

**Township Board Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2020**

APPROVED 3/12/2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Holscher at 7:32 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 DeRango, Mitchell and Nichols attended the meeting. Trustee Rotkis did not attend.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Approval of January 9, 2020 – Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes

Trustee DeRango moved to approve January 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes and Trustee Nichols seconded. The minutes were approved 3-0 per roll call vote (Trustee Mitchell abstained due to her absence previous month).

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Discussion/Approval of Delta Dental & VSP Insurance:

Supervisor Holscher informed that there are very minimal changes in insurance premium and no other modifications. Trustee Nichols moved to approve Delta Dental and VSP Insurance Plans and Trustee DeRango seconded. Both Insurance Plans were approved 4-0 per roll call vote.

7.2 Discussion/Approval of 2020 Pace Partners Agreement:

Supervisor Holscher shared latest details related to the 2020 Pace Partners Agreement. Wheatland Township's share will be \$48,098. Agreement verbiage was updated and reviewed/approved by our counsel. Trustee DeRango moved to approve 2020 Pace Partners Agreement and Trustee Nichols seconded. 2020 Pace Partners Agreement was approved 4-0 per roll call vote.

7.3 Discussion on 457 Plan:

A representative Wheatland Township was initially referred to for 457 Plan information, turned out to be very unprofessional and missed 3 different appointments. The company responded back and found a different individual to assist us. East Coast Regional Manager helped resolve those issues and put in touch with a local representative who is also assisting Village of Plainfield with this plan. In comparison to 401k, 457 Plan allows public employees to put more money into savings and when funds are withdrawn early on, individuals are only responsible for taxes without any penalties. Will provide a packet of information to the Township employees and

schedule a conference call with a 457 Plan representative to get additional details about it and answer any questions.

7.4 Discussion/Approval of Emergency Assistance:

Supervisor Holscher shared details about the program, how it is being used and how Township fits into this process. The Board asked questions and had a discussion about it. Everybody agreed that no changes needed to be made to the Emergency Assistance Program and it shall remain in current form.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

8.1 Approval of 1/10/2020-2/13/2020 Town and Road District Fund Bills & Claims:

Trustee DeRango moved to approve the Town, Park, Assessor, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road and Cemetery Funds bills and Trustee Mitchell seconded. Bills in the amount of \$143,922.91 were approved 4-0 per roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 SUPERVISOR (DEB HOLSCHER)

- Two banners with the information about new Early Voting site are coming and will be placed outside. Handouts with address are also available in the lobby
- Sand blasted Wheatland Township sign is expected to arrive in two weeks
- Road crew is doing amazing job taking care of the building and assisting with the maintenance needs

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (BILL ALSTROM)

- Tree trimming in Whispering Lakes & Tamarack was completed this month
- Snow removal: Used 437 tons of salt and 1,000 gallons of deicer so far
- Crew put in 293 hours of overtime

TRUSTEES:

TRUSTEE (COLLEEN ROTKIS)

- No updates

TRUSTEE (RAQUEL MITCHELL)

- No updates

TRUSTEE (JEFFREY DERANGO)

- No updates

TRUSTEE (GREGORY NICHOLS)

- No updates

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (JACOB SNITKO)

- No FOIAs this month
- Contacted Will County to see if they can provide any signs regarding new Early Voting site; they will look into that

9.5 TAX COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (BEN PETERSON)

- Cemetery was designated as Will County Historic Landmark 9 years ago (2/17/2011)
- Sold 2 graves
- Cemetery meeting: reviewed status of all reclamation graves. Maps to be updated
- Acquired 2 drawer Fire-safe cabinet to safeguard books
- Cemetery Trustee Jim Hofman resigned Feb. 5th
- Local HOA may use open ground in cemetery for toddler Easter Egg Hunt

9.6 ASSESSOR (CHUCK KERN)

- Assessor Kern's office had a water leak due to roofing problems. Desktop, ceiling tiles, wall and floor carpet tiles got damaged

- Main server used by the Assessor's Office is at the end of its life (about 5 years old) and recently had some problems. Jerry was able to fix it and purchased an additional manufacturer's warranty for one more year. Will need to budget for it and purchase a new one next year.
- Will County continue to put pressure on all Townships to convert to their system. There are some concerns among Townships about the cost associated with this transition

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee DeRango moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Nichols seconded; the meeting was adjourned without discussion on a voice vote at 8:16 PM.

Next meeting March 12, 2020

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Jacob Snitko, Township Clerk