

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for September 23, 2014 was held in the Paula Ulreich Meeting Room, in the Township of Wheeling, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Supervisor Schroeder called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Gauza called the roll and the following members were present: Supervisor Schroeder, Trustee Robert Hoban, Trustee Ruth O'Connell, Trustee Michael Domrzalski, Trustee Kathy Penner, and Clerk Joanna Gauza.

Also in attendance: Wheeling Township Highway Commissioner Scott Saewert, Wheeling Township Assessor Jerry Sadler, Wheeling Township Attorney Nanci Rogers, and Wheeling Township Director of Finance and Administration Josephine Stellato.

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Schroeder led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION # 1: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – August 26, 2014

Motion by Trustee Domrzalski, seconded by Trustee Hoban, to approve the minutes of August 26, 2014.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes....Motion #1 Carried.

AUDIT

MOTION # 2: AUDIT FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Motion by Trustee Domrzalski, seconded by Trustee Penner, to approve batch #333 against the Road and Bridge Fund, in the amount of \$12,273.06 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Domrzalski, Penner, O'Connell, Hoban, Schroeder
NAYS: None....Motion #2 Carried.

MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Domrzalski, seconded by Trustee Penner, to approve batch #092314 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$2,098.36 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Domrzalski, Penner, O'Connell, Hoban, Schroeder
NAYS: None....Motion # 3 Carried.

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Domrzalski, seconded by Trustee Penner, to approve batch #502, and #503 against the Town Fund, in the amount of \$154,308.49 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Domrzalski, Penner, O'Connell, Hoban, Schroeder
NAYS: None....Motion # 4 Carried.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

ASSESSOR: Assessor Sadler reported:

- The Cook County Assessor mailed decision letters for Wheeling Township 2014 assessment appeals on September 11, 2014. The Cook County Assessor's Office accepted applications for a "re review" through close of business Tuesday, September 16, 2014. The Wheeling Township Assessor's Office had very few requests for re-reviews as the majority of appellants that were assisted received reductions from the Cook County Assessor.
- The Wheeling Township Assessor's Office is advising all those appellants who did not receive a reduction to file (pre-register) with the Cook County Board of Review immediately. The process opened August 4, 2014, for all of Cook County. Wheeling Township will be assigned a 30-day window in which appellants can file an appeal or submit data relative to a pre-registered appeal.
- The Wheeling Township Assessor's Office continues to move forward with the replacement of an outdated server and computer work station equipment.
- The Wheeling Township Assessor's Office is current with permits.
- The statistics for the month of September to date are:

Visitors:	115
Phone Calls:	176
Permits Processed:	497

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Highway Commissioner Saewert reported:

- The Betty Drive, south of Dunlo Ave. Road Resurfacing project has been completed.
- Prior to start of the Forest River Subdivision, south end Project, Nicor Gas completed relocation of a 2" gas main along Gregory and installed new services to the homes and to the Forest River Civic Association club house. While doing this, Nicor discovered a sewer line that had been damaged by Comcast, which Comcast has repaired. The Sewer Installation Project is to start in early October for completion this year.

- Drainage complaints were received at 3329 N. Betty and 142 Morrison and addressed.
- The Wheeling Township Highway Department provided branch pick-up after storms in the Dunlo and Buffalo Highlands Subdivision.
- The Wheeling Township Highway Department worked with Cook County Inspectors to review projects being done and permit violations in the unincorporated areas.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mrs. Stellato reported:

- The Fall 2014 Newsletter is at the post office and will be delivered to homes within the next few days.
- It has been a really busy few weeks for Administrator Stellato, who has spent a great deal of time dealing with the paving project at the cemetery and taking steps to clear debris left from the recent storm. Three tree services have been contacted but have not called back. Mrs. Stellato met with the fourth, Roy's Tree Service on September 23rd, and is waiting for a quote. It has been agreed that three ash trees and three maple trees that are dead or dying, as well as numerous branches downed by strong winds need to be removed. At least one tombstone was knocked off its foundation and will need to be set once the debris is removed.
- The paving at the cemetery went very well and looks great. The crew will finish spreading dirt and seed this week. Once that is completed, tree removal can start.
- The elevator modernization is complete, with the exception of carpet replacement. Carpet replacement was not included in the bid specs. Wheeling Township has hired a flooring company to install tile in the basement and they agreed to replace the carpet in the elevator.
- Statistics for August, 2014:
 - 437 visits to the Food Pantry
 - 239 backpacks dispensed
 - 1,387 meals delivered
 - 2,059 bus rides – 945 dial a ride/1,114 medical van

NEW BUSINESS

MEDICAL INSURANCE QUOTES DISCUSSION – BILL BRADISH

Effective December 1, 2014, medical insurance renewals for Wheeling Township. This is the first year where Affordable Care Act provisions are in effect. There are different requirements and benefit levels. Because of the Act, there is a 27% increase in premiums that includes taxes that are part of the premium. Bill Bradish recommends that Wheeling Township continue to stay for another year with the current Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance plan. The increased premium is because of the Act requiring coverage for children that are 26 years old (even if married and employed), for mental health services and other such benefits. There are some changes in the insurance plan where employees will pay a greater portion of their medical costs. Co-pays will increase

what employees pay. For example, the provider which currently requires a \$20 co-pay will change to a \$40 co-pay, and \$40 for a specialist will change to \$60.

MOTION #5: APPROVAL OF BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD INSURANCE

Motion by Trustee Penner, seconded by Trustee Domrzalski, to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield as recommended.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Penner, Domrzalski, O'Connell, Hoban, Schroeder
NAYS: None....Motion # 5 Carried.

2014 LEVY DISCUSSIONS

Administrator Stellato stated that the objective is to keep reserves at a reasonable level. A reduction of levies will help keep reserves at an appropriate level. The current budget is probably going to be over \$3,000,000 because substantial work was done at Wheeling Township such as the elevator, the cemetery, and landscaping. The estimated budget for next fiscal year will probably be close to \$3,000,000 as spending remains close to same. However, some expenditures remain uncertain and hard to estimate. The Town Fund is easy to predict, but not General Assistance, because we don't know how many people may need assistance. Despite the difficult economy, the Township is not spending substantially more for general assistance even though the Township is assisting more residents. The levy can be reduced to perhaps about 1.86% for General Assistance.

BOX TRUCK – AWARD BID

Wheeling Township got one bid for a box truck. Arlington Heights Ford made a bid to sell a 2015 box truck for \$33,969.02. The delivery of the box truck may take a couple of months. However, Arlington Heights Ford is local and they have provided good service before. The box truck will be parked at the Wheeling Township parking lot. Larger quantities for the food pantry could be ordered because of the box truck. Currently, Schaumburg Township helps with one delivery of a ½ truckload. With the box truck 3-4 truckloads could be delivered monthly to the food pantry.

MOTION #6: APPROVAL OF BOX TRUCK BID AWARD

Motion by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Trustee Penner, to approve the purchase of Box Truck Award bid to Arlington Heights Ford, in the amount of \$33,969.02.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Schroeder, Penner, O'Connell, Hoban, Domrzalski
NAYS: None....Motion # 6 Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

MOTION #7: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Trustee Domrzalski, to adjourn.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes....Motion #7 Carried.

The meeting for Tuesday, September 23, 2014, was declared adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
The next regular scheduled board meeting is set for Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk

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