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Special Township Board Meeting

Tuesday May 28, 2013 @ 7:00pm

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

Supervisor Kern, Clerk Alstrom and Trustees Bennefield, Crockett, Holscher and Mitchell were present. Highway Commissioner Troyanowski was also present. Assessor Lord and Collector Rahman were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge.

Public Comment

There was no one from the audience with public comment

Clerk's Report

A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday May 9th, 2013 with a second by Trustee Crockett. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Bennefield, Crockett, Holscher, Mitchell and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Passed 5-0.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 20th Special Board meeting by Trustee Bennefield with a second by Trustee Mitchell. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Bennefield, Crockett,

Holscher, Mitchell and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Passed 5-0.

Supervisor's Report

A motion was made by Trustee Crockett with a second by Trustee Holscher to approve resolutions #13-04-a-R through #13-04-j-R adding Supervisor Kern and Trustee Crockett to the Wheatland Township bank accounts. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Bennefield, Crockett, Mitchell, Holscher and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Supervisor Kern presented Resolution 13-05-R, Rescinding IMRF participation for Elected Officials at Wheatland Township. A motion was made to approve by Trustee Crockett with a second by Trustee Holscher. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Bennefield, Crockett, Holscher, Mitchell and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Supervisor Kern presented an agreement with Healy Bender in the amount of \$2700.00 to evaluate the property at 91st street. A motion to approve was made by Trustee Holscher with a second by Trustee Bennefield. Trustee Crockett stated this agreement would satisfy the will of the Electors who attended the August 2011 Special Town Meeting. Trustee Holscher said that the price for this agreement was far lower than previous architectural services rendered in the past. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Bennefield, Holscher, Crockett, Mitchell and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Supervisor Kern presented Resolution 13-06-R Authorizing Execution of a Letter of Agreement for Mutual Termination of Intergovernmental Agreements. Kern stated this agreement was with the Plainfield Park District and Wheatland for use of space at the current office location. This agreement was approved by old boards at both government bodies at their last meetings before leaving office. A motion was made to approve by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Crockett. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Bennefield, Crockett, Holscher, Mitchell and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 5-0.

A discussion was held regarding Lisa Financial and the need for a Planning Commission in Wheatland Township. Trustee Holscher stated she would like to see the Commission continue. Supervisor Kern stated that there is a new law that allows for municipalities to control these issues for areas within 1 mile of their corporate limits. Kern will seek advice from Township counsel.

A discussion was held regarding the listing of the land on 103rd street owned by the Township. The old

listing agreement expired a few months ago. It was determined that Supervisor Kern would ask for proposals from three local commercial realtors regarding the property and bring the results back to the board.

Supervisor Kern asked for volunteers from the board to serve as liaisons to the standing committees. Trustees Holscher and Mitchell will serve on the Senior Committee. Trustee Bennefield will serve on the Park Committee. Trustee Holscher and Crocket will serve on the Transportation Committee and Clerk Alstrom will be the liaison to the Communication Committee.

A discussion was held regarding relocating the Township office to the Highway Department building on Tower Ct. in Naperville. Commissioner Troyanowski stated that the Township may move at any time but a few infrastructure issues need to be addressed such as internet access and space needed. Supervisor Kern and Trustee Crockett would like to assess the cost savings for a move. Trustee Crockett would like to see the professional evaluations from the architect prior to a move. Trustee Mitchell was concerned about paying the monthly lease for space we are not using if we move prior to December. More discussion will be had at future meetings.

New Business

Lee Goodson from the office of Rep. Tom Cross contacted the Township regarding a \$10,000 grant received by Wheatland from the state of Illinois for the construction of a Senior Center. Rep. Cross is requesting that Wheatland return the money as it has not been used. The Township will ask for documentation from the state as to when they sent the money to the Township before taking action on this matter.

Commissioner Troyanowski outlined the maintenance issues at the Township Park and repairs that need to be made. These repairs could cost over \$7000.00 so they will be brought to the board at the June 13th meeting. Power to light poles has been turned off due to an underground electrical short. Trustee Holscher stated she would like to see the lights fixed for security reasons. New mulch was ordered for the park in the amount of \$600.00.

The board decided to have a Budget Workshop on June 13th at 6:00pm with the regular monthly meeting to follow.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn and passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next meeting: June 13, 2013, @ 6:00 P.M. – Township Budget Workshop
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Prepared by Bill Alstrom, Wheatland Township Clerk