

**Township Board Meeting
Thursday, July 8, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Liskey at 7:35 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assessor Chuck Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board Members: Supervisor Crowner, Trustees Bansal, Hickey, Jones, and Rotkis, attended the meeting.

Board Officers: Assessor Kern and Clerk Liskey, Highway Commissioner Wieser were present at the meeting. Additionally, Cemetery Board Member Jim Hofman attended on behalf of Tax Collector Ben Peterson.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Approval of March 11, 2021 – Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes

- Trustee Jones moved to approve Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes and Trustee Hickey seconded. Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes for June 10, 2021 were approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Discussion of new Chairperson for Senior Committee

- Supervisor Crowner motioned to open discussion to appoint a new chairperson to manage the Senior Committee, noting that post Covid shutdown, there was community interest in reinstating the luncheons. Trustee Hickey seconded.
- Supervisor Crowner asked for volunteers. Trustee Bansal said she would investigate responsibilities involved and consider. Trustee Hickey said she would consider as well.
- The topic to be addressed and finalized at the August meeting with the goal of beginning the luncheon series in September.

7.2 Discussion/Approval of Proclamation of Park & Recreation Month

- Supervisor Crowner motioned to have the proclamation read into the minutes. Trustee Jones seconded. Clerk Liskey read the proclamation from the Plainfield Township to name July as Park & Recreation Month.
- The proclamation was approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

7.3 Discussion/Approval of RFQ for Township Attorney

- Trustee Hickey motioned to open discussion. Trustee Bansal seconded the motion. Supervisor Crowner informed the Board the RFQ had been amended and finalized, requesting approval of the document and to begin the search/review of legal services. He noted the current attorney would be included in the process.

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- Trustee Bansal motioned to approve. Trustee Jones seconded. The RFQ was approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

7.4 Discussion/Approval to hang proposed Amended Budget

- Trustee Hickey motioned to open discussions re hanging the amended 2021-22 budget. Trustee Jones seconded. Supervisor Crowner opened the discussion by noting the request from Tax Collector Peterson to remove the line item for donations to the cemetery.
- The Board reviewed the proposed amendments including an issue of incomplete billing from the PACE bus program in 2020.
- Supervisor Crowner motioned to approve the proposed amendment regarding cemetery donations. Trustee Jones seconded. The decision to remove that line item passed 5-0 per roll call vote.
- Trustee Hickey motioned for approval to hang the amended budget, without the above line item, for 30 days. Trustee Jones seconded. The decision to hang the amended budget was approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

8.1 Approval of 6/10/21 – 7/08/21 Town and Road District Fund Bills & Claims:

- Trustee Bansal moved to approve the Town, Park, Assessor, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road and Cemetery Funds bills and Trustee Hickey seconded. Bills in the amount of \$183,529.22 were approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 ASSESSOR (CHUCK KERN)

- Updated that the Township is heading into appeals season, noting that neither Will County nor Wheatland Township had performed any reassessments during the year.
- He noted that since the County did not reassess, they would not receive notifications and, therefore, does not expect appeals volume to be very heavy.

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (TOM WIESER)

- Provided an update on the assistance provided to Naperville and Warrenville to clean up after the tornado of 6/21/21. Wheatland provided three employees and three trucks to assist with the disaster.
- Wieser also informed the Board about the increased call volume of 30-40 requests to assist with fallen branches.
- He also noted that 12 culverts had been completed during the month.

9.3 TRUSTEES:

TRUSTEE (COLLEEN ROTKIS)

- Noted a dead tree within the park had been removed.

TRUSTEE (KELLY HICKEY)

- No updates

TRUSTEE (TERRY JONES)

- No updates

TRUSTEE (MEGHNA BANSAL)

- No updates

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (ANITA LISKEY)

- 1 FOIA this month; provided requested information

9.5 COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (JIM HOFMAN filling in for BEN PETERSON)

- Informed that one funeral had been conducted since the last meeting.
- Updated that a request has been made to Midwest Bank to purchase a new Certificate of Deposit (CD) and noted that the cemetery received a donation from the George family as the end of fundraising effort. Additionally, the cemetery received an offer from Operation Headstone to clean the veterans' headstones; the proposal will be considered by the Cemetery Committee.
- Noted that the cemetery is awaiting estimates for a potential front sign and fencing project.

9.6 SUPERVISOR (MICHAEL CROWNER)

- Provided closing comments noting that the next Wheatland Township newsletter is in the works and that he has been meeting with various service providers to get a better understanding of how their projects/assignments are going as well as reaching out to other townships to understand best practices that could benefit Wheatland Township operations and township.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

- Supervisor Crowner moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Hickey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned on a voice vote at 8:23 PM.

Next meeting August 12, 2021

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Anita Liskey, Township Clerk