

Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center
4232 Tower Court
Naperville, Illinois 60564

630-717-0092

APPROVED 2/11/2016

Township Board Meeting Thursday, January 14, 2016

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 changes taking place in the funeral home industry (such as allowing alcohol). This reflects broader changes taking place throughout the funeral industry.

On behalf of the North Wheatland Township Homeowner's Association, resident Bob Segal thanked the township for cutting back the vegetation at the home on the corner of Book and Douglas.

CLERK'S REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee DeRango to approve the corrected minutes of the December 7, 2015 Board Meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. It was reported that one FOIA request was received and responded to.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Alstrom showed the board an example of a drainage pipe fully blocked by willow tree roots. He then discussed the items in his January 2016 Road District Report.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No report was presented.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the Pace Ride DuPage Program contract with Wheatland Township's share not to exceed 13.28%. After further discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. Supervisor Kern mentioned an invitation he received to an upcoming dinner on February 20th to benefit the Lambs Fold Center for Women and Children.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PARK COMMITTEE

Trustee Wronski stated that the park is closed for the winter and that the chain is back up closing the entrance. It was mentioned that the Highway Department investigated replacing the chain with a gate. The cost was \$1,800, and there was no interest in spending that amount..

B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Holscher indicated there is nothing additional to report at this time.

C. SENIOR COMMITTEE

Trustee Mitchell reported that the committee will resume activities in the spring.

D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Tax Collector Peterson reported that there were 8 burials this year, that 7 monuments were added, and that a newsletter was prepared and sent to the last known address of all site owners reviewing cemetery rules and procedures. The Cemetery Board is also preparing a series of You Tube videos about the cemetery, with the first one having been released last week. They will work with our web site folks to either include the videos or links on the township's web site.

E. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Trustee DeRango reported that a couple of items need to be inserted into the web site and then we will be ready to have our site reviewed by the Illinois Policy Institute. Upon their final review and approval, Wheatland Township would become only the third township in Illinois to achieve a 100% Transparency Rating (we are presently at 82.5%).

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

BILL PAYMENT

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell, a 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 \$130,099.12 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of the minutes was tabled to allow Trustee Wronski to review the tape of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee DeRango and second by Trustee Mitchell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01PM without discussion on a voice vote.

Next meeting February 11, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

Approved as presented:

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APPROVED 3/10/2016

Township Board Meeting Thursday, February 11, 2016

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 Tony Iannone addressed the board concerning the continuously muddy condition of 119th Street in the vicinity of the Boughton Quarry. Highway Commissioner Alstrom suggested residents contact the Will County Land Use Division about their concerns. Mr. Iannone also asked about contacting the Will County Sheriff's Department and was advised that contact from individual residents may prove more effective than contact from the Township. Supervisor Kern said that the Township is trying to arrange a meeting with one of our County Board members and the Sheriff to discuss this and other safety issues in the Township.

Resident Gerhardt Werber advised the board about the practice of scattering cremains on National Park Service land and additional benefits of establishing a Revitalizing Garden at the Township Cemetery.

Resident Mike Lynn thanked the Highway Commissioner for his assistance with problems in the area of Rebecca Court.

CLERK'S REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2016 Board Meeting as corrected. Trustee Holscher asked that expanded information regarding Ride DuPage negotiations be included in future minutes. Trustee Wronski suggested, and everyone agreed, that board members should alert the Clerk when they want extended comments included in the minutes. 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 Holscher to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015 Executive Session. The motion was approved without discussion on a 3-0-2 roll call vote, with Trustees Wronski and Mitchell abstaining.
- C. It was reported that there were no FOIA requests for January.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Alstrom showed the board the new speed monitoring machine that he will be using to detect speeders and display their speed to the drivers. He also discussed items contained in his February 2016 Road District Report.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No report was presented.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- A. Supervisor Kern reviewed last year's Annual Meeting agenda and the proposed agenda for the April 12, 2016 meeting. Trustee Holscher discussed information regarding the City of Naperville's possible assumption of the Naperville Township Road District. It was requested to add an item to the agenda under the Supervisor's Report about the possible future consolidation of taxing bodies. The final agenda will be approved at the next board meeting.
- B. There was no correspondence for this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PARK COMMITTEE

Trustee Wronski stated that the park is closed for the winter and that the chain is back up closing the entrance. He also indicated that the Township Office has received an inquiry from a group interested in renting the park's athletic fields.

B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Holscher indicated that we are waiting for a response from our other Ride DuPage partners to our 13.28% cost sharing proposal for the coming year. Extended discussion of the situation followed. Supervisor Kern indicated that a fallback plan is available.

C. SENIOR COMMITTEE

Trustee Mitchell reported that the committee will resume activities in the spring.

D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Tax Collector Peterson reported that their second YouTube video is up and running and that a third video is in the works.

E. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Trustee DeRango reported that they are considering beginning the publication of an electronic township newsletter in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Trustee Wronski distributed a letter indicating he intended to resign from his position as Trustee after the March Board Meeting. Supervisor Kern thanked Trustee Wronski for his service.
- Highway Commissioner Alstrom indicated that he will be meeting with engineers to discuss repairs to the 119th Street Bridge.

BILL PAYMENT

On a motion by Trustee Wronski, a second by Trustee Mitchell, and comments by Supervisor Kern, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$70,534.86 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 8:34 PM without discussion on a voice vote.

Next meeting March 10, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

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APPROVED 4.14.2016

Township Board Meeting Thursday, March 10, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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 discussed the intellectual benefits inspired by a Vitalizing Garden.

CLERK'S REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016 Board Meeting with corrections. A discussion took place about adding additional detail to the minutes. Clerk Peabody again asked that Board Members who want expanded information in the minutes, let him know what additional information they would like to see. Trustee Wronski stated that the Body should inform the Clerk if they would like to see expanded information about a particular topic in the minutes. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Wronski abstaining.
- B. It was reported that there were no FOIA requests for the month.
- C. Clerk Peabody reported that Early Voting has been light, but steady, despite problems with both the printers and the Internet feed.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Alstrom indicated that next Tuesday will be the bid opening for the 2016 road repair and repaving program, concentrating on the resurfacing and restoration of the bridge on 119th Street. He then discussed additional items in his March Road District Report. Of particular interest was the traffic study data on Meadow Lane and on 119th Street.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No report was presented.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to accept the resignation of Trustee Wronski effective at the conclusion of this meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee Wronski and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the Agenda for the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- C. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the 2016 Tax Levy Abatement – Resolution #16-01-R. This represents an overall reduction of \$50,000 from the amount the Township levied in December. After discussion, the motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. Results of using Robo Calling last year to inform residents about the Annual Town Meeting was discussed. Although several residents indicated that they attended because of the calls, it was determined that the program was not cost effective, having possibly cost as much as \$60 per attendee, so it will not be utilized this year.
- E. No correspondence was reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PARK COMMITTEE

Trustee Wronski stated that the entrance chain is removed, so the park is now open. Supervisor Kern reported that there was evidence that cars had been driven around the chain, so it was removed to minimize further damage to the property. Commissioner Alstrom indicated that he would like to have TOIRMA do a free safety inspection of the park. He also suggested that they may try to add some additional plantings to the gate area in the future to discourage vehicles from driving around the chain.

B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Supervisor Kern indicated that he had been advised that Naperville Township intended to approve the new Ride DuPage contract (with our cost reduced to our requested 13.28%) this week. Lisle Township said they need some additional time to review it. Trustee Holscher reiterated that the taxpayers of Wheatland Township had spent an inordinate amount of money in the past subsidizing the other partner townships in Ride DuPage and that this was not going to take place in the future.

C. SENIOR COMMITTEE

Trustee Mitchell reported that the committee intends to resume programs with the April luncheon.

D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Tax Collector Peterson reported that they are working on their next YouTube video. They are also working on a program to re-position some of the headstones. In addition, they recently received granite monuments for the graves of two Civil War soldiers from the Department of Veteran’s Affairs. He also reported that the cemetery has repurchased two graves under their “Buy Back Program”.

E. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Trustee DeRango requested that we add space to the signup sheets at the Annual Town Meeting to begin gathering email addresses in anticipation of launching an electronic Township newsletter. Supervisor Kern displayed the recently receive Sunshine Award plaque from the Illinois Policy Institute for our perfect transparency rating on the Township’s website.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

BILL PAYMENT

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell, a second by Trustee DeRango, and comments by Supervisor Kern and Commissioner Alstrom, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$74,949.36 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 8:22 PM without discussion on a voice vote.

Next meeting April 14, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

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APPROVED 5/12/2016

Township Board Meeting Thursday, April 14, 2016

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. Tax Collector Peterson was also present. Assessor Monaghan and Highway Commissioner Alstrom were absent.

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Gerhardt Werber presented information he entitled "Good News 1.5 – Forever Patriots" to further discuss benefits inspired by a Vitalizing Garden, a scatter garden which he would like to see developed in the Township Cemetery.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Highway Commissioner, Supervisor Kern reviewed highlights of the Commissioner's written report included in the meeting package.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No report was presented.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- A. After a presentation on liability insurance coverage by a representative of the Corkill Insurance Agency, a motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the liability insurance package offered by Corkill. Supervisor Kern noted that this package will increase some of the coverages, will provide some additional coverages, and will save the Township over \$3,000 per year. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. Supervisor Kern reminded everyone to file their Statement of Economic Interest with the County Clerk's Office as soon as possible. Clerk Peabody asked that everyone provide him with a copy of their yellow receipt when they receive it back from the County.
- C. Correspondence
 - Supervisor Kern passed around the Naperville Township Newsletter, which was delivered to his home.
 - An invitation was received to attend the Grand Opening Celebration of Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville on April 18th.
 - An invitation was received from the Will County Children's Advocacy Center to an upcoming fund raiser.

CLERK'S REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee DeRango to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016 Board Meeting. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. It was reported that there were two FOIA requests for the month.

Supervisor Kern reminded the elected officials to sign the insurance form which is in tonight's package and to return the form recently sent to them by our Auditors, Selden Fox, Ltd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PARK COMMITTEE

Supervisor Kern reported that the park is open and ready for business.

B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Holscher and Supervisor Kern reported that negotiations were nearly complete on a new agreement with our Ride DuPage partners.

C. SENIOR COMMITTEE

Trustee Mitchell and Trustee Holscher reported that the first luncheon of the year will take place next Wednesday at Wheatland Salem Church and will include a program about nesting birds.

D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Tax Collector Peterson reported that the cemetery had been recently featured in a Naperville Sun article and is going to be the subject of an upcoming article in "Positively Naperville". He also indicated that they were being interviewed for a presentation on Naperville's cable access channel. Spring cleanup will begin near the end of April and the new signs have been posted.

E. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Trustee DeRango reported that he is gathering examples of other township's electronic newsletters and should have samples for the Board to review shortly. This is expected to be much less costly than a printed newsletter, such as Naperville Township's.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Trustee DeRango reported that, in the recent Primary Election, the Plainfield voters overwhelmingly sent a message to officials opposing the Library Referendum in Plainfield. He further stated that the officials are now considering putting the same initiative back on the ballot in the fall. If this happens, he asked the board to consider making a public statement supporting the majority position in opposition to the referendum.
2. Trustee DeRango introduced the idea of promoting a tax freeze on the upcoming ballot.
3. Supervisor Kern advised the Board about a resolution recently passed by the Kendall County Board requesting that the citizens of Aurora abolish the Aurora Election Commission. The Mayor of Aurora has also indicated support for this idea. Supervisor Kern suggested that Wheatland Township might also consider support for this action. He will have something for discussion next month.

BILL PAYMENT

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and a second by Trustee DeRango, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$172,471.29 were discussed and approved by a roll call vote of 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:06 PM a motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to go into Executive Session. The motion was approved without discussion on a voice vote.

At 8:25 PM the Board returned from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next meeting May 12, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

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APPROVED 5/12/2016

Special Township Board Meeting Thursday, April 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Supervisor Kern.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Kern, and Trustees Holscher, Mitchell, and DeRango were present. Clerk Peabody joined the meeting in progress. Also present were Trustee Candidates Tara Leigh Gregus, Susan M. Schaer, and Colleen Rotkis

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge.

There was no public comment.

At 6:07 PM a motion was made and seconded to enter into closed session. The motion was approved without discussion on a voice vote.

Discussions took place with each candidate individually regarding the Trustee vacancy on the Wheatland Township Board.

At 7:17 PM a motion was made and seconded to return to open session. The motion was approved without discussion on a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:18 PM a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was approved without discussion on a voice vote.

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APPROVED 5/12/2016

Special Township Board Meeting Thursday, May 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Supervisor Kern.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Kern, and Trustees Holscher, Mitchell, and DeRango were present.

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge.

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to approve the appointment of Colleen Rotkis to fill the vacant position of Trustee. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

The Supervisor administered the Oath of Office to Colleen Rotkis.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:05 PM a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was approved without discussion on a voice vote.

Approved as presented:

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APPROVED 6/9/2016

Township Board Meeting Thursday, May 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Supervisor Kern.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Gerhardt Werber presented additional information regarding the benefits inspired by a scatter garden, which he would like to see developed in the Township Cemetery.

Resident Lois Shuptar presented additional information regarding the drainage problems in her neighborhood. Highway Commissioner Alstrom indicated that her area is on the list of projects to be addressed and he hopes to be able to work on that area in the fall. He also suggested that they file a complaint with Will County.

CLERK'S REPORT

- A. On a motion by Trustee Holscher and second by Trustee DeRango the Minutes of the April 14, 2016 Township Board Meeting were approved 3-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Rotkis abstaining.
- B. Action on the minutes of the April 11, 2016 Special Township Meeting was postponed until June.
- C. On a motion by Trustee DeRango and second by Trustee Holscher the Minutes of the April 14, 2016 Special Township Board Meeting were approved without discussion 3-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Rotkis abstaining.
- D. On a motion by Trustee Holscher and second by Trustee DeRango the Minutes of the April 14, 2016 Executive Session were approved without discussion 3-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Rotkis abstaining.
- E. On a motion by Trustee DeRango and second by Trustee Holscher the Minutes of the May 4, 2016 Special Township Board Meeting were approved without discussion 3-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Rotkis abstaining.
- F. It was reported that no FOIA's had been received.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Alstrom reviewed the information provided in his written report included in the meeting package.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No report was presented.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Holscher and seconded by Trustee Rotkis to approve publication of Ordinance 16-01-O, Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Rotkis to approve publication of Ordinance 16-02-O, Township Road District Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. 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 Holscher to approve Resolution 16-02-R, calling for Abolishing the Aurora Election Commission. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. A motion was made by Trustee Rotkis and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve Resolution 16-03-R, Rescinding Resolution 02-07-R Proclaiming Youth in Government Day. After discussion, the motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- E. On a motion by Trustee Holscher and second by Trustee Rotkis, a contact from MTJ Sports in the amount of \$6,975.00 to resurface and repair the basketball court in the Township Park was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- F. On a motion by Trustee Rotkis and second by Trustee Holscher, a contract from Andromeda Technology Solutions in the amount of \$1,890.00 to design and distribute a quarterly online newsletter for the Township was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- G. Correspondence
There was no correspondence received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PARK COMMITTEE

Supervisor Kern welcomed Trustee Rotkis to her new position as Chairman of the Park Committee. There was discussion about upcoming projects, including possible Eagle Scout Projects.

B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Holscher and Supervisor Kern reviewed the background regarding our partnership in the Ride DuPage Program. The proposed contact has still not been approved by the other partners and Wheatland Township continues to remain firm that our share of the cost be reduced to reflect our proportionate share of the ridership.

C. SENIOR COMMITTEE

Trustee Holscher reported that the first luncheon of the year took place on April 20th. The next luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 18th at Wheatland Salem Church and will include a program about the Township Cemetery by Ben Peterson.

D. CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Tax Collector Peterson reported that the Highway Department provided a new trash container for the cemetery. Also, the new flagpole has been installed. There was a brief discussion about mowing and maintenance of the grounds.

E. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

No additional report was made.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

BILL PAYMENT

On a motion by Trustee Rotkis and second by Trustee Holscher, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$279,979.32 were discussed and approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee DeRango and second by Supervisor Kern, the meeting was adjourned without discussion on a voice vote.

Next meeting June 9, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

Approved as presented:

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APPROVED 7/14,2016

Township Board Meeting Thursday, June 9, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Resident Gerhardt Werber presented "Great News 1.0", containing additional information regarding the benefits inspired by a scatter garden, which he would like to see developed in the Township Cemetery.
- Rita Facchina, Executive Director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Will County, presented information on the mission of her organization to work on behalf of abused and neglected children in the court system.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5.1 On a motion by Trustee DeRango and second by Trustee Mitchell, the Minutes of the April 11, 2016 Special Township Board Meeting were approved without discussion 3-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Rotkis abstaining.
- 5.2 On a motion by Trustee Rotkis and second by Trustee Mitchell, the Minutes of the May 12, 2016 Township Board Meeting were discussed and approved 3-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Mitchell abstaining.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Rotkis, the 2016 Township Prevailing Wage Ordinance #16-03-O was discussed and approved 3-1, with Trustee DeRango voting nay.
- 6.2 On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Rotkis, the 2016 Road District Prevailing Wage Ordinance #16-04-O was discussed and approved 3-1, with Trustee DeRango voting nay.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Trustee Rotkis and second by Trustee DeRango, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$423,056.48 were discussed and approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 SUPERVIOR

- Shared a communication from Joliet Hospice seeking support.
- Shared a document from TOI discussing the advantages of township government.
- Reported that the City of Naperville appears to be attempting to place a referendum on the November ballot to absorb local townships.
- At this time there is nothing new to report on the Ride DuPage situation.

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

- The main line paving of township roads (approximately 13 lane miles) for the 2016 season is now completed.
- About 3,000 feet of underdrain pipe has been installed, with another 4,000 feet to be completed this year.

9.3 COMMUNICATION (TRUSTEE DERANGO)

- Distributed a possible template for the township's electronic newsletter for review and comment.

SENIOR COMMITTEE (TRUSTEE MITCHELL)

- The next Senior Luncheon will be on June 15th. The July luncheon will be a cookout by the Highway Department.

PARK COMMITTEE (TRUSTEE ROTKIS)

- A variety of work and projects have been completed or are under way at the park, including work on two Eagle Scout Projects.
- The basketball court restoration project has been completed and the courts look great.

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK

- No FOIA's were received this month.
- A reminder that Carolyn is looking for receipts showing that everyone's Economic Interest Statements have been received by Will County.

9.5 TAX COLLECTOR (BEN PETERSON)

- Work is continuing on repositioning and resetting headstones in the cemetery.
- The cemetery has been featured recently in several news articles.
- The Cemetery Committee made a presentation at last month's Senior Luncheon.

Supervisor Kern reminded everyone about the Public Hearing and approval of the final budget on June 22nd at 7 PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee DeRango and second by Trustee Mitchell, the meeting was adjourned without discussion on a voice vote at 8:19 PM.

Next meeting July 14, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

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4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Resident Gerhardt Werber presented "Great News 1.0", containing additional information regarding the benefits inspired by a scatter garden, which he would like to see developed in the Township Cemetery.
- Rita Facchina, Executive Director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Will County, presented information on the mission of her organization to work on behalf of abused and neglected children in the court system.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5.1 On a motion by Trustee DeRango and second by Trustee Mitchell, the Minutes of the April 11, 2016 Special Township Board Meeting were approved without discussion 3-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Rotkis abstaining.
- 5.2 On a motion by Trustee Rotkis and second by Trustee Mitchell, the Minutes of the May 12, 2016 Township Board Meeting were discussed and approved 3-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Mitchell abstaining.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Rotkis, the 2016 Township Prevailing Wage Ordinance #16-03-O was discussed and approved 3-1, with Trustee DeRango voting nay.
- 6.2 On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Rotkis, the 2016 Road District Prevailing Wage Ordinance #16-04-O was discussed and approved 3-1, with Trustee DeRango voting nay.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Trustee Rotkis and second by Trustee DeRango, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$423,056.48 were discussed and approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 SUPERVIOR

- Shared a communication from Joliet Hospice seeking support.
- Shared a document from TOI discussing the advantages of township government.
- Reported that the City of Naperville appears to be attempting to place a referendum on the November ballot to absorb local townships.
- At this time there is nothing new to report on the Ride DuPage situation.

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

- The main line paving of township roads (approximately 13 lane miles) for the 2016 season is now completed.
- About 3,000 feet of underdrain pipe has been installed, with another 4,000 feet to be completed this year.

9.3 COMMUNICATION (TRUSTEE DERANGO)

- Distributed a possible template for the township's electronic newsletter for review and comment.

SENIOR COMMITTEE (TRUSTEE MITCHELL)

- The next Senior Luncheon will be on June 15th. The July luncheon will be a cookout by the Highway Department.

PARK COMMITTEE (TRUSTEE ROTKIS)

- A variety of work and projects have been completed or are under way at the park, including work on two Eagle Scout Projects.
- The basketball court restoration project has been completed and the courts look great.

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK

- No FOIA's were received this month.
- A reminder that Carolyn is looking for receipts showing that everyone's Economic Interest Statements have been received by Will County.

9.5 TAX COLLECTOR (BEN PETERSON)

- Work is continuing on repositioning and resetting headstones in the cemetery.
- The cemetery has been featured recently in several news articles.
- The Cemetery Committee made a presentation at last month's Senior Luncheon.

Supervisor Kern reminded everyone about the Public Hearing and approval of the final budget on June 22nd at 7 PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee DeRango and second by Trustee Mitchell, the meeting was adjourned without discussion on a voice vote at 8:19 PM.

Next meeting July 14, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center
4232 Tower Court
Naperville, Illinois 60564

630-717-0092

APPROVED 8/11/2016

Township Board Meeting Thursday, July 14, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Resident Gerhardt Werber presented additional information regarding the benefits inspired by a scatter garden, which he would like to see developed in the Township Cemetery.

CEMETERY REPORT

Cemetery President Ben Peterson discussed recent activity and progress in the development of the cemetery. He also made a special presentation highlighting the accomplishments and dedication of Rich Grommon, as he marks his 35th year of involvement with the cemetery and serving on the Cemetery Board.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5.1 On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Rotkis, the minutes of the June 9, 2016 Township Board Meeting were discussed and approved 4-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Holscher abstaining.
- 5.2 Clerk Peabody advised the Board he was changing the name of the June 22nd meeting document to "Public Hearing and Budget Meeting." On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee DeRango, the minutes of the June 22, 2016 meeting were approved without discussion 4-0-1 on a roll call vote, with Supervisor Kern abstaining.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 Supervisor Kern and Trustee Holscher presented recent developments in the negotiation with our partners in the Ride DuPage Program. A letter from Pace and a Share Agreement were distributed and reviewed. Among the primary issues was Lisle Township's requirement that all partners be charged per mile rather than per rider, as had been done in the past. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Trustee DeRango and seconded by Trustee Mitchell to table the item. The motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Trustee Holscher and second by Trustee Mitchell, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$1,093,044.81 were discussed and approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 SUPERVIOR

- Shared with the Board members a document titled "Township Elections & Salaries".
- Reported that the office has received a number of complaints about abandoned and neglected properties in the Township. The Highway Department is working to clean up these properties.

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

- Reported that they are actively working on drainage issues within the Township. Work is expected to begin soon on the drainage to the west of Alma between Leverenz and Douglas.
- Discussed concerns that residents have regarding the detention pond in The Paddocks. Two aeration sprinklers are being installed and when there is a breeze from the west, adjoining properties east of the pond are being sprayed. Test have indicated that the water in the pond is not of good quality and health concerns are being raised by the residents.
- Discussed ongoing mosquito abatement efforts in the Township.

9.3 COMMUNICATION (TRUSTEE DERANGO)

- Reported that the Township's new quarterly electronic newsletter is nearly ready for distribution. He asked that Board Members look over the current draft and give him any feedback and/or suggestions.

9.4 SENIOR COMMITTEE (TRUSTEES MITCHELL AND HOLSCHER)

- The next Senior Luncheon will be on July 20th. The luncheon will be a cookout, with burgers being grilled by the Highway Department.

PARK COMMITTEE (TRUSTEE ROTKIS)

- Nothing new to report. She observed that the newly painted basketball courts are getting heavy usage.

9.5 TOWNSHIP CLERK (RICHARD PEABODY)

- No FOIA's were received this month.

9.6 TAX COLLECTOR (BEN PETERSON)

- Covered earlier in the meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee DeRango, the meeting was adjourned without discussion on a voice vote at 8:15 PM.

Next meeting August 11, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

Approved as presented:

Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center
4232 Tower Court
Naperville, Illinois 60564

630-717-0092

APPROVED 9/8/2016

Township Board Meeting Thursday, August 11, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Resident Gerhardt Werber presented comments entitled "Action News 1.0", where he announced that he is working to establish a Scattering Garden in Wheatland Township without the involvement of the Wheatland Township Cemetery.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5.1 After some changes were requested, a motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2016 Township Board Meeting. The motion was approved 3-0 on a roll call vote.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 After a presentation by CPA Edward Tracy, a motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to accept the Draft 2015-16 Audit prepared by Selden Fox. After further discussion, the motion was approved 3-0 on a roll call vote.
- 6.2 A schedule showing the potential early voting hours for the upcoming November election was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the reimbursement from the county will be significantly less than in prior years. It was estimated that our out of pocket cost to cover the full schedule may be around \$2,000. The consensus was that we should fully participate even though we will be receiving less from the county.
- 6.3 Information for Resolution 16-04-R regarding a Township Travel and Expense Policy was not ready for review at this time. On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the item was tabled on a voice vote.
- 6.4 After review and discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to accept the employee dental insurance plan renewal proposed by Humana (with a \$40 monthly increase). The motion was approved 3-0 on a roll call vote.
- 6.5 After review and discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Holscher to accept the employee life insurance plan renewal proposed by Dearborn National Life Insurance Company (with no change in cost). The motion was approved 3-0 on a roll call vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Trustee Holscher and second by Trustee Mitchell, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$146,919.17 were discussed and approved 3-0 on a roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 SUPERVISOR

- Supervisor Kern suggested that we tell our Ride DuPage partners that we will consider a mileage-based distribution of expenses for the calendar 2017 year, but for this year we will stay at our current calculated 13.28% share of expenses. After discussion, it was decided to remain at our current position offering 13.28% for 2016 and negotiate a new sharing arrangement in future years.

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

- Reviewed a huge water control project that is underway behind the homes on Alma, north of Levern.
- Distributed a memo from the City of Naperville reviewing a comparison of operating costs of area Township Highway Departments for the purposes of negotiating "shared service" agreements. Wheatland Township showed very favorably, Lisle Township was a little worse, and Naperville Township was quite poor. The memo summary suggested that the city not consider negotiating a shared services agreement with Wheatland or Lisle Township, as we operate "significantly more efficiently", but to proceed with negotiations with Naperville Township.

9.3 TRUSTEES

COMMUNICATION (TRUSTEE DERANGO)

Supervisor Kern reported that the new Township quarterly electronic newsletter has been distributed to residents where we have their email addresses. It will also be up on our website shortly.

TRANSPORTATION (TRUSTEE HOLSCHER)

Discussed during the Supervisor's Report.

SENIOR COMMITTEE (TRUSTEES MITCHELL AND HOLSCHER)

Nothing new to report at this time.

PARK COMMITTEE (TRUSTEE ROTKIS)

No report was given.

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (RICHARD PEABODY)

- One huge FOIA was completed, thanks to a superior effort on the part of the staff.

9.5 TAX COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (BEN PETERSON)

- Received our renewed Cemetery License to run the cemetery covering us through 2020.
- Cemetery Board member Jim Hofman completed the Cemetery Manager's course.
- Activities include upcoming scout tours and the sale of three plots

10. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the meeting was adjourned without discussion on a voice vote at 8:23 PM.

Next meeting September 8, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

Approved as presented:

Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center
4232 Tower Court
Naperville, Illinois 60564

630-717-0092

APPROVED 10/13/2016

Township Board Meeting Thursday, September 8, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Supervisor Kern, Trustees Mitchell, Rotkis, DeRango, and Holscher, and Clerk Peabody were present. Also present were Highway Commissioner Alstrom and Cemetery Committee member Jim Hofman representing Tax Collector Peterson. Assessor Monaghan was absent.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Resident Andy Rothman discussed issues regarding work being done in his area by Metronet.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5.1 On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the minutes of the August 11, 2016 Township Board Meeting were approved 3-0-2 on a roll call vote, with Trustees Rotkis and DeRango abstaining.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Senior Development Officer of the Northern Illinois Food Bank (and Wheatland Township resident) Gina Gramarosso acquainted the Board with the challenges of hunger in this area and the role of the food bank in helping 800 feeding programs in 13 Illinois counties to provide over 65 million meals last year. They are currently operating from 3 distribution sites in the North, Northwest, and West suburbs, and are reviewing locations in Will County to add a 4th site. They estimate the cost to open the site and operate it for the first year will be \$730,000 (of which they have raised approximately \$200,000).

6. OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 On a motion by Trustee Holscher and second by Trustee Mitchell, Ordinance 16-05-O, Township Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy, was approved 4-1 on a roll call vote, with Trustee Holscher voting no.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Trustee Rotkis and second by Trustee DeRango, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$102,501.36 were discussed and approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 SUPERVISOR

- Supervisor Kern distributed the staffing schedule for early voting for the upcoming November 8th General Election.
- He reminded the Board that an item on next month's agenda will be the setting of salaries for elected officials for the coming term.

- He advised the Board of an invitation to the North Wheatland Township Homeowner's Association Annual Picnic taking place on September 18th. Resident Bob Segal was in attendance to extend the invitation.

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

- Discussed progress with a large drainage project taking place in North Wheatland View and another in Andermann Acres.
- Will be reviewing work necessary for the 2017 renovation of the 119th Street Bridge. Work will take place next summer.
- Advised the Board that he is in discussion with the City of Aurora and IDOT to close a section of Heggs Road between 111th Street and Route 30 after a recent fatal accident. Aurora is planning a reconfiguration of the Heggs/Route 30 intersection, to include a traffic signal, in 2018.
- Announced that the road salt contract for 2016/17 was recently signed. The price will be the same as we paid last year.

9.3 TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE DERANGO

- The new Township quarterly electronic newsletter was distributed to residents last month who have subscribed by providing their email addresses. This is considerably less expensive than mailing a paper newsletter would be. Another will go out prior to the election with early voting and other election information.

TRUSTEES HOLSCHER AND MITCHELL

- Reported on the August Senior Luncheon. The next luncheon meeting will be on September 21st at Wheatland Salem Church. Food will be provided by Giordano's and the activity will be the game of Pokeno.

TRUSTEE ROTKIS

- Another Boy Scout project was recently completed with six bags of garbage and weeds removed from the property.

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (RICHARD PEABODY)

- There will be a lot of activity over the next two months as we provide registration and voting services to area voters. We are offering an expanded schedule during the 10/24 through 11/07 Early Voting period and will be fully staffed during the hours we are open.

9.5 JIM HOFMAN FOR BEN PETERSON

- Recently walked the cemetery property with our weed control vendor. Will coordinate with the Highway Department and the Park to combine services and reduce costs.
- Reported that they provided lunch to the Highway Department employees to thank them for their assistance.
- Received a (large) replacement headstone from the Department of Defense for our War of 1812 soldier buried in the cemetery. It will be installed soon. His story will be the subject of the committee's next video.

OTHER: Supervisor Kern reported a meeting with our mosquito abatement contractor to do additional work because of the severity of the problems this year.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the meeting was adjourned without discussion on a voice vote at 8:25 PM.

Next meeting October 13, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

September 8, 2016 (Cont.)

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center
4232 Tower Court
Naperville, Illinois 60564

630-717-0092

APPROVED 11/10/2016

Township Board Meeting Thursday, October 13, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Resident Gerhardt Werber presented information on the growing trend of cremation in the United States and in Illinois.
- Resident Jim Hofman spoke in support of the current compensation levels for the township's elected officials and suggested that even slight increases for certain officials might be in order.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5.1 On a motion by Trustee Holscher and second by Trustee Mitchell, the minutes of the September 8, 2016 Township Board Meeting were approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 **Northern Illinois Food Bank:** After considerable discussion, it was agreed that we continue our policy of not making charitable contributions with taxpayer funds and that we should help them by promoting their upcoming expansion and worthwhile activities on our web site

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 **Approval of Resolution 16-04-R Setting Compensation for Elected Officials:** After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Rotkis and seconded by Trustee DeRango to maintain the compensation of the elected officials at the current level plus an additional \$100 to compensate the Supervisor for being the Treasurer of the Wheatland Township Road District (as required by statute). The motion was approved 5-0.
- 7.2 **Ride DuPage:** Supervisor Kern provided data that shows that through August 2016, Wheatland Township's share of the Ride DuPage ridership is 15.89%. After considerable discussion, it was decided that Wheatland Township will maintain its current offer of paying 13.28% of the costs of Ride DuPage.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$189,499.46 were discussed and approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Kern distributed correspondence regarding upcoming events at the Plainfield Park District, Senior Services of Will County, and a Legislative Survey sent by TOI.

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

- IDOT and Aurora have approved our request to temporarily close a portion of Heggs Road at Route 30 until permanent reconfiguration can take place in 2018. Closure is expected to take place around November 1st.
- Preliminary planning indicated that the 2017 Levy will probably be about the same as the 2016 Levy.
- Reported a phone call he received complaining about the brightness of the lighting at the Township Park. Alternatives will be explored.

9.3 TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE DERANGO

- Reminded everyone that he is seeking input for the upcoming electronic newsletter.

TRUSTEES HOLSCHER AND MITCHELL

- Reported that the seniors will be visiting the Morton Arboretum by bus on Wednesday October 19th.
- Offered an early reminder of the December Senior's Christmas Event and Luncheon.

TRUSTEE ROTKIS

- Reported that the Port-A-John will be removed from the park shortly and the water will be shut off on October 25th.

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (RICHARD PEABODY)

- Reported that there was one FOIA this month, which was referred on to Will County.
- Indicated that preparation for the upcoming election is running smoothly. Election equipment will be delivered Tuesday October 18th, with training to follow on Friday.
- Distributed a fact sheet with voting information, which is being provided to Trustee DeRango to include in the upcoming electronic newsletter.

9.5 TAX COLLECTOR PETERSON

- Thanked the Highway Department for providing additional cleanup activities at the Cemetery prior to a recent prominent funeral.
- Discussed the new video on the installation of the War of 1812 Veteran's grave marker.
- Mentioned that there are several upcoming funerals and some recent grave site sales.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Next meeting November 10, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

Approved as presented:

Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center
4232 Tower Court
Naperville, Illinois 60564

630-717-0092

APPROVED 12/8/2016

Township Board Meeting Thursday, November 10, 2016

Prior to starting the meeting, Troy Butler, son of Resident Cheryl Butler, performed the Star Spangled Banner.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Troy Butler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Residents Anna Marie Kissel, Cheryl Butler, and JoAnn Herzberger each thanked the Board for its continuing support of Ride DuPage, explained how Ride DuPage has benefited their family activities, and encouraged the Board to continue its support of the program.
- Resident Gerhardt Werber presented updated information on the cost comparison between burial and cremation.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5.1 On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Rotkis, the minutes of the October 13, 2016 Township Board Meeting were approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 **Approval of 2017 Holiday Schedule:** On a motion by Trustee Holscher and second by Trustee DeRango, the proposed Wheatland Township 2017 Holiday Schedule was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- 7.2 **Approval of 2017 Board Meeting Schedule:** On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee DeRango, the proposed Wheatland Township 2017 Meeting Schedule was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- 7.3 **Approval of Proposed Ordinance 16-06-O, Township Fund Levy:** On a motion by Trustee Holscher and second by Trustee Mitchell, Ordinance 16-06-O was discussed and preliminarily approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

7.4 PACE Partner Agreement: On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher the Partnership Agreement was approved as presented, contingent upon receipt of payments to us of \$10,000 each from Lisle Township and Naperville Township. The motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

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 \$102,823.85 were discussed and approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Kern indicated he had nothing new to report this month.

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

- Reported that roads are being repaved in the RillRidge Subdivision (located at the northwest corner of 135th and Plainfield-Naperville Road) to take advantage of cost savings available because the paving contractor is already doing work in the area for Plainfield.
- Barricades are in place and the section of Heggs Road at Route 30 is now closed.
- Continuing to work on area ditches as long as the weather remains cooperative.
- We have been providing one worker to Plainfield Township to help with leaf pickup to “reimburse” them for assisting us this summer.
- Has signed snow plowing agreements with the Cities of Naperville and Plainfield and expects to have an agreement with Aurora shortly.

9.3 TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE DERANGO

- Revising content for the upcoming issue of our electronic newsletter.

TRUSTEES HOLSCHER

- The next Senior Luncheon on November 11th will feature Ryan Shannon, a US Veteran and his aide dog, Chelsey.

TRUSTEE MITCHELL AND HOLSCHER

- Reported on the senior’s trip to the Morton Arboretum last month. Expressed our appreciation to DuPage Township for the use of their bus for the trip.

TRUSTEE ROTKIS

- Reported that a lighting consultant well known to her looked at the light in the park and advised that if the shade is adjusted, the light pollution problem will be resolved. The consultant also noted that the spotlights on the flagpole were not illuminating the flag properly and has donated three new spotlights, which should resolve the problem. It was also mentioned that there may be a problem with the light on the basketball court, which will be looked in to.

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (RICHARD PEABODY)

- Reported on the level of activity and issues which took place during early voting. Distributed a spread sheet showing voting activity on each day of the 15 days we were open. Supervisor Kern shared some of his observations about the voting activity.

9.5 TAX COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (BEN PETERSON)

- Renewed a \$40,000 C/D holding Care Fund monies with Morgan Stanley at 1.25% for 2 years.
- Added new signage to the Cemetery fence promoting grave sales and giving contact information. Also added a brief video about signage and grave sales to the web site.
- Thanked the Highway Department for its work to re-gravel and improve the driveway in the back section of the cemetery.
- During the October 30th final seasonal cleanup of grave decorations, 26 unreadable monuments were discovered. They will explore adding plaques to each marker stone next year to identify the occupant. A press release seeking relatives was suggested.
- Hosted one Scout tour of the cemetery. An Arrow of Light Cub Scout Den used the cemetery flag pole to practice a flag raising ceremony, which will take place later this month at Springbrook School.
- They recently surveyed the Cemetery's lawn care vendor versus the park's vendor to determine if we could save some money by combining services with one provider.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the meeting was adjourned without discussion on a voice vote at 8:30 PM.

Next meeting December 8, 2016, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

Wheatland Township, Will County

Wheatland Township Administration Center
4232 Tower Court
Naperville, Illinois 60564

630-717-0092

APPROVED 1/12/2017

Township Board Meeting Thursday, December 8, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ben Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Resident Robert Segal inquired about why Township residents who are utilizing the township's alternative electricity program through Constellation Energy are paying a rate that is not only higher than Commonwealth Edison's current rate, but also significantly above the rate which Constellation is currently offering to new customers. They had promised to be at least 5% under ComEd's rate and are presently 18% above their rate. Supervisor Kern indicated that the Township would look into the situation and would also post a notice on the front page of the Township's web site.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5.1 On a motion by Trustee Rotkis and second by Trustee Mitchell, the minutes of the November 10, 2016 Township Board Meeting were approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 **Approval of 2017 Health Insurance:** Insurance Agent Stephen Collins explained the program being proposed for the Township's eligible employees. On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, the Blue Choice Preferred Gold PPO Plan offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield proposed by Mr. Collins, was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- 7.2 **Approval of Ordinance 16-06-O, Township Fund Levy:** On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Holscher, Ordinance 16-06-O was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- 7.3 **Approval of Ordinance 16-07-O, Road District Levy:** On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Rotkis, Ordinance 16-07-O was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.
- 7.4 **Approval of Spring Green/Tru-Green Contract for 2017:** After discussion, on a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Rotkis, the proposal for 2017 weed control services from Spring Green for the Park and the Cemetery was approved 4-0. The cost will be shared 55% by the cemetery and 45% by the park.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Rotkis, the Town, Assessor, Park, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road, Culvert, and Cemetery Funds bills in the amount of \$101,031.10 were discussed and approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Kern indicated he would like to begin investigating the possibility of negotiating a single trash collection contract for the unincorporated residents. Naperville Township currently uses a single provider for their residents. He also indicated that we have received the \$10,000 PACE Contract payment from Lisle Township, and the payment from Naperville Township is approved but is still pending.

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Reported that, because of the favorable weather, they had been able to complete additional ditch reconstruction in Wheatland Industrial Park, but are now gearing up for snow removal.

9.3 TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES HOLSCHER

The next Senior Luncheon will be at Tommy Nevin's Pub on December 21st. After that, luncheons will resume again in March.

TRUSTEE ROTKIS

The park was officially closed on December 2nd.

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (RICHARD PEABODY)

Nothing to report and no FOIA's received.

9.5 TAX COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (BEN PETERSON)

Had/having several funerals during the month. Released annual letter to plot owners regarding the coming year. 2017 work may include replacement/upgrade of headstones.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Mitchell and second by Trustee Rotkis, the meeting was adjourned without discussion on a voice vote at 8:12 PM.

Next meeting January 12, 2017, @ 7:30 PM – Township Board Meeting

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk

Wheatland Township, Will County

**Wheatland Township Building
4232 Tower Ct.
Naperville, Illinois 60564**

CEMETERY BOARD MEETING

February 29, 2016 @ 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER

- Roll Call

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Review/Approve Minutes of October 14, 2015
- B. Annual Letter results
- C. Cemetery History summary to Highway Department and Trustee Jeff D.
- D. 2015 Burials
- E. Identifying Veteran graves
- F. History Videos: Discussion/Approve topics and project plans

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Schedule Spring Clean Up date
- B. Discuss/Approve signage to announce future Clean-Up dates
- C. Discuss/Approve purchase and installation of Flag Pole
- D. Decide the calendar dates for repairing monument foundations and the materials needed
- E. Approve 2016-17 budget

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting To Be Announced

Cemetery Board Meeting Summary September 21, 2016

Call to Order: 7:30p

- Present: Trustees Rich Grommon, Jim Hofman, Ben Peterson
- All present & pledged allegiance to the U.S. Flag

Public Comment: Laura Hofman reported that this year's flowers at the Monument had grown very well and we should wait until Spring before cutting back the plants and re-applying 'Preen'.

Old Business:

- Board reviewed minutes of Feb. 29, 2016 meeting. Jim moved to accept as written. Rich seconded. All approved.
- Ben reported that in the August Township meeting, resident Gerry Werber had announced that the Cemetery was no longer being considered for his Scatter Garden concept, as it was now being pursued at another location within the Township.
- Ben reviewed the fiscal financials (through March 31, 2016) and summarized that the Cemetery account balance was \$70,866 of which \$58,536 were in the Care Fund.

New Business:

- Trustee Hofman spoke in recognition of Trustee Rich Grommon's 35 years of volunteer work in the cemetery, and presented him with a framed photo and basket of his favorite apples and cider from Waterman in Illinois.
- Discussed continuing weed control service by our vendor Spring-Green. Jim suggested we acquire bids from the Township vendor (Tru-Green) at the Park, and a re-bid from Spring-Green for next year's services. Jim will coordinate with Township Trustee Colleen Rotkis.
- The date of the Fall Clean-Up was discussed and all agreed on Sunday Oct. 30th. Ben will have the date posted on the Township website. Cemetery reminder signs will be posted mid-Oct. in the cemetery.
- Discussed need to continue leveling of monuments. Additional gravel will be requested from the Highway Dept.
- Discussed need for acquiring and posting a "visit us at WheatlandTownship.com" sign for more information about grave availability. Rich moved to purchase two signs for front fence at total cost not to exceed \$150. All agreed. Ben will order signs.
- Jim moved to request funds, if needed, to have the recently received "War of 1812" monument for John Davis installed. Jim moved for \$500 expense that was approved by both Rich and Ben.
- Discussed participation in Township's "News Letters" to subscribers. Jim will compose a Cemetery article for their October release.

- Ben provided a summary of key 2016 activities for potential inclusion in the Cemetery's Annual Letter to our contacts.

Rich motioned to adjourn at 8:50p. Jim seconded; All agreed.

Approved:

Rich Grommon: Trustee / Clerk Pro-Tem:

Michael Grommon Date 1/9/2017

Ben Peterson, President:

Ben Peterson Date: 1/9/2017

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APPROVED 6/9/2016

Special Township Board Meeting Monday, April 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 PM by Supervisor Kern.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Kern, and Trustees Mitchell and DeRango were present. Also present was Trustee Candidate Alex Tovstanovsky

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge.

There was no public comment.

At 6:23 PM a motion was made and seconded to enter into closed session. The motion was approved without discussion on a voice vote.

A discussion took place with Mr. Tovstanovsky regarding the Trustee vacancy on the Wheatland Township Board.

At 7:00 PM a motion was made and seconded to return to open session. The motion was approved without discussion on a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:01 PM a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was approved without discussion on a voice vote.

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Richard Peabody, Township Clerk