

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for January 27, 2009, was held in the Community Room of Wheeling Township, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Supervisor Schroeder called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

Director of Finance and Administration and Deputy Clerk Josephine Stellato called the roll and the following members were present: Supervisor Michael Schroeder, Trustee Michael Domrzalski, Trustee Ruth O'Connell, Trustee Kathy Penner, Trustee JoAnne Schultz and Deputy Clerk Josephine Stellato.

Absent: Clerk Paula Ulreich

Also in attendance: Wheeling Township Highway Commissioner Scott Saewert, Wheeling Township Assessor Dan Patlak, Wheeling Township Collector Stephen Sharer and Wheeling Township Attorney Nanci Rogers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Schroeder let those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION #1: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008

Motion by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Trustee O'Connell, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2009 as presented.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Prospect Heights Mayor Pat Ludvigsen asked the Board to consider appointing Rodney Pace to fill the short-term vacancy on the Prospect Heights Fire Protection District Board. He recommends Mr. Pace, former Mayor of Prospect Heights, because of his knowledge of the history of the fire district, his government experience, and his leadership abilities. He suggested that there has been strife on the Fire District Board, three resignations in the last four years, and Mr. Pace could bring structure back to the Board.

OFFICIAL'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Scott Saewert reported:

- Road Maintenance Projects

- Traffic and street sign replacements, the Woodland Drive drainage ditch restoration project and Feehanville drainage channel restoration project are all on hold and will commence when weather permits.
- Snow removal costs may be increased 100-150% due to the severity of the winter and road salt being four times higher in cost as compared to last year.
- Meetings and Activities
 - Meeting with the Cook County Inspectors and Cook County Commissioner to review projects being done in the Forest River Subdivision.
 - Attendance at the Upper Des Plaines River Phase II Feasibility Study Transportation Committee Meeting and recommended Feehanville homes be removed for storm water retention. This plan is now included in their study.
 - Attended Des Plaines II Plan Formulation Committee Meeting.
 - Met with Art Olson and Tom Neitzke to plan projects for the 2009 budget.
 - Worked with staff to help alleviate flooding conditions caused by the Des Plaines River flood event of December 27-21, 2008. Removed culvert blockage caused by leaves and debris on Saturday, December 27, 2008 and placed/removed "Road Closed" and "Ice on Road" signs where/when appropriate.
- Permits include two new construction, one second floor home addition, one rear yard drainage improvement project and one concrete driveway.
- Cook County Circuit Court traffic ticket revenue receipts \$504.58.

Assessor Dan Patlak reported:

- As of today sales data and building permits are all up to date.
- The staff is working to complete the new Sidwell map pages received last week.
- The Senior Freeze renewals were mailed by the County Assessor on January, 16, 2009. The income limit for the freeze has been raised from \$50,000 to \$55,000. In the past week, staff has helped over 100 homeowners fill out their application forms.
- The Homeowners Exemption and the Senior Exemption are again being automatically renewed by the County Assessor.
- We still do not know when the Board of Review will open Wheeling Township for review but we do know it will not be before assessment appeals to the Assessor have been processed and as of today, no Wheeling Township appeal results have been sent by the Assessor's Office.
- We are informed by the County Treasurer that her staff is working twelve hour days to complete first installment property tax bills which will be due by March 3rd and should arrive in the mailboxes by February 3rd.

Administrator Josephine Stellato reported:

- Faith Community Homes has sent a letter asking Wheeling Township to reconsider requiring an independent audit. They are a small agency with only \$100,000 in annual income and an audit would cost approximately \$8,000, which is about one year's benefit for a family. They are suggesting an Auditor's Review (which is not as comprehensive and not as costly) or an informal audit by Wheeling Township staff.
- A Village of Wheeling TIF was due to expire in May of 2008 however school districts 21 and 214 agreed to support an extension until 2019. The Village has declared an annual surplus of those TIF funds and Wheeling Township has received the following payments: Town Fund \$9,322; Road District \$2,944 and General Assistance \$2,208.
- The Winter 2009 edition of the Newsletter has been printed and is at the mail house; anticipated delivery to homes is February 9 thru the 13th.
- The Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast is Thursday, February 5, 2009 at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest from 7:15AM to 9:00AM.
- Statistics for the month of December 2009: 1,810 bus/medical van rides; 1,312 meals delivered; 39 in-office visits to the nurse; 37 home visits by the nurse; 1,006 visits to the food pantry.

MOTION #2: TO CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Trustee Domrzalski, to convene Executive Session, for purposes of personnel matters.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes...Motion #2 carried.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Schroeder announced that no Trustee selection was made to the Prospect Heights Fire Protection District. Wheeling Township will advertise the open positions, interview applicants, and appoint at either the February 24, 2009 or March 24, 2009 meeting.

APPROVAL OF IMRF RESOLUTIONS

MOTION #3: APPROVAL OF IMRF RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Trustee Domrzalski, seconded by Trustee Penner, to approve IMRF Resolution 2009-01 and 2009-02 as presented.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes...Motion #3 carried.

PACE VAN POOL CONTRACT APPROVAL

The Board discussed the PACE contract to acquire a new van thru the Vanpool program with PACE. Attorney Rogers will review the Harmless, Insurance and Indemnification section.

MOTION #4: APPROVAL OF PACE CONTRACT

Motion by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Trustee O’Connell, to approve the PACE contract, along with the \$1,000 deposit, pending review by attorney Rogers.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes...Motion #4 carried.

NON-BINDING ADVISORY REFERENDUM RESOLUTION

The Board discussed two non-binding Advisory Referendum Resolutions suggested by the Village of Palatine and a group of state legislators. The Board felt that more discussion was needed with regard to disconnecting from Cook County but agreed to include the resolution rescinding the increased 1% sales tax.

MOTION #5: NON BINDING REFERENDUM ON THE APRIL 9, 2009 BALLOT

Motion by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Trustee Schultz, to include the following question on the April 9, 2009 ballot:

“On July 1, 2008 Cook County began collecting a 1% sales tax increase. Do you support the continued collection of the 1% sales tax increase?
_____yes _____no”

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes...Motion #5 carried.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2009

Administrator Stellato presented the 2009 Holiday Schedule for approval. Also discussed were the Christmas schedules for the Village of Arlington Heights and the Townships of Schaumburg, Elk Grove, and Palatine. The consensus of the Board was to approve the schedule prescribed by the Township’s written Policy - Township offices will be closed in the afternoons on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve and all day on Christmas and New Years Eve.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

MOTION #6: AUDIT FOR THE CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Penner, seconded by Trustee Schultz, to approve Batch #12709, against the Cemetery Fund in the amount of \$1,136.69, to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Penner, Schultz, Schroeder, O'Connell, Domrzalski.

Nays: None...Motion #6 carried.

MOTION #7 AUDIT FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Motion by Trustee Penner, seconded by Trustee Schultz, to approve Batches 159, 160, and 161 against the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$38,899.56 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Penner, Schultz, Schroeder, O'Connell, Domrzalski

Nays: None...Motion #7 carried.

MOTION #8 AUDIT FOR THE TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Penner, seconded by Trustee Schultz, to approve Batches 251, 252, 253, 254, and 255 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$357,696.41, to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Penner, Schultz, Schroeder, O'Connell, Domrzalski

Nays: None...Motion #8 carried.

MOTION #9 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Domrzalski, seconded by Trustee Penner, to adjourn.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes...Motion #9 carried.

The regular meeting for Tuesday, January 27, 2009 was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

Josephine Stellato
Deputy Clerk

