

**Township Board Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Holscher at 7:30 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee DeRango led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board Members: Supervisor Holscher, Trustees Mitchell, Rotkis, DeRango and Nichols attended the meeting

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 September 10, 2020 – Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes

Trustee Nichols moved to approve September 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes and Trustee Rotkis seconded. The minutes were approved 4-0 per roll call vote (Trustee DeRango abstained).

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Discussion/Approval of Resolution 20-02-R Setting Compensation for Elected Officials

Supervisor Holscher suggested making changes to the second paragraph describing Assessor's and Highway Commissioner's eligibility for medical health benefits under the same terms and conditions as it is offered to the employees of the Wheatland Township (separate elected officials' benefits from employees'). The Board discussed overall compensation and how it compares to the same positions in other townships. Trustee DeRango proposed getting additional information regarding health benefits eligibility for Elected Officials and moved to table this discussion to the next meeting and Trustee Rotkis seconded.

7.2 Discuss options regarding selling Wheatland Park

Trustee Rotkis provided some details pertaining to the initial price Wheatland Township paid for the Wheatland Park and Grant that was given as part of the maintenance agreement. She will do additional research to find what the fair market value of the park is and if that land can be re-zoned after contract expiration in 2021.

7.3 Discussion/Approval of purchase of Road District's vehicle

The Board discussed whether to purchase Road District's F-150 pickup truck for Assessor's Office use in lieu of mileage reimbursement. Trustee Mitchell moved NOT to purchase this vehicle and Trustee Rotkis seconded. The motion was carried 5-0 per roll call vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

8.1 Approval of 9/11/2020-10/8/2020 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 Nichols seconded. Bills in the amount of \$203,630.86 were approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 SUPERVISOR (DEB HOLSCHER)

- Landscaping work will be done next week around the building (new plants and mulch spreading)
- Will discuss Risk Management insurance options that start 12/1/2020
- Township Office will be closed on 10/12 due to Holiday
- Meeting with perspective mowing intern next week
- Shared diagram for upcoming building changes

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (BILL ALSTROM)

- Was able to negotiate salt prices with the state of Illinois at \$46/ton compared to \$76/ton paid in 2019

TRUSTEES:

TRUSTEE (COLLEEN ROTKIS)

- No additional information besides what was discussed in item 7.2 above

TRUSTEE (RAQUEL MITCHELL)

- Senior Committee meeting. People are still concerned and cautious about meeting in person. Hoping for Christmas time activity

TRUSTEE (JEFFREY DERANGO)

- Sent an email asking for information for Fall Newsletter

TRUSTEE (GREGORY NICHOLS)

- First successful month of administering the Wheatland Township Facebook page

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (JACOB SNITKO)

- No FOIAs this month. On 9/21, W. Garlick filed a complaint at the Will County Court regarding his last FOIA request denial

9.5 COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (BEN PETERSON)

- Peter Scavetta will accept a Trustee position
- Had 1 ash burial
- Discussed grave purchases with 2 families
- Final mowing by contractor
- Fall Clean Up signs posted for October

9.6 ASSESSOR (CHUCK KERN)

- Nothing pressing this month (no new updates)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Rotkis moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Mitchell seconded; the meeting was adjourned on a voice vote at 8:32 PM.

Next meeting November 12, 2020

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Jacob Snitko, Township Clerk