

**Township Board Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2022**

APPROVED 3/10/2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Hickey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

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

Board Officers: Supervisor Crowner, Clerk Liskey, Highway Commissioner Wieser, Assessor Kern, and Tax Collector Scriven-Young were present at the meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Approval of Jan. 13, 2022 – Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes

- Trustee Jones moved to open discussion and approval of the Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes. Trustee Hickey seconded. Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes for January 13, 2022, were approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1. None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Discussion/Approval of 2022 Pace Partners Agreement

- Supervisor Crowner moved to open discussion of the 2022 Pace Partners Agreement and Trustee Hickey seconded the motion.
- Supervisor Crowner confirmed the new contract was based on a history of ridership for each partner and noted Wheatland Township had secured a more favorable cost structure. He also confirmed the contract had undergone legal review.
- The Board unanimously approved the 2022 Pace Partners Agreement per 5-0 roll call vote.

7.2 Discussion/Approval of Resolution 22-01-R Honoring Mary Katzberg retirement

- Trustee Rotkis moved to open discussion of Resolution 22-01-R that had been submitted by Assessor Kern to honor retiring employee Mary Katzberg. Trustee Bansal seconded.
- Clerk Liskey read the resolution into the record which the Board approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

7.3 Discussion on 2022-2023 Budget

- Supervisor Crowner motioned to open discussion on the 2022-2023 budget, and Trustee Hickey seconded.
- Supervisor Crowner began the discussion of ideas and suggestions noting that Cemetery/Tax Collector had submitted a recommendation to begin a Youth Committee.

Trustee Hickey also reviewed the need to consider increasing the Emergency Funding and General Assistance line items, noting that all Emergency Funds may be eligible for reimbursement.

- Trustee Jones raised the idea of website improvements and the possible development of a Township app.
- Assessor Kern noted issues with security cameras should be included in the budget.
- Supervisor Crowner reconfirmed the 2022-2023 Budget would be discussed/approved for hanging at the March 10, 2022, Board meeting with final approval at the April 12, 2022, Board meeting.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

8.1 Approval of 01/31/22 – 02/15/22 Town and Road District Fund Bills & Claims:

- Trustee Jones moved to open discussion for approval of the Town, Park, Assessor, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road and Cemetery Funds bills and Trustee Rotkis seconded.
- Bills in the amount of \$165,316.09 were approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1. ASSESSOR (CHUCK KERN)

- No report but noted he was continuing to recruit for an open position in the Assessor's Office.

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (TOM WIESER)

- Provided an update on cost savings he had secured by changing weather services providers to the same one used by Plainfield and Naperville. He also noted that he was investing \$8k on equipment that would allow the road crew to create their own maps showing where power lines are located. He explained this was done after an unexpected \$20k bill was incurred to repair lights that were cut after the current vendor produced inaccurate maps resulting in mistaken labeling. Despite the initial cost, Commissioner Wieser informed the Board that he expects to gain significant cost savings of approx. \$18 -\$20k per year as well as increased accuracy by eliminating the vendor and bringing the capability inhouse.

9.3 TRUSTEES:

TRUSTEE (MEGHNA BANSAL)

- Informed that the Senior Services Committee had met and began work to schedule and secure speakers for the April – December for the senior lunches. She discussed plans to arrange a Fall excursion to take the seniors to the pumpkin glass blowing exhibit at Arboretum in Lisle. Trustee Hickey noted DuPage County had offered the use of their bus for this proposed senior outing. Trustee Bansal confirmed senior lunches would continue to be held at Wheatland church and would cost around \$250 per event.

TRUSTEE (KELLY HICKEY)

- Updated the previously approved Eagle Scout Micro Pantry Project was on schedule to begin in March.

TRUSTEE (COLLEEN ROTKIS)

- No update.

TRUSTEE (TERRY JONES)

- No update.

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (ANITA LISKEY)

- Updated that two new FOIA inquiries had been submitted and responded to during January. She also reminded the Board to watch for and complete their Statements of Economic Interests by the May deadline.

9.5 COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (DAVID SCRIVEN-YOUNG)

- Reported no burial services had taken place in Jan., and one is scheduled in Feb.
- Noted that the Cemetery Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, Feb. 14 and confirmed the proposed new sign was still awaiting Historic Preservation approval.
- Updated that the research project on fees charged by neighboring cemeteries had been completed and that there was significant fluctuation. However, he was pleased with the data and believes it will help ensure the price proposal to be presented for next month, would be in line with other cemeteries in the area.

SUPERVISOR (MICHAEL CROWNER)

- Reminded the Board to complete Open Meetings Act (OMA) that is now available on the Attorney General Website.
- Updated that meetings with Wheatland Parks to explore synergies and support opportunities for Wheatland Township Park were ongoing.
- Reported on a proposal by the Plainfield Library to fund an installation of "Trail Books" in Wheatland Township Park that would provide reading opportunities for small children. The project would require post-digging assistance from the Wheatland Township Road crew. Highway Commissioner Wieser confirmed they could assist if the initiative moves forward.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

- Trustee Hickey moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Jones seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned on a voice vote at 8:37 PM.

Next meeting March 10, 2022

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Anita Liskey, Township Clerk