

# **Wheatland Township, Will County**

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**Township Board Meeting**

**Thursday, November 14th, 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 and Holscher were present. Highway Commissioner Troyanowski and Tax Collector Peterson were also present. Assessor Lord and Trustee Mitchell 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 Holscher and seconded by Trustee Crockett to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 10th, 2013. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Bennefield, Holscher, Crockett and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Clerk Alstrom stated there were no FOIA requests for the past month.

## **Highway Commissioner Report**

Trustee Mitchell arrived at 7:34pm.

Commissioner Troyanowski presented a written report to the Board detailing activities for the past month. Commissioner Troyanowski then introduced Jeff DeRango who chairs the Road and Bridge Advisory Committee for the Highway Department. Mr. DeRango gave a presentation on the 10 year Roadway Maintenance Plan recently completed for the Township by HR Green. Mr. DeRango stated that there are serious issues with many roads within the Township that will need to be addressed very soon. Some of these roads have not had maintenance done on them for many years. Comm. Troyanowski stated there was a period of 5-7 years where most of the road maintenance money was saved and then used to build the current building on Tower Ct. Mr. DeRango stated it will be a challenge to keep these roads in satisfactory condition but new technologies will help with this task.

Mr. DeRango stated that all road work and repairs in the Township will now be held to IDOT standards. Adopting these standards will lengthen the lifespan of some roads by 2-5 years.

#### **Supervisor Report**

Trustee Mitchell gave a presentation regarding a text messaging service provided by Nixel. The base cost of this service is \$2500 a year. This service could be customized to provide alerts to Township residents who opt-in. Trustee Mitchell will provide additional information at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Bennefield and seconded by Supervisor Kern to approve the 2014 Holiday schedule. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Mitchell, Holscher, Bennefield, Crockett and Supervisor Kern voting yes. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee Crockett to approve the 2014 Township meeting schedule. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Mitchell, Crockett, Bennefield, Holscher and Supervisor Kern voting yes. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Crockett and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve Ordinance 13-05-0, 2014 Tax Levy for the Road and Bridge Fund. Joe Hudetz, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Advisory Committee for the Highway Department, gave a short presentation on the levy. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Holscher, Mitchell, Crockett, Bennefield and Supervisor Kern voting yes. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve Ordinance 13-06-0, 2014 Town Fund Tax Levy. Supervisor Kern stated the Levy is the same as 2013 and a Resolution to abate

100% of the 2014 Levy will be presented to the board in December. Trustee Crockett stated the actual spending by the Township should decrease to approx. \$900,000 by next year. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Holscher, Mitchell, Bennefield, Crockett and Supervisor Kern voting yes. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Bennefield and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve Ordinance 13-07-0 Special Warranty Deed to purchase a portion of 4232 Tower Ct. for \$10.00. Trustee Holscher asked if the compensation to the Highway Department could be increased. Supervisor Kern stated that this agreement and price had already been approved by the electors at a special meeting. The process would have to start over if the terms were changed. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Mitchell, Bennefield, Holscher, Crockett and Supervisor Kern voting yes. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Crockett and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the Affidavit of Title for the building purchase. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Mitchell, Crockett, Bennefield, Holscher and Supervisor Kern voting yes. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Crockett and seconded by Supervisor Kern to approve the Assignment, Conveyance and Bill of Sale for the building purchase. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Crockett, Mitchell, Holscher, Bennefield and Supervisor Kern voting yes. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Crockett to approve Ordinance 13-08-0, Intergovernmental Agreement between Wheatland Township and the Highway Department authoring the transfer of certain interests in Real Property. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Crockett, Mitchell, Bennefield, Holscher and Supervisor Kern voting yes. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **Correspondence**

None

#### **Park Committee**

Trustee Bennefield and Supervisor Kern detailed the ongoing issues with the approval of work by Continental Properties and the landscaping at the park. Supervisor Kern stated that the Wheatland Athletic club would attend a future meeting to discuss park issues.

#### **Transportation Committee**

No report

#### **Senior Committee**

Trustees Holscher and Mitchell stated that the next senior lunch would be on November 20<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas party is scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Cemetery Committee**

Collector Peterson submitted a written report.

#### **Communications Committee**

Clerk Alstrom stated the website is getting approximately 90-100 site visits per month.

#### **Old Business**

Supervisor Kern stated the attorney is finished with the Healy Bender contract and it has been sent to the architect for their review and approval.

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Bill Payment**

Trustee Crockett moved to approve the Town, Hard Road, Road & Bridge and Culvert Fund in the amount of \$58,587.39 and it was seconded by Supervisor Kern. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Crockett, Holscher, Mitchell, Bennefield and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Executive Session**

Trustee Mitchell excused herself from Executive Session.

A motion was made Supervisor Kern and seconded by Holscher to go into executive session at 9:00pm for the purpose of discussing offers received for the 91<sup>st</sup> street property. A voice vote was held with the motion passing 4-0.

The Board came back into open session at 9:30pm. A special meeting will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to announce and approve the offer by the buyer for the 91<sup>st</sup> street property.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Supervisor Kern with a second by Trustee Holscher. A voice vote of 4-0 passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:32pm.

**Next meeting:**    November 19th, 2013, @ 7:00 P.M. – Special Board Meeting  
4232 Tower Ct, Naperville, Il.

Prepared by Bill Alstrom, Township Clerk