

Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center

31 W 236 91st Street

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Township Board Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2012 @ 7:30 P.M.

Call to order

Supervisor Morse called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call

Supervisor Morse, Clerk Kern and Trustees Haddad, Karantonis and King all present. Trustee Hudetz was absent. Also in attendance were Highway Commissioner Jarnagin and Collector Rahman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Bryan Hancock led the Pledge.

Public Comment

Tricia Tillotson, 4832 Clearwater, Naperville, complained that the meeting agenda was not posted on the website on a timely basis prior to the meeting. Mr. King stated that it is done on a volunteer basis and that they also had technical problems. Mr. Karantonis said that the Attorney General would be contacted to review the matter.

Georgann Karantonis, 2323 Spikehorn, Naperville, said that the township must follow the resolution regarding holding Youth in Government Day in May, or they needed to pass another resolution rescinding it. She also complained that Mr. Haddad had improperly commented on her during a recent closed session meeting.

Brenda Morse, 23541 Andrew Rd, Plainfield, handed the Clerk a copy of a recent email and asked him to review it, which he agreed to do.

Clerk Report

Mr. King made a motion to approve the November 10, 2011 minutes as amended. Roll call – Mr. Morse and

Mr. Haddad and Mr. King all aye. Mr. Karantonis nay. Motion passed 3-1.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the December 8, 2011 minutes as amended. Roll call – Mr. Morse and Trustees Haddad, King and Karantonis all aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Haddad made a motion to table the minutes from January 12, 2012 and motion passed by voice vote.

Plan Commission Report

Steve Bauer, attorney for Vulcan, asked the board to approve a special use and variance permit for their property on 111th St. They are asking for approval to recycle concrete and other related material. Mr. King was asked to review the Plan Commission report with the board. He stated that there would be no increase in truck traffic and that there were no public comments made to the Plan Commission on this topic. Kelly Van Kovering, also of Vulcan, stated that the material coming on to the property would be “clean” items, such as concrete and soil. The Plan Commission approved this request unanimously. Mr. King made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit, Will County Case #6029-S3V2 and was seconded. Roll call – Mr. Morse and Mr. Haddad, Mr. Karantonis and Mr. King all aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Assessor’s Report

No report.

Highway Commissioner’s Report

Mr. Jarnagin stated that he was in the process of doing overlay work on Book Rd and in Wolf’s Creek and Sunnymere Acres.

Supervisor’s Report

Mr. King made a motion to approve the tentative 2012-2013 township budget and was seconded. Mr. Karantonis stated that he needed time to review the budget since he had just received it and had not had a chance to review it. Mr. King stated that the budget had been discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Karantonis said that he was not in attendance at that meeting. He also stated that \$40,000 should be added to the budget for a forensic audit of the township. Roll call – Mr. Morse, Mr. Haddad and Mr. King voting aye. Mr. Karantonis voted nay. Motion passed 3-1.

Mr. Morse updated the board on the PACE Dial a Ride program and said the next meeting with them would be next Monday.

A discussion occurred regarding selling the township land at 103rd Street. Mr. King stated that he did

not want the township to take a large loss on the land. Mr. Karantonis said that the township board was irresponsible in designing a building that was much too large for its needs and did not have public support. He asked that the public present a petition for an advisory referendum on the building. Mr. Haddad said that the township should engage the public to create plans for a possible new office by holding a workshop. Mr. Morse said that the appraisal for the land was \$305,000 and he was inclined to ask \$488,000 so the township would not lose money. Mr. Karantonis said the market is down and we need to be realistic on the price. Mr. Morse said that he wants to ask the voters if they would consider making the land a park.

Committee Reports

Park

Erik Hahn of Continental Properties made a brief presentation to the board regarding a proposed housing development in Plainfield which is located next to the Wheatland Township Park. He asked the board to approve a grading easement on the park property to help with water management. Mr. Karantonis said that the grant given to the township by the federal government to purchase the property came with some restrictions. He said that they may need to approve any changes to the property. Mr. Morse said that he would consult with the attorney first before proceeding on the easement request.

Youth

Mr. Haddad said that he is pleased with what the youth committee has done this year and that they had not spent any of the \$5,000.00 budgeted for the year. He said he would like to get more people involved and that he still wants to promote a cyberbullying program with District 202 and 204. He said that he will promote the availability of 2 scholarships offered by AITCOY and will send the information to the schools. He also said that he will be working on Youth in Government Day in May.

Rita Facchina of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) made a presentation to the board. She provided some educational materials regarding drug abuse prevention and training of volunteers. She is hoping to partner with the township to help get word to the public regarding their services. The board indicated they would consider such support.

Transportation

No report.

Senior

No report.

Cemetery

No report.

Communication

Written report attached.

Finance

No report.

New/Old business

None heard.

Bill Payment

Mr. Haddad made a motion to approve the February bills in the amount of \$46,197.57 and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees Haddad and King voting aye. Mr. Karantonis voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

Mr. Haddad made a motion to approve the payroll for the first two weeks of February in the amount of \$45,722.06 and was seconded. Roll call – Mr. Morse, Mr. Haddad and Mr. King voting aye. Mr. Karantonis voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn and it passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Next meeting: March 8, 2012, @ 7:30 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting

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Chuck Kern, Town Clerk
Wheatland Township

Date: March 8, 2012

Approved as

Presented

