

Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center

31 W 236 91st Street

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Township Board Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 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 Haddad, Hudetz and King all present. Trustee Karantonis was absent. Also present were Assessor Lord, Highway Commissioner Jarnagin and Collector Rahman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Jarnagin led the Pledge.

Public Comment

Tricia Tillotson, 4832 Clearwater, Naperville, asked why the board had not responded publicly to the questions she raised about a new building at the annual meeting.

Mike Crockett, 3144 Kewanee, Naperville, asked Trustee Haddad if he participated in the IMRF retirement program previously and if so how many hours he worked per year. Mr. Haddad said he had been advised not to respond to Mr. Crockett due to an investigation.

Bill Alstrom, 13215 Blakely, Plainfield, asked for an explanation as to why the real estate agent was chosen to list the land being sold by the township.

Clerk Report

A motion was made to approve the December 8, 2011 minutes as amended. The change was deleting the word "financial" from the youth committee report. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees Haddad, Hudetz and King all aye. Motion passed 4-0

The approval of the March 8, 2012 minutes was tabled until May.

Plan Commission Report

Josephine DeBoer asked the board to approve her request for a special use permit for a body shop at 10117 S. Bode St., Plainfield. Mr. King said that the Plan Commission had supported the request unanimously with no conditions. He made a motion to approve Resolution 12-02-RZC and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees Haddad, Hudetz and King all aye. Motion passes 4-0.

Assessor's Report

Assessor Lord stated that the township had received a -4.6% factor from the state this year. Written report attached.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Mr. Jarnagin gave a brief explanation of the tax cap and the levy. He also mentioned that he was starting the first phase of brush pick up and that a new stoplight will be installed at 119th and Naper-Plainfield Rd.

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Haddad made a motion to approve ordinance 12-01-O Town Budget for fiscal year 2013 in the amount of \$2,738,868 and was seconded. Roll call – Mr. Morse and Mr. Haddad and Mr. King all aye. Mr. Hudetz voted nay. Motion passes 3-1.

Mr. Haddad made a motion to approve Ordinance 12-02-O Highway Budget for fiscal year 2013 in the amount of \$1,852,700 and was seconded. Roll call – Mr. Morse, Mr. Haddad and Mr. King all aye. Mr. Hudetz voted nay. Motion passed 3-1.

Mr. Morse stated that the annual audit would take place this year on May 15th and 16th. In addition he said that the township was still working through legal issues regarding the PACE bus contract and he was hoping they would be resolved soon.

Mr. Morse also said that the property was listed for sale and was with a realtor recommended by Mr. King. Mr. Hudetz asked why the property was not listed online and also noted there was no sign on the property. Mr. Morse said they were still waiting for JULIE to visit the site.

Committee Reports

Park

Written report attached.

Youth

Written report attached.

Senior

Mr. Hudetz said a magician would be featured at the next senior luncheon.

Cemetery

Mr. Rahman stated that there was one burial this month a two lot sales.

Communication

Mr. King said that the elected official's salary information would be put back up on the web site.

Finance

No report.

New/Old business

None heard.

Bill Payment

Mr. Haddad made a motion to approve payment of the April bills in the amount of \$54,501.25 and was seconded. Mr. Hudetz asked about an expense for the youth committee in the amount of \$1,728.00 and Mr. Haddad stated it was the purchase of iPads and Nooks for a raffle. Mr Hudetz also asked that the board consider a policy with regard to how much money can be spent without specific board approval. It was agreed that the topic would be discussed at the next meeting. Roll call – Mr. Morse, Mr. Haddad and Mr. King voting aye. Mr. Hudetz nay. Motion passed 3-1.

Mr. Hudetz made a motion to approve the payroll for the first two weeks of April in the amount of \$43,410.20 and was seconded. Roll call – Mr. Morse and Trustees Haddad, Hudetz and King all aye. Motion passes 4-0.

Chuck Kern, Town Clerk
Wheatland Township

Date: June 14, 2012

Approved as

Amended