

**Township Board Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2019**

APPROVED 9/12/2019

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

Supervisor Holscher, Trustees Mitchell and Rotkis, Highway Commissioner Alstrom, Assessor Kern, Tax Collector Peterson and Clerk Snitko were present. Trustees DeRango did not attend the meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Approval of June 13, 2019 – Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes

Trustee Rotkis moved to approve June 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Open Session minutes and Trustee Mitchell seconded. The minutes were approved 3-0 per roll call vote.

5.2 Approval of June 17, 2019 – Special Meeting Closed Session Minutes

Trustee Rotkis moved to approve June 17, 2019 Special Meeting Closed Session minutes and Trustee Mitchell seconded. The minutes were approved 3-0 per roll call vote.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion/Vote of Golf Cart/ATV on Township Roads

Supervisor Holscher shared additional details related to Golf Cart/ATV usage. She informed that deputies presented some contradictory information at the June 13th meeting. They were using the second statute that does not involve Township. Statute 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1 covers roads with posted speed of 35 mi/hr or less (subdivision at the center of that discussion has 25 mi/hr speed limit, which is within the listed range). Since there is no Township ordinance; it implies to ATVs only. The other statute (625 ILCS 5/11-1426.2) covers slow moving vehicles on the streets with designated speed limit of more than 30 mi/hr and not greater than 35 mi/hr. In that subdivision posted speed limit is 25 mi/hr; therefore, this statute does not work for Golf Carts/ATVs. There are no other statutes that govern Golf Carts/ATVs on the public roads without Township Ordinances. This information was confirmed by a sergeant in a phone conversation the following day. Trustee Mitchell moved to discuss and vote whether to have an Ordinance/Resolution on Golf Cart/ATV as prescribed under statute 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.2 and Trustee Rotkis seconded. During further conversation, it was also confirmed that Will County does not enforce Township Ordinances and if Wheatland Township decided to have one, it would be Township's responsibility to enforce it. Upon completing this discussion, the Board voted 4-0 NOT to proceed with the Golf Cart/ATV Ordinance/Resolution.

6.2 Discussion of Ordinance Regarding Overnight Parking at Park & Cemetery

The Board discussed an Ordinance for Overnight Parking at the Park & Cemetery. Ray's Towing has installed a sign at the park entrance warning visitors of the overnight parking enforcement. They will monitor and enforce those rules. No additional cost to the Township for the service. Legal counsel is working on updating the Park & Cemetery Ordinance draft to reflect vehicle towing enforcement. Trustee Mitchell moved to vote on whether to update the Ordinance or not and Trustee Nichols seconded. The Board voted 3-1 to update the Overnight Parking Ordinance reflecting car towing of vehicles left overnight at the parking lot.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Acceptance of Trustee Susan Schaer's Resignation Letter:

Supervisor Holscher read Trustee Schaer's resignation letter (an email). Trustee Mitchell moved to accept Susan Schaer's resignation letter and Trustee Rotkis seconded. The Board accepted Resignation 3-0 per roll call vote.

7.2 Approval of Appointment of new Trustee, Gregory Nichols:

Trustee Mitchell moved to appoint Gregory Nichols as Wheatland Township Trustee. Trustee Rotkis seconded. The Board approved appointment of Gregory Nichols as Township Trustee 3-0 per roll call vote. Clerk Snitko administered oath of office and Trustee Nichols joined the Board.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

8.1 Approval of 6/14/2019-7/11/2019 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 \$293,040.20 were approved 4-0 per roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 SUPERVISOR (DEB HOLSCHER)

- Highway Commissioner re-negotiated a contract with wireless carrier back in April, but they are still charging Township the same rate. Will follow up with them and request to start using new negotiated rate
- ABC Animal Control was on the premises today to assess the situation with the birds nesting in the ceiling/walls above Assessor's office. They will determine whether those are protected birds or not and provide recommendations on how to handle this situation
- Drainage: during last storm, both doorway entrances got flooded. Need to evaluate and address this issue

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (BILL ALSTROM)

- Staff has been concentrating on drainage. Contractors completed a number of projects in the past two weeks
- Performed emergency brush pick up due to recent storms in the area

9.3 TRUSTEES:

TRUSTEE (COLLEEN ROTKIS)

- No updates

TRUSTEE (RAQUEL MITCHELL)

- Senior committee is planning activity for July 17th

TRUSTEE (JEFFREY DERANGO)

- None

TRUSTEE (GREGORY NICHOLS)

- No updates

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (JACOB SNITKO)

- One FOIA asking for Township FOIA officers
- Had a meeting 2 weeks ago with Will County representatives to discuss Early Voting at the Township. They did agree that Township outgrown the available capacity required for this purpose and a different location should be used for future elections. Leroy stopped by this morning and picked up all the Early Voting equipment stored at this location.

9.5 TAX COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (BEN PETERSON)

- One burial this month
- Sold one grave
- Added two monuments

- Sent two affidavits
- Audit inquiry to Accountant about Grave Reclamation project/expense
- Conducted tour with Mimi Cowan and her parents
- Enrolled for Cemetery Seminar

9.6 ASSESSOR (CHUCK KERN)

- New assessments will be mailed out first week of August by the Will County. Township staff is getting ready for questions/challenges once people start receiving revised assessments. Residents will have one-month window to file their appeals.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Rotkis seconded; the meeting was adjourned without discussion on a voice vote at 8:39 PM.

Next meeting August 8, 2019

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Jacob Snitko, Township Clerk