

Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center

31 W 236 91st Street

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Township Board Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 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 Hudetz, Karantonis and King all present. Trustee Haddad was absent. Also present were Highway Commissioner Jarnagin, Assessor Lord and Collector Rahman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Aatif Rahman led the Pledge.

Public Comment

Tricia Tillotson, 4832 Clearwater, Naperville, thanked Mr. Karantonis and any other veterans present for their service as we approach Veterans Day. She also asked that the meeting agenda be posted in a more prominent place on the website.

Brenda Morse, 23641 Andrew, Plainfield, asked the board to clarify what the process would be with regard to an offer or sale of the land at 103rd Street.

Paula Strick, 3827 Looking Post, Naperville, said that she did not think it was appropriate that the Supervisor would ignore some questions from the public and answer others during public comment.

Bill Alstrom, 13215 Blakely, Plainfield, asked about what the procedure was to enter closed session.

Deb Holscher, 2708 Modaff, Naperville, asked why public comment had not been included on the agenda at recent special meetings. Mr. Morse said that the board would address that issue by passing a public

comment resolution.

Mike Crockett, 3144 Kewanee, Naperville, asked all of the elected officials if they were township residents and registered voters. The officials all indicated that they were legally qualified to hold office.

Clerk Report

Mr. King made a motion to approve the October 11, 2012 meeting minutes and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King and Hudetz voting aye. Mr. Karantonis abstained. Motion passed 3-0-1.

Mr. Hudetz made a motion to approve the October 30, 2012 Special Meeting minutes and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees Hudetz and Karantonis all aye. Mr. King abstained. Motion passed 3-0-1.

The September 21, 2012 and September 27, 2012 meeting minutes were tabled until next month.

Plan Commission Report

No report.

Assessor's Report

Ms. Lord said that home sales are picking up and that the tax appeals would be finished by early December. She then read a statement regarding the condition of the town hall. She said that there were air quality and ventilation issues that were causing health problems for the employees and that nothing had been done about the issues. She also stated that there were possible problems with mold and asbestos. She asked that the board consider renting trailers to temporarily house the employees.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Mr. Jarnagin said he was removing dead trees from parkways.

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Morse addressed the OSHA complaint at the township. Architect Joe Navilio said that he expected a report from OSHA in the next two weeks. Mr. Hudetz asked Mr. Navilio why Will County had rejected his response to the code violations. Mr. Navilio said there were some errors in the submission. He also said that the township has to comply with the IBC building codes. In addition he said that the township has to comply with all of the fire marshal's requirements. Mr. Navilio said that the township may be able to avoid the repairs by sending a letter to Will County advising that the

building would be vacated.

Mr. Morse said that he wanted to vacate the building. Mr. Karantonis said that he would like to be supplied with a summary of the expenses associated with vacating and then selling the building. He also asked that a meeting be scheduled to discuss possibly leasing space elsewhere. It was agreed that a meeting would occur on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Hudetz said that he would like Mr. Navilio to provide all of the Fire Marshal's concerns in writing. Mr. Navilio agreed and also said he will communicate with the Health Department about their concerns. He will also talk to Will County Land Use to determine their needs and change drawings as needed.

Mr. Morse made a motion to send a letter to Will County advising them that the board is considering vacating the building and asking for relief on compliance issues and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees Hudetz, King and Karantonis all aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the 2013 Holiday Schedule as presented and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King and Hudetz voting aye. Mr. Karantonis abstained. Motion passed 3-0-1.

Mr. Karantonis made a motion to approve the 2013 board meeting schedule as presented and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King, Karantonis and Hudetz all aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Morse said there would be a meeting of the Finance Committee shortly to discuss the levy for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Morse stated that there was an offer on the land of \$250,000 which would be considered in closed session. Mr. Karantonis asked if the broker has a marketing plan in place for the property and he also said he would like to discuss listing the land with a new broker.

Committee Reports

Park

Mr. Haddad's written report said that the Park Committee will be purchasing a new basketball backboard to replace the damaged one. Also the Certificate of Insurance was received from the Wheatland Athletic Association.

Youth

Mr. Haddad reported that the Youth Committee donated an I PAD to Welch Elementary School for their fundraiser, which was very well attended.

Transportation

Mr. Morse said that we were waiting for grant money to reimburse some of the costs of the PACE bus program. Mr. Karantonis asked for a monthly recap of the ridership reports. Mr. Hudetz said that he had calculated that the PACE program was double the cost of providing transport through a cab company.

Senior

Mr. King said the Christmas party would be held on December 19th.

Cemetery

Mr. Rahman said there was one burial this month.

Communication

No report.

Finance

No report.

New/Old business

None heard.

Bill Payment

Mr. King made a motion to approve the November bills in the amount of \$58,890.99 and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustee King voting aye. Trustees Karantonis and Hudetz voting nay. Motion failed 2-2.

Mr. Hudetz made a motion to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$55,722.32, which did not include payments to the architect, and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees Karantonis and Hudetz all aye. Mr. King voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

Mr. Hudetz made a motion to approve the payroll for the first two weeks of November in the amount of \$42,675.09 and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King, Karantonis and Hudetz all aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Morse made a motion to enter closed session to discuss a possible counter offer on the land and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King, Karantonis and Hudetz all aye. Motion passed 4-0 and the board entered closed session at 9:50 PM.

The board returned to open session at 10:04 PM. Mr. Karantonis made a motion to make a counter offer to the potential buyer of \$375,000 and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King, Karantonis and Hudetz all aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Karantonis made a motion to adjourn and was seconded. The motion passed by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM.

Next meeting: December 13, 2012, @ 7:30 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting

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Chuck Kern, Town Clerk

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Date: December 13, 2012

Approved as Presented