presented the board with a summary of total riders and costs for the PACE bus program. After discussion, Mr. Haddad made a motion to approve a one year renewal of the contact with PACE and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees Haddad, King and Karantonis all aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Morse said that the township is being fined by Will County for building non compliance issues. He said that the township offices would be relocating in the next month and that Choice Builders would be working on compliance issues after the move.

Mr. Morse said that the township held a successful electronics recycling event, collecting 13,404 lbs.

Committee Reports

Park

No report.

Youth

No report.

Senior

Mr. King reported that the holiday luncheon would be held on December 19th. Mr. Karantonis asked that Wheatland based vendors be used for catering in the future.

Transportation

No report.

Cemetery

Mr. Rahman said there were two grave purchases last month.

Communication

No report.

Finance

No report.

New/Old business

None heard.

Bill Payment

A motion was made to approve December bills in the amount of \$93,928.32 and was seconded. Mr. Karantonis asked why AAG Architects was receiving payments in excess of the \$10,000 cap agreed to. Mr. Morse stated he was entitled to the payments because the scope of work became larger. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King and Haddad all aye. Mr. Karantonis voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

A motion was made to approve payroll for the first two weeks of December in the amount of \$43,412.06 and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King, Karantonis and Haddad all aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Clerk Report

Mr. King made a motion to approve the September 21, 2012 meeting minutes and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King and Haddad voting aye. Mr. Karantonis abstained. Motion passed 3-0-1.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 14, 2012 and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King and Haddad voting aye. Mr. Karantonis abstained. Motion passed 3-0-1.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the November 28, 2012 meeting minutes and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King and Haddad voting aye. Mr. Karantonis abstained. Motion passed 3-0-1.

Executive Session

A motion was made to enter closed session to consider setting a price on land and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote and the board entered closed session at 8:57 PM.

Adjournment

The board returned to open session at 9:03 PM. A motion was made to make a counter offer to the prospective buyer of the land and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees Karantonis and King voting aye. Nays were none and Mr. Haddad abstained. Motion passed 3-0-1.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, was seconded and passed by a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Next meeting: January 10, 2013, @ 7:30 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting

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Chuck Kern, Town Clerk

Wheatland Township

Date: January 10, 2013

Approved as

Presented

