

Wheatland Township, Will County

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Township Board Meeting

Thursday June 13, 2013 @ 7:30pm

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 28th, 2013. Supervisor Kern stated that minutes of all meetings are prepared by the Township and can only be changed for reasons of accuracy or completeness. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Bennefield, Crockett, Holscher, Mitchell and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kern and seconded by Trustee Crockett to approve the minutes detailed in Agenda items B-J as written by the past Township Clerk Chuck Kern. Supervisor Kern stated that many of these minutes were re written by past Supervisor Todd Morse and were never signed and approved by the Clerk. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Bennefield, Holscher, Crockett, Mitchell and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Clerk Alstrom stated two FOIA's were filed and completed for the month.

Plan Commission Report

No report.

Assessor Report

The Assessor is working on reassessments and they are due on July 8th, 2013.

Highway Commissioner Report

Commissioner Troyanowski stated that work on the 111th street project has started but there are issues with getting all of the entities coordinated to perform the bulk of the bulk of the project. He will keep us advised. He also stated that he is going to do a road grading study on all roads to determine in a scientific manner which roads need work done first. Commissioner Troyanowski stated that there was a period of time between 2003 and 2010 where very little road work was done. He believes most of the budget went to build the Tower Ct. building and buy large pieces of equipment. The road program is 7 years behind schedule.

Supervisor Report

Alex Tovstenovskey was present on behalf of Lisa Financial LLP and gave a presentation regarding the Special Use permit they are requesting from Will County for their business. They were originally given a permit to operate by Will County but the County came back to them and said they did so in error. They have not received any complaints from the residential area near them and have passed inspection from the Plainfield Fire Dept. Supervisor Kern stated that the Township Planning Commission is advisory only and there is not one ion place at this time due to recent changes in the law.

Rita Fachina, Exec. Director of CASA Will County was present to outline her organization to the Board. CASA represents over 200 children in Will County and has 104 volunteers. CASA helps children in the Will

County courts and other neglected children. In 2012 CASA helped 6 children in Wheatland Township. CASA receives 25% of their funding through the Will County court system and the other 75% through fundraising and private donations. Ms. Fachina stated that monetary donations from Wheatland would be appreciated as well as meeting space for informational meetings.

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 13-03-0 by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Bennefield. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Mitchell, Bennefield, Holscher, Crockett and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 13-04-0 by Trustee Crockett and seconded by Trustee Holscher. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Mitchell, Bennefield, Holscher, Crockett and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Cliff Bender from Healy Bender made a presentation regarding the proposal for Pre-Design at the Tower Ct. property. The pre-design stage will determine office space needed and give a rough cost for the project. A motion was made by Trustee Crockett and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the pre-design phase not to exceed \$8000.00 pending approval by the Township's attorney. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Mitchell, Bennefield, Holscher, Crockett and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 5-0.

A discussion was held regarding the Planning Commission and its future. The majority of the board felt it was an important advisory commission that could advocate for the people of the Township. Supervisor Kern would like to see each Board member appoint one person to the commission.

A discussion was held regarding the Listing Agreement for the property at 103rd street owned by the Township. Two commercial agents sent detailed information regarding their opinions on the value of the land. The agents were from Remax and John Greene. Trustee Mitchell disclosed that she works for Mark Batinick the agent from Remax that submitted the proposal. The board determined that they would ask for written listing agreements from both agents and a price would be set in Executive Session.

Supervisor Kern presented a farming agreement between the city of Naperville and Drendal Farms for the property at 103rd and Rt 59. The city of Naperville owns approx. 20 acres in this area and receives revenue from a farmer for a land lease. In the past few years the 2.2 acres owned by the Township has been farmed. The Township has not received any revenue from this. The Supervisor will have the Township attorney contact Naperville to look into past and future farming revenue.

There was discussion regarding a Transparency Policy for Wheatland Township. There is a unanimous desire by the Board to post every document online for the public to see. This will include invoices, financial documents, and Board documents.

Park Committee

Trustee Bennefield stated that there are serious electrical issues with lights and underground wires at the Park. The board agreed to fix these emergency issues as soon as possible. Supervisor Kern will work to provide volunteers for the committee.

Transportation Committee

Trustee Holscher is working on adding more volunteers to the committee and they will meet quarterly.

Senior Committee

Trustee Holscher stated that they are adding people to the committee and past members have agreed to stay on. The monthly lunch will be held on 6-19-2013 at Wheatland Salem Church.

Cemetery Committee

No report

Communications Committee

Clerk Alstrom stated there are two volunteers for the committee and the website is being changed daily to include more content.

New Business

None

Old Business

Supervisor Kern stated that Integrys Energy will reimburse the Township approx. \$3000.00 for the cost of the aggregation referendum.

Supervisor Kern stated that the moving of the office administrator to the Tower Ct address is scheduled for 6-25-2013. This is subject to change if Comcast cannot finish their work by then for the new internet and phone.

Bill Payment

A motion was made by Supervisor Kern and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to pay all of the bills for the Town, Hard Road, Road and Bridge and Culvert Funds for the month. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Mitchell, Bennefield, Holscher, Crockett and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made to enter Exec. Session by Supervisor Kern at 9:22 and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The board came back into Exec. Session at 9:44.

Adjournment

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

**Next meeting: June 24, 2013, @ 7:00 P.M. – Township and Road District Budget Public Hearings
12337 S Rt. 59, St 117, Plainfield, IL 60585**

Prepared by Bill Alstrom, Wheatland Township Clerk