

**Township Board Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2019**

APPROVED 1/09/2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Holscher at 7:31 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Holscher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board Members: Supervisor Holscher, Trustees Mitchell, Nichols and Rotkis attended the meeting. Trustee DeRango did not attend.

Board Officers: Highway Commissioner Alstrom, Assessor Kern, Tax Collector Peterson and Clerk Snitko were present at the meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Approval of November 14, 2019 – Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes

Trustee Mitchell moved to approve November 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes and Trustee Nichols seconded. The minutes were approved 3-0 per roll call vote (Trustee Rotkis abstained due to her absence previous month).

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Discussion/Approval of 2020 Pace Partners Agreement:

Supervisor Holscher provided updates about Pace partnership status. Four partners want different pricing schedules and we're no longer considered insured partners. As of now, the agreement is still work in progress and further discussion will be tabled at some later date; no vote tonight.

7.2 Discussion/Approval of Ordinance #20-01-O replacing #15-01-O:

Tax Collector/Cemetery Board President Peterson went over changes made to this ordinance. Updates include changes to the monuments' requirements, better definition of allowed cemetery ornaments and scattering services. He also answered questions asked by the Board members. Trustee Mitchell moved to approve Ordinance 20-01-O and Trustee Nichols seconded. Ordinance 20-01-O Wheatland Township Cemetery Rules and Regulations was approved 4-0 per roll call vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

8.1 Approval of 11/15/2019-12/12/2019 Town and Road District Fund Bills & Claims:

Trustee Mitchell moved to approve the Town, Park, Assessor, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road and Cemetery Funds bills and Trustee Rotkis seconded. Bills in the amount of \$154,867.62 were approved 4-0 per roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 SUPERVISOR (DEB HOLSCHER)

- Mulch beds have been redefined and tiles installed. We'll see how well the landscape changes work during the next heavy rains

- Additional plants/bushes will be planted in the spring
- Wheatland Township is among 32 entities in the Will County that received a tax objection letter indicating that Township's assets are too high to levy at current rate. Doug & Mark are working with the County to provide any required information if needed. All financial and audit records are in good standing

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (BILL ALSTROM)

- Shared information pertaining to salt usage
- Met last week with Will County & Plainfield officials, Public Work director from Naperville along with other engineers to discuss 119th Street development between Weber Road & Oswego. Western part of this area will be developed to accommodate freight routes

TRUSTEES:

TRUSTEE (COLLEEN ROTKIS)

- Park was officially closed on December 2

TRUSTEE (RAQUEL MITCHELL)

- Senior Committee activities are done for this year; will resume in the spring. Sent related information to Jeff DeRango to publish in the next Newsletter

TRUSTEE (JEFFREY DERANGO)

- None

TRUSTEE (GREGORY NICHOLS)

- No updates

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (JACOB SNITKO)

- No FOIAs this month
- Will County Clerk's office confirmed that they have selected Tall Grass Club House as permanent Early Voting site for Wheatland Township residents

9.5 TAX COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (BEN PETERSON)

- Released "2019 Annual Letter" to 170 relatives and friends of our 810 residents
- Distributed pricing sheets to local funeral homes and posted at cemetery
- "Open Dawn to Dusk" signs were erected
- Reconciled the two "Cemetery Records Books" (perform this task annually)
- Searching for used free or cheap Fire-Safe or file cabinet for our expanded files

9.6 ASSESSOR (CHUCK KERN)

- Finished Tax Appeals season this week.
- Starting to work on 2020 Budget
- There is a meeting next week with other townships who use JRM, Inc. services. Will County requested all townships to start reporting data in the format they are using (current Township data will have to be converted to that format). Need to find out if there is additional cost associated with this change. Will County is also putting pressure to switch to their vendor and property management system used by that vendor to handle Assessor's tasks/services
- Had a very successful meeting at Carillon Club last week; around 150 people were in attendance. They were happy to see very large increases in assessed property values in that area

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Rotkis seconded; the meeting was adjourned without discussion on a voice vote at 8:15 PM.

Next meeting January 9, 2020

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Jacob Snitko, Township Clerk