

# Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center

12337 S. Route 59, Suite 117

Wheatland Township, Will County

Township Board Meeting

Thursday, February 14, 2013 @ 7:30 P.M.

## Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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

Frank King led the Pledge.

## Public Comment

John Weiffenbach, 13154 Thelma, Plainfield, congratulated the board on having a good website. He inquired why all of the minutes were not up on the site.

Deb Holscher, 2708 Modaff, Naperville, made inquiries about the current involvement of the architect at the old building, additional fines that the township may have incurred, disposal of the old furnace, catering bills and lease payments.

Mike Strick, 3827 Looking Post Ct , Naperville, asked why the township is leasing two spaces instead of one.

Mike Crockett, 3144 Kewanee, Naperville, asked why the township purchased new furniture at a cost of \$30,000 when the old furniture could have been moved to the new space.

Paula Strick, 3827 Looking Post Ct., Naperville, asked why the Supervisor answered some questions during public comment but not others.

Bill Alstrom, 13215 Blakely, Plainfield, said that instead of a video security system that he was in favor of an alarm system that may include a panic button connected to the police department.

Tricia Tillotson, 4832 Clearwater, Naperville, advised the board that the For Sale sign was down at the property that is on the market.

#### **Clerk Report**

Approval of the September 27, 2012 minutes was tabled until next month.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the January 10, 2013 minutes and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King and Haddad voting aye. Mr. Karantonis abstained. Motion passed 3-0-1.

#### **Plan Commission Report**

Trustee King advised the board that the township attorney said that the township did not have the authority to get involved in the zoning case regarding Will County Case #6068-MS. He made a motion to rescind approval of the zoning change and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees King and Haddad all aye. Mr. Karantonis voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

#### **Assessor's Report**

No report.

#### **Highway Commissioner's Report**

No report.

#### **Supervisor's Report**

Mr. Morse said that the sign that was gone from the property for sale would be going back up this week. He addressed several issues brought up during Public Comment. He stated that the township had to take two spaces because the Township and Assessor's office could not fit into one of the spaces. He said the township was charged a reinspection fee for failing the Will County inspection at the old building. He said the old building had finally passed inspection and that Mr. Jarnagin will remove the gas tanks still on site. He said that the furniture in question was too old to move to the new building.

A motion was made to move \$18,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for the new leased space for the current fiscal year and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees Haddad, King and Karantonis all aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Karantonis raised concerns regarding adding a security system in the new offices. He said that the new board which will be elected in April should decide the issue. He added that a sealed bidding process should have been followed. Mr. King made a motion to approve a contract in the amount of \$4,275.00 with CES, Inc. to install an electronic security system and was seconded. Roll call – Supervisor Morse and Trustees Haddad and King voting aye. Mr. Karantonis voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Park**

A letter will be sent to the construction company that is working near the township park asking them to pick up debris at the park.

##### **Youth**

No report.

##### **Transportation**

No report.

##### **Senior**

Mr. King said that the seniors would be invited to the township open house on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Cemetery**

Mr. Rahman said that there was one burial last month.

##### **Communication**

Mr. King said that the front page on the website has been redesigned and that 30 plus links have been eliminated.

##### **Finance**

Mr. Morse said that a meeting would be scheduled for next week.



Amended