

# **Wheatland Township, Will County**

**Wheatland Township Administration Center**

**4232 Tower Court**

**Naperville, Illinois 60564**

**630-717-0092**

APPROVED 2/12/2015

## **Wheatland Township, Will County Township Board Meeting Thursday, January 8, 2015**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Kern, Trustees Mitchell, Holscher, DeRango, and Wronski, and Clerk Peabody were present. Tax Collector Peterson, Assessor Monaghan, and Highway Commissioner Alstrom were also present.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was offered.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Trustee Wronski and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on December 11, 2014. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken with Trustees Mitchell, Wronski, Holscher, DeRango, and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 5-0.

The clerk reported that two FOIA Requests had been received and answered.

### **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT**

Commissioner Alstrom presented a written report plus discussed ongoing activities within his department.

### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

Assessor Monaghan reviewed his January 8, 2015 written report and plans for the upcoming Quadrennial.

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT**

- A. Township resident Gerry Werber made a brief presentation about adding a Scattering Garden to the township cemetery. Supervisor Kern unofficially polled the board regarding their interest and all indicated it warranted further consideration. Supervisor Kern suggested that Mr. Werber refine his plans with the Cemetery Board and bring a more detailed proposal back to the Township Board.
- B. On a motion by Trustee Derango and second by Trustee Holscher, the Wheatland Township Cemetery Rules and Regulations Ordinance 15-01-0 was discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.
- C. Supervisor Kern reviewed Naperville's progress with regard to repurchasing the Township's vacant land parcel
- D. There was no correspondence to review.

### **PARK COMMITTEE**

Trustee Wronski indicated there was nothing new to report at this time.

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Holscher indicated that was nothing new to report at this time.

### **SENIOR COMMITTEE**

Trustee Mitchell reported on the successful completion of the Drury Lane outing.

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Collector Peterson reviewed his report dated January 8, 2015.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Clerk Peabody indicated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Supervisor Kern reported that there was only slight interest at this time in reinstating the township's Plan Commission, so it was being tabled for the present time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**BILL PAYMENT**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee DeRango the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$58,001.41 was discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 4-0, with Trustee Holscher abstaining.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Supervisor Kern and second by Trustee Mitchell, the board approved moving into Executive Session on a voice vote at 8:27 PM.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Supervisor Kern and second by Trustee Mitchell, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM without discussion on a voice vote of 5-0.

**Next meeting February 12, 2015, @ 7:30 P.M. – Township Board Meeting**

Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

# **Wheatland Township, Will County**

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**630-717-0092**

APPROVED 3.12.2015

## **Township Board Meeting Thursday, February 12, 2015**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Supervisor Kern.

### **ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Kern, Trustees Mitchell, Holscher, DeRango, and Wronski, and Clerk Peabody were present. Tax Collector Peterson, Assessor Monaghan, and Highway Commissioner Alstrom were also present.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Brenda Morse offered public comment. She asked the Highway Commissioner about recent committees that had been disbanded, if the 2015 road resurfacing project had been advertised, about H.R. Green's involvement in the resurfacing project, and if the North Wheatland Township Homeowner's Association had a special liaison with the Highway Commissioner. She asked the Supervisor if he had contacted Open the Books, and if information for upcoming board meetings would be available on the web site or at the meeting.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee Wronski to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 8, 2015. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken with Trustees Mitchell, Wronski, Holscher, DeRango, and Supervisor Kern voting yes. The motion passed 5-0.
- B. A motion was made by Supervisor Kern and seconded by Trustee DeRango to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 8, 2015, but not release them. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.
- C. Clerk Peabody reported that four (4) FOIA requests had been received and answered in January.

### **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Alstrom presented a written report plus discussed ongoing activities within his department.

### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

Assessor Monaghan reviewed the steps to be taken for the revaluation of commercial and industrial property within the township during the upcoming Quadrennial Review.

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT**

- A. Discussed the Annual Town Meeting to be held on April 14, 2015. Trustee Holscher asked if it would be possible to provide a written version of the Supervisor's Report to the residents. Supervisor Kern agreed to do so.
- B. There was no correspondence to discuss for the month.

**PARK COMMITTEE**

Trustee Wronski indicated there was nothing new to report at this time.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Holscher indicated that Will-Ride has indicated an interest in working with Wheatland Township. Supervisor Kern discussed the differences in handling costs and reimbursement between the Ride DuPage and the Will-Ride programs.

**SENIOR COMMITTEE**

Trustee Mitchell reported that activities are on hold until the weather improves.

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Collector Peterson reviewed his report dated February 12, 2015, including ongoing discussion with resident Gerry Werber to implement a scattering garden at the cemetery.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**BILL PAYMENT**

After a comment by Supervisor Kern regarding an update on additional payments due to the architect, the Trustees indicated a consensus to pay the negotiated reduced bill. The actual payment will be in next month's bills. On a motion by Trustee DeRango and second by Trustee Mitchell, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$100,063.54 was discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 3-0-2, with Trustees Holscher and Wronski abstaining.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the board approved moving into Executive Session on a voice vote at 8:27 PM.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 8:47 PM without discussion on a voice vote of 5-0.

**Next meeting March 12, 2015, @ 7:30 P.M. – Township Board Meeting**

Approved as presented:

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Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

# **Wheatland Township, Will County**

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4232 Tower Court  
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**630-717-0092**

## **Township Board Meeting Thursday, March 12, 2015**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Supervisor Kern.

### **ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Kern, Trustees Mitchell, Holscher, DeRango, and Wronski, and Clerk Peabody were present. Tax Collector Peterson and Highway Commissioner Alstrom were also present.

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Gerhard Werber offered public comment regarding his work with the Cemetery Committee to establish a Scattering Garden at the Wheatland Township Cemetery.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 12, 2015. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken with Trustees Mitchell, Wronski, Holscher, DeRango, and Supervisor Kern voting yes. The motion passed 5-0.
- B. Clerk Peabody reported that three (3) FOIA requests had been received and answered in February
- C. The minutes of the February 12, 2015 Executive Session were reviewed. However, since the item was not on the agenda, no binding vote could be taken.
- D. Clerk Peabody reminded the Board that a copy of the receipt showing that their Economic Interest Report had been filed with Will County should be given to the Clerk. Supervisor Kern indicated that he thought the deadline was May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Alstrom presented a written report plus discussed ongoing activities within his department.

### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

No report was given.

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT**

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee Wronski to approve the Agenda for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting to be held on April 14, 2015. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- B. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee DeRango to approved Resolution #15-01-R to Abate the Property Tax Levy for the Year 2014. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. Correspondence and other items:
- Supervisor Kern reported that the Township is still awaiting the written offer to repurchase the vacant land adjacent to the current Township building. When it is received he will notify the Board.
  - Supervisor Kern recently met with the financial advisors from Morgan Stanley. They are advising that we should expect an approximately 3% return on the Township's invested funds for this year.
  - Supervisor Kern reported that he had reviewed some information from an organization called Illinois Policy Institute. Under a section called Local Government Transparency on their web site, the group offers a checklist for local units of government to self-grade their transparency. Supervisor Kern suggested that everyone take a look at the site. While Wheatland Township scored quite high on the checklist, he would like to see us achieve an "A" or "A+" in the evaluation and suggested that we will revisit some of the necessary items in the near future. Trustee Holscher agreed to spearhead the effort to raise our score to an "A" by May.
  - Supervisor Kern advised the Board that a request was received from the Senior Services Center of Will County for a donation of \$1,000 to help them continue to provide services to the seniors of Wheatland Township. The request was discussed by the Board, but no action was taken.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### PARK COMMITTEE

Trustee Wronski indicated that activity was underway to prepare the park for an opening on or about April 1<sup>st</sup>. Scheduled activities are expected to begin about April 11<sup>th</sup>. Highway Commissioner Alstrom reported that the Township's paving contractor has agreed to resurface the parking lot and walking path as an add-on for the same price quoted for the roadway resurfacing project.

### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Supervisor Kern reported that he will attend the upcoming transportation meeting.

### SENIOR COMMITTEE

Trustee Mitchell reported that activities are on hold until the weather improves.

### CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Collector Peterson reviewed his report dated March 12, 2015, including ongoing discussion with resident Gerry Werber to implement a scattering garden at the cemetery. He reported that he had recently added links to the Township web site directing viewers to various sites which discussed wake/funeral practices and etiquette.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

None

**BILL PAYMENT**

After comments by Supervisor Kern, on a motion by Trustee DeRango and second by Trustee Wronski, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$59,560.99 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM without discussion on a voice vote of 5-0.

**Next meeting April 9, 2015, @ 7:30 P.M. – Township Board Meeting**

Approved as presented:

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Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

# **Wheatland Township, Will County**

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4232 Tower Court  
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**630-717-0092**

**APPROVED 5/14/2015**

**Township Board Meeting  
Thursday, April 9, 2015**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Kern, Trustees Mitchell, Holscher, DeRango, and Wronski, were present. Tax Collector Peterson was also present.

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **CLERK'S REPORT** (business handled by Supervisor Kern)

- A. The board was reminded of the upcoming 05/01/15 deadline for filing Economic Interest Statements with the Will County Clerk's office.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 Board Meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. A motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee DeRango to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 Executive Session Meeting. The motion was approved without discussion 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. It was reported that three (3) FOIA requests were received and answered.

## **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Highway Commissioner Alstrom.

## **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

No report was given.

**Township Clerk Richard Peabody joined the meeting.**

## **SUPERVISOR REPORT**

- A. Supervisor Kern reported that no written offer to purchase the Tower Court property has yet been received from the City of Naperville.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve Resolution 15-02-R regarding the Prompt Payment on Monthly bills. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.



- C. Correspondence and other items:  
Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PARK COMMITTEE**

Trustee Wronski indicated there was no report for this month.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Holscher and Supervisor Kern discussed progress being made with the Will County to join their transportation program.

**SENIOR COMMITTEE**

No report.

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Collector Peterson reviewed his report dated April 9, 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Holscher reviewed her research on how a Township might increase its transparency. She distributed an Online Transparency Grading Rubric and a 10-Point Transparency Checklist which she obtained from the Illinois Policy ([www.illinoispolicy.org](http://www.illinoispolicy.org)) web site.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**BILL PAYMENT**

After comments by Supervisor Kern, on a motion by Trustee Wronski and second by Trustee DeRango, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$20,954.57 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM without discussion on a voice vote of 5-0.

**Next meeting May 14, 2015 @ 7:30 P.M. – Township Board Meeting**

Approved as presented:

# **Wheatland Township, Will County**

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4232 Tower Court  
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**APPROVED 6/11/2015**

## **Township Board Meeting Thursday, May 14, 2015**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Kern, Trustees Mitchell, Holscher, DeRango, and Wronski, and Clerk Peabody were present. Also present were Tax Collector Peterson, Highway Commissioner Alstrom, and Assessor Monaghan.

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Resident Gerhardt Werber discusses progress and challenges with developing a comprehensive plan to create a Scattering Garden at the Wheatland Cemetery.
- Resident Vicky Polito made a comment about the Resolution in Support of the "Turnaround Agenda" that was on the agenda later in the meeting. She also suggested that the township consider dissolving' as she felt that it was no longer needed.
- Resident Stephen Collins also commented on the "Turnaround Agenda" Resolution.
- Resident Brenda Morse returned some unused materials to the Township. She also directed a Senior Citizen comment to Trustee Mitchell and restated a series of earlier comments about the land owned by the Township.
- Resident Stephen Collins asked how much time was spent preparing answers to FOIA requests, noting that an inordinate number of requests seem to be coming from the same person. Clerk Peabody responded with some information about how FOIA requests are handled.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Property petitioner, David J. Denler and his attorney, Richard Kavanagh, made a presentation to those in attendance regarding a pending zoning change to allow the acquisition and development of the property located at 25657 W. Route 30, Plainfield, IL. Many attendees asked questions of Mr. Denler and Kavanagh. Supervisor Kern asked the attendees to put any issues that they wanted the Township to present to the County in writing and mail or email them to the Supervisor's Office.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- A. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2015 Board Meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. It was reported that four (4) FOIA requests were received and responded to.

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

The Board reviewed the May 2015 report submitted by Highway Commissioner Alstrom.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

Assessor Monaghan gave a brief oral report. Trustee Holscher asked questions regarding the management of the incoming phone calls at the Township building.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT**

- A. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve Resolution 15-03-R passed by the residents at the 2015 Annual Meeting to dispose of surplus Township personal property by donation. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the Intergovernmental Land Sales Agreement between the City of Naperville and Wheatland Township. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Wronski voting nay.
- C. A motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee DeRango to approve Resolution 15-04-R, A Resolution in Support of the "Turnaround Agenda" for Local Government Empowerment and Reform. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Wronski abstaining.
- D. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the publication of Ordinance 15-03-0, Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Wheatland Township with changes to the Cemetery portion. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0.
- E. A motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee Wronski to approve the publication of Ordinance 15-02-0, Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Road District. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0.
- F. Correspondence and other items: Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PARK COMMITTEE**

Trustee Wronski discussed various issues regarding the park, including the possible creation of a Park Committee. Trustee Holscher brought up some unresolved issues regarding the park.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Holscher discussed progress on various issues regarding the general transportation. Supervisor Kern again reminded the board that we have not received our share of the program compensation in nearly a year.

**SENIOR COMMITTEE**

Trustee Mitchell reminded the board that the Senior Luncheon was next week and extended an invitation for board members to attend the luncheon.

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Collector Peterson reviewed his report dated May 14, 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**May 14, 2015**

**BILL PAYMENT**

After comments by Supervisor Kern, on a motion by Trustee Wronski and second by Trustee Mitchell, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$992,370.79 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee DeRango, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM without discussion on a voice vote of 5-0.

**Next meeting June 11, 2015, @ 7:30 P.M. – Township Board Meeting**

Approved as presented:

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Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

# Wheatland Township, Will County

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4232 Tower Court  
Naperville, Illinois 60564

630-717-0092

Approved 7/9/2015

## Township Board Meeting Thursday, June 11, 2015

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

Supervisor Kern, Trustees Mitchell, Holscher, DeRango, and Wronski, and Clerk Peabody were present. Also present were Tax Collector Peterson and Highway Commissioner Alstrom.

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

### CLERK'S REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 Board Meeting with some corrections. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. It was reported that one (1) FOIA request was received and responded to.

### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the June 2015 report submitted by Highway Commissioner Alstrom. There was also a preliminary discussion about engaging outside contractors to resolve drainage issues in the township funded by a loan from the township.

### ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No report was presented.

### SUPERVISOR REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to table Ordinance 15-04-0, Township Prevailing Wage. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
- B. A motion to also table Ordinance 15-05-0, Highway Prevailing Wage was included in the above motion and was, therefore, also approved.
- C. Correspondence and other items: Supervisor Kern reported correspondence from the Plainfield Library District announcing their upcoming referendum.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. PARK COMMITTEE

Trustee Wronski reported a park cleanup day event to take place on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. He also requested \$500 to purchase plants and bushes to begin incremental beautification of the park. Additional funds may be requested as the need for larger bushes and trees is determined.

**B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Holscher reported that it was determined that we are spending \$71,070 per year to provide transportation services for an eligible resident population of approximately 160 persons. She reported that there is additional investigation taking place which will help determine if we are paying our proportionate share of the overall costs of the program.

**C. SENIOR COMMITTEE**

Trustee Mitchell reminded the board that the Senior Luncheon will be at Giordano's this coming Wednesday at noon. She also mentioned the July luncheon will be at the township building with the entree(s) and cooking provided by the Highway Department.

**D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Collector Peterson reviewed his report dated June 11, 2015. He also mentioned the large amount of activities which took place over the Memorial Day weekend.

**E. WEB SITE COMMITTEE**

Trustee DeRango indicated that we have accrued sufficient credit with our web site manager to implement the web site changes which have been discussed. He also suggested that the board members look at the web site of the Village of Glenview.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**BILL PAYMENT**

After comments by Supervisor Kern, on a motion by Trustee Wronski and second by Trustee Mitchell, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$110,673.57 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Supervisor Kern, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM without discussion on a voice vote.

**Next meeting July 09, 2015, @ 7:30 P.M. – Township Board Meeting**

Approved as presented:

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Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

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**APPROVED 7/9/2015**

## **Public Hearing and Budget Meeting Thursday, June 17, 2015**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Kern.

### **ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Kern, Trustees Mitchell, Holscher, DeRango, and Wronski, and Clerk Peabody were present. Also present was Tax Assessor Monaghan.

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT**

- A. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve Resolution 15-03-0 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance, Wheatland Township. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve Resolution 15-02-0, Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Road District. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

### **Adjournment**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM without discussion 5-0 on a voice vote.

Approved as presented:

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Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

# **Wheatland Township, Will County**

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**APPROVED 8.13.2015**

## **Township Board Meeting Thursday, July, 9 2015**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Kern, Trustees Mitchell, Holscher, DeRango, and Wronski, and Clerk Peabody were present. Also present were Tax Assessor Monaghan, Tax Collector Peterson, and Highway Commissioner Alstrom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Corstian Wilson.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Bill Hartman, who resides on Rebecca Court, discussed drainage issues in their area and asked to meet with the Highway Commissioner. Highway Commissioner Alstrom responded that he would be happy to meet with them to explore options.
- Bob Striedl, who resides on Rebecca Court, asked about the cost of another type of pipe vs. the cost to remove the willow trees. Highway Commissioner Alstrom responded that the cost to remove the trees was greater, but that it represented the only solution guaranteed to resolve the water drainage issues.
- Linda Wronski, who resides on Rebecca Court, asked if there were other areas in the township experiencing this kind of drainage problem. Highway Commissioner Alstrom responded that this was a significant amount of water dumped in the area and that the resulting problems were not necessarily typical.
- Rick Palmer, who resides on Rebecca Court, asked about the pipe that runs from the west end of the street to Book Road behind the houses on the North side. Highway Commissioner Alstrom responded that the pipe is restricted to prevent a large rush of water from exiting the pipe near Book Road. There was also some discussion about where the lines separating Naperville from the Township are located.
- Boy Scout Corstian Wilson introduced himself and described a project he is undertaking at the township's park as his Eagle Scout Project. He will be adding some plantings in the park after consulting with a landscape architect. The Board hardily thanked him for his efforts.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the minutes of the June, 11, 2015 Board Meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Wronski to approve the minutes of the June, 17, 2015 Special Township Board Meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.



- C. A motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the minutes of the June, 17, 2015 Public Hearing and Budget Meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. It was reported that one (1) FOIA request was received and responded to.

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

The Board reviewed the July 2015 report from Highway Commissioner Alstrom. He also announced that there would be a large amount of crack filling work being done in the township this summer. He further reported that it has become apparent that the township's vehicles have not been well maintained in the past and the department is undertaking additional work to insure that the vehicles are ready for this winter. Commissioner Alstrom also advised the board about the work to be overseen by H.R. Green to correct many of the drainage problems in the Township based on a possible loan from the Township to the Highway Department. Most work is expected to be finished by October. The township will instruct its attorney to begin drawing up papers to document the loan to be reviewed in August.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

Tax Assessor Monaghan made a brief oral report.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT**

- A. Discussion on the Integry's Energy Aggregation program was tabled.
- B. Supervisor Kern repeated that the money from Naperville for the sale of the land is expected later next month.
- C. He also reported that the township was undertaking a project to revise the existing employee manuals and consolidate them into one document. The board should expect to review and approve the new document in the next couple of months.
- D. There was no correspondence for the month.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. PARK COMMITTEE**

Trustee Wronski reported that a park cleanup/maintenance activity took place on June 27<sup>th</sup>. More than a dozen volunteers took place and the only expense for the activity was a few hours of overtime for one Highway Department employee.

**B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Holscher reported that she and Supervisor Kern will be meeting with three Naperville Transportation Department officials the next day to discuss the inequities in our payment share of the current contract. She also reviewed some of the financial benefits of joining a new Will County transportation group. Supervisor Kern reported that some RTA money has finally started to arrive, with the recently received funds being owed from April, 2014.

**C. SENIOR COMMITTEE**

Trustee Mitchell discussed the upcoming Senior Luncheon hosted by the Highway Department at the township office to take place on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Collector Peterson reviewed his report dated July 9, 2015. He also noted increased activity in the cemetery, particularly over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and how nice the property was looking. He also discussed the cemetery's recently proposed buy-back policy.

**E. WEB SITE COMMITTEE**

Trustee DeRango reported that the new web site will probably be rolled out next week. There is still some work to be done, but the core site can be up if we get certain remaining information to our Webmaster by Friday.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**BILL PAYMENT**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Wronski, and comments by Supervisor Kern, he Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$126,853.12 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee DeRango, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM without discussion on a voice vote.

**Next meeting August 13, 2015, @ 7:30 P.M. – Township Board Meeting**

Approved as presented:

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Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

# Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center  
4232 Tower Court  
Naperville, Illinois 60564

630-717-0092

APPROVED 10.08.2015

## Township Board Meeting Thursday, September 10, 2015

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

Supervisor Kern, Trustees Mitchell, Holscher, and Wronski, and Clerk Peabody were present. Also present was Highway Commissioner Alstrom. Trustee DeRango, Assessor Monaghan and Tax Collector Peterson were absent.

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Resident Gerhard Werber updated the Board on a scattering garden he is creating on his property.
- Resident Bob Segal asked the board if anything can be done regarding the overgrown vegetation on the property at the corner of Douglas and Book Roads. Supervisor Kern indicated that the township had received similar complaints.
- John Nania of Integrys Energy provided the board with an update on the energy contract which the township has with them for the benefit of the residents. Bob Segal asked why new participants were paying a higher rate than existing users. John indicated he was not aware of this and would check into it and get back to Supervisor Kern.

### CLERK'S REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Wronski to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2015 Board Meeting as amended. After discussion, the motion was approved 3-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Wronski abstaining.
- B. It was reported that no FOIA requests were received.

### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the September 2015 written report from the Highway Commissioner. Commissioner Alstrom reviewed some of the highlights of the report.

### ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No written report was presented.

### SUPERVISOR REPORT

- A. Supervisor Kern introduced Ed Tracy with Seldon Fox who reviewed the firm's Audit of the township's 2014-2015 financial records. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the Draft Audit for the year ended March 31, 2015 as presented. After further discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

- B. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Wronski to approve renewal of a contract for dental insurance coverage with Humana. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the \$9,720 bid from J. L. Adler for repairs to the building roof. After discussion, the motion was approved 3-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Wronski abstaining.
- D. A bid from American Road Maintenance in the amount of \$3,105 or \$2,234 (depending upon materials required) plus \$500 for striping was reviewed by Highway Commissioner Alstrom.
- E. A motion was made by Trustee Wronski and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to table approval of the township's Personnel Policy. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
- F. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve Resolution 15-06-R (Resolution Authorizing the Execution of An Intergovernmental Loan Agreement Between Wheatland Township and The Wheatland Township Road District). After discussion, the motion was approved 3-1, with Trustee Wronski voting Nay.
- G. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve Resolution 15-07-R (Resolution Authorizing the Wheatland Township Road District to Borrow \$500,000 From Wheatland Township and Authorizing Signature of a Promissory Note to Secure Said Funds). After discussion, the motion was approved 3-1, with Trustee Wronski voting Nay.
- H. There was no correspondence to report since the last meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. PARK COMMITTEE**

The Eagle Scout project is expected to begin at the end of September or early October. Cost estimates will be around \$500. Trustee Wronski invited board members to come out that day.

### **B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Holscher reviewed the ongoing discussions with Will County regarding joining their Will-Ride Program.

### **C. SENIOR COMMITTEE**

Trustee Mitchell reviewed the Senior Luncheon held on August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Wheatland Salem Church. The next luncheon will feature an attorney and CPA discussing wills, trusts and estate planning.

### **D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

No report was provided.

### **E. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

No report was provided.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **BILL PAYMENT**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell, second by Trustee Wronski, and comments by Supervisor Kern, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$234,648.49 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 4-0.

**September 10, 2015 (Cont.)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM without discussion on a voice vote.

**Next meeting October 8, 2015, @ 7:30 P.M. – Township Board Meeting**

Approved as presented:

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Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

# **Wheatland Township, Will County**

**Wheatland Township Administration Center  
4232 Tower Court  
Naperville, Illinois 60564**

**630-717-0092**

**APPROVED 11/12/2015**

## **Township Board Meeting Thursday, October 8, 2015**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Kern, Trustees DeRango, Holscher, and Wronski, and Clerk Peabody were present. Also present was Highway Commissioner Alstrom and Tax Collector Peterson. Trustee Mitchell and Assessor Monaghan were absent.

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Gerhard Werber updated the Board on progress with a scattering garden he is creating on his property.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Wronski and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015 Board Meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 3-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee DeRango abstaining.
- B. It was reported that two (2) FOIA requests were received and responded to.

### **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

The Board reviewed the October 2016 Road District Report (2015) from the Highway Commissioner. Commissioner Alstrom reviewed some of the highlights of the report.

### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

A written report dated October 8, 2015 was presented and reviewed.

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT**

- A. Supervisor Kern led a discussion reviewing the draft of a new Personnel Policy for Wheatland Township. Several changes were suggested and discussed to amend portions of the document. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Wronski to approve the Personal Policy as amended. After further discussion, the motion was approved 3-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Wronski abstaining.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve Resolution 15-08-R Transfer of Appropriation. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. There was no correspondence to report since the last meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. PARK COMMITTEE**

A request was received to rent the park pavilion. The Boy Scout is still working out final details on his Eagle Scout Project at the park. Port-A-Johns will be removed October 19<sup>th</sup>. Possible closing dates for the park were discussed.

**B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Holscher reported that there was no new information from Will County's Will-Ride Program.

**C. SENIOR COMMITTEE**

Trustee Holscher reported that they are working on a Trip to Oregon, Illinois in partnership with Plainfield Township.

**D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Tax Collector Peterson reviewed progress at the cemetery with board members.

**E. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Trustee DeRango reported that work was continuing to bring the web site into full compliance with the Illinois Policy Institute's Transparency Checklist.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**BILL PAYMENT**

On a motion by Trustee Holscher, second by Trustee Wronski, and comments by Supervisor Kern, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$142,183.14 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 4-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Supervisor Kern and second by Trustee Holscher, the Board voted to go into Executive Session at 8:42 PM on a voice vote.

At 9:08 PM the Board exited the Executive Session and resumed to the General Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Trustee DeRango and second by Trustee Wronski, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM without discussion on a voice vote.

**Next meeting November 12, 2015, @ 7:30 P.M. – Township Board Meeting**

Approved as presented:

# Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center  
4232 Tower Court  
Naperville, Illinois 60564

630-717-0092

APPROVED 12/7/2015

## Township Board Meeting Thursday, November 12, 2015

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

Supervisor Kern, Trustees DeRango, Holscher, and Mitchell, and Clerk Peabody were present. Also present was Highway Commissioner Alstrom and Tax Collector Peterson. Trustee Wronski and Assessor Monaghan were absent.

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Gerhard Werber commented on a recent Cemetery Board Meeting, briefed the board on recent articles discussing alternate uses for cemetery properties (such as tourism and weddings), and mentioned his progress with the scattering garden he is developing on his property.

Resident Lois Shuptar discussed the serious drainage problems at her property and the area's problems with the development of black mold and the related health issues that mold creates.

### CLERK'S REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015 Board Meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 3-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Mitchell abstaining.
- B. It was reported that one (1) FOIA request was received and responded to.

### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Alstrom displayed and discussed the new pipe being put into their underground remediation projects (vs. the black corrugated "homeowner special" pipe often currently found in the ditches). He also showed those present a new snowplow blade being tested on one of the trucks this winter. He also extended an invitation to any board members who would like to ride along during snow plowing season.

### ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No report was presented.

### SUPERVISOR REPORT

- A. Supervisor Kern led a discussion reviewing 2016 Health Plan options. Agent Stephen Collins briefed the board on various issues and discussed the benefits of using a Defined Benefit Plan. A final vote will take place at the next meeting.



- B. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee DeRango to approve the 2016 Holiday Schedule. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the 2016 Meeting Schedule. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee DeRango to approve the Ordinance 15-08-O Proposed Tax Levy Ordinance. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- E. It was decided to hold the December Board Meeting on December 7, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.
- F. There was no correspondence to report since the last meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. PARK COMMITTEE**

No report was presented. Supervisor Kern thinks the park will be closed down on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Holscher reported that they will be meeting with the other three partners of Ride DuPage on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss a more equitable distribution of costs for the coming year.

**C. SENIOR COMMITTEE**

Trustee Mitchell reported that the next Senior Luncheon on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Tax Collector Peterson reviewed with board members recent activities at the cemetery.

**E. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Trustee DeRango reported that he has reviewed with Kate the remaining problems found to bring the web site into full compliance with the Illinois Policy Institute's Transparency Checklist.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

The schedule and coverage for early voting for the 2016 Primary Election was discussed.

**BILL PAYMENT**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell, second by Trustee Holscher, and comments by Supervisor Kern, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$155,314.33 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Trustee Holscher and second by Trustee Mitchell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM without discussion on a voice vote.

**Next meeting December 7, 2015, @ 7:30 P.M. – Township Board Meeting**

Approved as presented:

# Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center  
4232 Tower Court  
Naperville, Illinois 60564

630-717-0092

APPROVED 1/14/2016

## Township Board Meeting Monday, December 7, 2015

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

Supervisor Kern, Trustees DeRango, Holscher, Mitchell, and Wronski and Clerk Peabody were present. Also present was Highway Commissioner Alstrom and Tax Collector Peterson. Assessor Monaghan was absent.

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Gerhardt Werber briefed the board on recent articles discussing alternate uses for cemetery properties (such as tourism and weddings), and mentioned his progress with the scattering garden he is developing on his property.

Resident Lois Shuptar updated the board on the serious drainage problems, black mold and related health issues in her area, which she brought to the board's attention last month. She also indicated that Tom Casey from the Will County Environmental Concerns Department was going to do an assessment of the area.

### CLERK'S REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee DeRango to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 Board Meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Wronski abstaining.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee DeRango to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015 Executive Session. After discussion, it was agreed to table the item until a later date.
- C. It was reported that no FOIA requests were received and responded to.

### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Alstrom discussed the 2016 road and drainage plans.

### ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No report was presented.

### SUPERVISOR REPORT

- A. Insurance Agents Steve Orlando and Stephen Collins briefed the board on two insurance proposals for the township. After discussion, on a motion by Trustee Wronski and second by Trustee DeRango, the "Zane Plan" presented by Mr. Collins was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- B. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve Tax Levy Ordinance 15-08-O Town Fund Levy. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. A motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve Tax Levy Ordinance 15-09-O Road District Fund Levy. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. Supervisor Kern reported that approval of the Ride DuPage contract is currently on hold pending further discussions with the partners.
- E. There was no correspondence to report since the last meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. PARK COMMITTEE**

Trustee Wronski stated that the park has been closed for the winter.

**B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Holscher reported that they will be meeting with Will Ride and PACE in January.

**C. SENIOR COMMITTEE**

Trustee Mitchell reported that the trip to the "White Christmas" play was cancelled due to lack of participation. The next luncheon will be at noon on December 16<sup>th</sup> at Tommy Nevin's Pub.

**D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Tax Collector Peterson reviewed with board members recent activities at the cemetery.

**E. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Trustee DeRango reported that a new review of our web site for compliance with the Illinois Policy Institute's Transparency Checklist will be performed in the next 1-2 weeks.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**BILL PAYMENT**

On a motion by Trustee Wronski, a second by Trustee Holscher, and comments by Supervisor Kern, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$94,030.08 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee DeRango, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM without discussion on a voice vote.

**Next meeting January 14, 2016, @ 7:30 P.M. – Township Board Meeting**

Approved as presented:

# **Wheatland Township, Will County**

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4232 Tower Court  
Naperville, Illinois 60564**

**630-717-0092**

## **Township Board Meeting Thursday, August 13, 2015 (AMENDED)**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Kern, Trustees Mitchell, Holscher, and DeRango, and Clerk Peabody were present. Also present were Assessor Monaghan, Tax Collector Peterson, and Highway Commissioner Alstrom. Trustee Wronski was absent.

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Resident Gerhard Werber updated the Board on his efforts to obtain approval to develop a Scattering Garden at the Wheatland Township Cemetery.
- Resident Tony Iannone asked if the Highway Department would consider one brush pickup that included evergreens. Highway Commissioner Alstrom explained that they will take evergreens as long as they are dried out, but that green branches gum up the machine.
- Resident Bob Segal invited the Township Board to attend the North Wheatland Township Homeowner's Association Annual Meeting and Picnic on September 20<sup>th</sup> at DuPage River Park on Royce Road.
- Resident Karl Karantonis asked questions concerning a procedural practice at township board meetings. He also commented on approval of resolutions, the pending overnight parking ordinance, and the listing of dollar totals for bill payment.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2015 Board Meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. It was reported that two (2) FOIA requests were received and responded to.

### **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

The Board reviewed the August 2015 written report from the Highway Commissioner. Commissioner Alstrom reviewed some of the highlights of the report and discussed plans going forward to prepare for winter.

### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

No written report was presented. Assessor Monaghan indicated that they are actively fielding calls. He also mentioned the upcoming Taxpayer Forum with Rhonda Novak on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT**

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to table the approval of the new Employee Handbook. The motion passed on a voice vote.
- B. Supervisor Kern indicated that he is hoping to obtain a third bid for the pending roofing work and will address the project next month.
- C. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee DeRango to approve Resolution 15-06-R Intergovernmental Loan Agreement. After discussion the motion failed 2-2 on a roll call vote, with Trustees Mitchell and Holscher voting Nay.
- D. No action was taken on Resolution 15-07-R.
- E. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve Ordinance 15-07-O No Overnight Parking in the Wheatland Industrial Parks. The motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- F. There was no correspondence to report since the last meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. PARK COMMITTEE**

No report at this time.

**B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Holscher reported that the township is beginning negotiations with Will County regarding joining their Will-Ride Program. Joining this program will result in significant savings to the township while continuing to offer a high quality program to the township's residents.

**C. SENIOR COMMITTEE**

Trustee Mitchell announced that the next Senior Luncheon will be on August 19<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Wheatland Salem Church. The speaker will be Dr. Williams, who will discuss natural remedies for senior ailments.

**D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Tax Collector Peterson reviewed his August 2015 written report.

**E. WEB SITE COMMITTEE**

Trustee DeRango reported that the Township's new web site is now functional. Discussion followed on remaining issues to achieve a 100% transparency rating from the Illinois Policy Institute.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**BILL PAYMENT**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell, second by Trustee DeRango, and comments by Supervisor Kern, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$253,227.45 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 3-1, with Trustee Holscher voting Nay.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee DeRango, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM without discussion on a voice vote.

**Next meeting September 10, 2015, @ 7:30 P.M. – Township Board Meeting**

Approved as presented:

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Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

# Cemetery Board Meeting Summary

## June 19, 2015

Call to Order: 5:45p

- Present: Trustees Ben Peterson, Rich Grommon, Jim Hofman
- Guest presenter for discussion: Gerry Werber
- All pledged allegiance to the U.S. Flag

Old Business:

- Board review minutes of March 24, 2015 meeting. Rich moved to accept as presented. Jim seconded. All approved.

New Business:

Ben asked Gerry to summarize the basic details of his new 'Cloud Tower' concept, focusing on the area of the Project that required support by the Township Cemetery. Gerry specified that a Garden area be available between the front two gates, consisting of two 5' x 10' Grave sizes, positioned along the inside of the fence, which would be somewhat centered behind the Cemetery Sign on the opposite side of the fence. The two garden areas would contain flowers where human cremains would be scattered while the Service could be highly visible by traffic.

Gerry stated that he had no Option 2 request.

Discussion followed with concerns by the Trustees:

- Scatter gardens should not be front and center in a cemetery, per comments to Trustee discussions with Funeral homes and our Grave open/close Contractor. Neither the Ela Township or Galesburg cemetery Scatter Gardens are near the entrance to their grounds.
- Ongoing maintenance, including no source of water.
- This section has not been surveyed and the map is only a reference chart. Installing any permanent structure has an unknown impact on future efficient use of the land-locked cemetery.
- No Proof of Concept to support or refute success of the project, potential interest by public, nor a viable economic model.
- No attendees of the annual Township Meeting expressed an interest in a Scatter Garden concept.
- Legal costs for addressing current and future issues, including should the Scatter Garden be abandoned and the area then converted to other usage. Gerry stated that he (or the not yet established Not For Profit organization) would cover the legal costs. Trustees questioned duration and limit of covering potential legal costs which was unresolved.

Trustees voiced that the previous Option 4 area between well-head and fence was more suitable for the Project and were willing to move forward with

discussions of either lease or rental of that area. Ben suggested that the South-East corner might be considered as a second option, but one trustee and Gerry expressed strong disapproval.

Gerry expressed concern that Option 4 was not suitable because the area was not front and center for visibility, was not expandable, and was next to the unsightly Well-Head (concrete pad over old well).

Gerry stated that only the front entrance was suitable for his Project and withdrew his request to use the Township Cemetery.

Rich offered, that should Gerry reconsider Option 4, we would investigate the removal of the well-head with caution that we do not know the expense of the removal nor potential repair of the concealed pipe.

Rich motioned to adjourn at 7:05p. Jim seconded; All agreed.

Rich Grommon: Trustee / Clerk Pro-Tem:

Richard Grommon Date 10/14/15

Ben Peterson, President:

Ben Peterson

Date: 10/14/2015