

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for October 28, 2008, was held in the lower level Community Center, of the Township of Wheeling, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Supervisor Schroeder called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Ulreich called the roll and the following members were present: Supervisor Michael Schroeder, Trustee Michael Domrzalski, Trustee Ruth O'Connell, Trustee Kathy Penner and Joanne Schultz.

Also in attendance: Wheeling Township Assessor Dan Patlak, Wheeling Township Collector Steve Sharer, Wheeling Township Attorney Nanci Rogers and Wheeling Township Director of Administration and Finance Josephine Stellato.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those assembled joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION #1: APPROVAL OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

Motion by Trustee Penner, seconded by Trustee Schultz, to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2008 board meeting, as presented.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Assessor: Assessor Dan Patlak reported:

- The Assessor's office was consistently busy with three ongoing events. First, residents received tax bills in early October and bills were due November 3. Many taxpayers came in to inquire about exemptions to which they are entitled. Secondly, the County Assessor's office is open for 2008 assessment appeals for Wheeling Township. And, early voting brought many additional people into the Township building. Many of them came up to the Assessor's office for a combined visit. 510 walk-ins and 582 phone calls were tabulated for the month of October, 2008.

Clerk: Clerk Ulreich reported that the Early Voting site here at the Township has been very busy. Eight election judges, with fifteen touch screen voting machines, have had a total of 9,123 suburban Cook County residents cast their ballot. Today was an all time record with 985 voters.

Highway Commissioner: In the absence of Highway Commissioner Saewert, a written report was provided.

- Traffic and Street Sign replacements were ordered through Northfield Township Road District. A quote is being prepared.
- Bids were received on the Woodland Drive Drainage Ditch Restoration Project, but none were accepted.
- The low bidder on the Feehanville Drainage Channel Restoration Project was Copenhaver Construction, but the contract has not been awarded.
- Meetings included:
 - Cook County Inspectors and Cook County Commissioner to review projects being done in the Forest River Subdivision
 - Cook County Highway Department Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
 - Monthly Highway Commissioners Meeting
 - Forest River Association Meeting with Elaine Nekritz, State Representative and Arlan Juhl, IDNR, to answer questions on flood and drainage issues in Forest River based on the recent flood event.
 - Seven permits were issued and all projects are pending: two for new construction, one for a 2nd story home addition, one for a front deck with stairs and an above ground swimming pool and frame shed, one for rear yard drainage improvements, and two for fish ponds.
 - One grass height violation is pending and one work without permit violation is pending.
 - \$576.98 in revenue was received for traffic tickets issued by the Cook County Sheriff.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mrs. Stellato reported:

- The 5 Township Job Fair was held on October 2, 2008 and approximately 800 job seekers attended. Seventy-three people were hired as a result.
- The Mobile Dental Clinic was at the Wheeling Township Office 5 times in October. At the MDC Advisory meeting on October 6, it was announced that Ron Buck will retire at the end of the year. Also it was determined that cost per client would be increased to \$30.00 per visit effective November 1, 2008. A fixed dental site will open on Hicks and Northwest Highway in the beginning of

2009. MDC will be able to refer patients for more extensive procedures and the Mobile Dental Clinic will not be affected.

- Kristin Freeman started training with Sue Burlini on October 13, 2008.
- A meeting of the Cemetery Trustees was held October 20 and grounds maintenance was discussed. Bids for landscaping and tree trimming for the next budget are being sought. Three to four new trash bins for the cemetery will be ordered at a price not exceeding \$1000.00.
- Dave Carrell of Gallagher Benefits was met with to form an employee medical insurance pool with other townships. There is not enough participation to make the premium less than present payments. Quotes have been received for dental and life insurance that reduce cost by 32%.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

LEVY DISCUSSION

The Supervisor and Board reviewed the 2008 levy recommendations, which included options discussed at the levy workshop and Highway Commissioner Saewert's request for a zero percent increase levy for the Road District.

MOTION #2: PROPOSED ROAD AND BRIDGE TAX LEVY FOR 2008

Motion by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Trustee Domrzalski, to adopt a tentative levy for Road and Bridge, in the amount of \$705,512.00, which reflects a zero percent (0%) increase.

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

MOTION #3: PROPOSED GENERAL ASSISTANCE TAX LEVY FOR 2008

Motion by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Trustee Penner, to adopt a tentative levy for General Assistance, in the amount of \$529,124, which reflects a zero percent (0%) increase.

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

MOTION #4: PROPOSED TOWN FUND TAX LEVY FOR 2008

Motion by Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Trustee Penner, to adopt a tentative levy for the Town Fund, in the amount of \$2,325,721.00, which reflects a 4.1% increase, or the CPI.

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

MOTION #5: AUDIT FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Motion by Trustee Penner, seconded by Supervisor Schroeder, to approve Batch #154, 155 and 156 against the Road and Bridge Fund, in the amount of \$9,629.85, to be paid.

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

MOTION #6: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Penner, seconded by Supervisor Schroeder, to approve Batch #102808, against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$1,156.75, to be paid.

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

MOTION #7: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Penner, seconded by Trustee Domrzalski, to approve Batch #239, 240, 241, 242, 243 and 244, in the amount of \$317,012.58, to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Penner, Domrzalski, O'Connell, Schultz, Schroeder
NAYS: None...Motion #7 Carried.

MOTION #8: ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes...Motion #8 Carried.

The regular meeting for Tuesday, October 28, 2008, was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. The next scheduled board meeting is set for Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at 8:00 p.m.

Paula L. Ulreich
Wheeling Township Clerk

