

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for September 22, 2009, was held in the Community Room, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Supervisor Schroeder called the meeting to order at 8:03 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 Trustee JoAnne Schultz.

Also in attendance: Wheeling Township Assessor Dan Patlak, 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 – AUGUST 25, 2009

Motion by Trustee Schultz, seconded by Trustee Domrzalski, to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2009 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 Cook County Treasurer anticipates a due date for 2008 2nd Installment Tax Bills no earlier than November 16, 2009. Final figures to print the bills have not been received. After other agencies complete their calculations and testing, the Treasurer's Office will make an official public announcement of the due date in the media, on their web site and through their automated phone system.
- Homeowner exemptions will now be worth \$5500 up from \$5000. The senior exemption will now be worth \$4000 up from \$3500.
- The Legislature passed a bill changing the amount of 1st Installment Tax Bills in Cook County from one-half to 55% of the previous year's property tax bills.
- 2009 Assessment Notices for Wheeling Township have not yet been mailed by the Cook County Assessors Office. As yet there is no scheduled date for

the mailing, but it is anticipated in late October or early November. Upon mailing, the appeal process opens immediately for 30 days. Property owners are strongly encouraged to file appeals on-line at the County Assessor's website. The Wheeling Township Assessors Office will receive online appeal training from the County in the near future and prior to the mailing date for Wheeling Township notices.

- 2009 notices for residential properties will reflect both a lowered assessed value and lower percentage of market value (10% vs. 16%). For commercial properties, although assessments will be at 25% vs. 38% of market value, assessed values should stay the same. The new market values will be higher for both types of properties reflecting more realistic figures than previously used by the Cook County Assessors Office.
- Many local property owners are still unaware that the Rolling Meadows branch of the Cook County Assessors Office has closed. The Skokie branch still provides services to suburban residents. No scheduled date has been given for its closing.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Scott Saewert was absent but submitted the following report :

- Traffic and street sign replacement projects are on hold.
- The Ellen Drive Resurfacing Project is in process. Shoulder road grinding work has been completed and final paving will be done later in the week.
- Engineering plans for the Hill Street Drainage Ditch Restoration and the Graylynn Drive Drainage Ditch and Road Reconstruction have been submitted to the Cook County Highway Department for review.
- Cook County Inspectors were met with to review projects being done and permit violations in the unincorporated areas.
- Procedures were followed for receiving grant funds from DCEO/IDOT for road drainage and resurfacing projects.
- IDOT was met with concerning procedures for receiving ERP grants.
- The Upper Des Plaines River Advisory Committee Meeting in Chicago was attended.
- Two permits, one for a concrete driveway and one for a building addition are pending.
- No permit violations are pending.
- No revenue was collected.

Clerk: Clerk Paula Ulreich announced that residents may now stop by the Clerk's Office to pick up birth, death and marriage certificate applications. They can also be downloaded from the Cook County Clerk's website. To obtain a marriage license, a couple must go in person to a Cook County location to apply.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mrs. Stellato reported:

- Lutheran Services-Behavioral Health representatives attended a Wheeling Township General Assistance staff meeting to update employees on the services they provide to residents. Behavioral Health Services moved to Schaumburg last year but have agreed to use a room in the Township building for sessions if a client has difficulty with transportation. They have also employed a bilingual counselor, making it easier for Spanish speaking residents to access the service.
- Mike Stanberry, an Eagle Scout candidate, is completing work at the Township cemetery for his service project. He is in the process of removing a fence and will clear brush and weeds on the north side of the cemetery.
- An employee CPR recertification class will be held on Wednesday, September 23 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Township's large meeting room. Prospect Heights Fire Protection District firemen will conduct the training and a pizza dinner will be served. A grant from the Illinois Public Risk Fund will pay for expenses and a donation to the fire district for their services.
- The Township buses have been involved in three minor accidents recently. No passengers or drivers were injured in these accidents, and no Township drivers were at fault.
- Statistics for the month of August, 2009 were: 2,221 bus and medical van rides given and 1,271 Meals on Wheels delivered.
- A letter has been received from CEDA letting the Township know that they have received additional funding for Head Start and would like to transfer any carry over from "Head Start" funding to "Housing" because housing is up 30%, due to the economic climate.

AUDIT

MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Motion by Trustee Schultz, seconded by Trustee Penner, to approve Batch #176, against the Road and Bridge Fund, in the amount of \$69,528.92, to be paid.

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

MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Schultz, seconded by Trustee Penner, to approve Batch #276, 277 and 278, against the Town Fund, in the amount of \$167,617.59, to be paid.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

FUNDING OF SENIOR TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION

Mrs. Stellato began the discussion of funding for senior/disabilities transportation by outlining the services which are provided by the Township.

The transportation department provides door to door and route service to qualified residents of Wheeling Township. The route bus goes north through Wheeling and south through Arlington Heights, making stops at Dominick's, Jewel, Walgreens, the Arlington Heights Senior Center, the Wheeling Pavilion and various senior housing complexes.

There is a need for a new, larger bus for the route service. One of the present buses used for these routes, which is owned by the Township, is nine years old with high mileage. (Our smaller vehicles are leased from PACE but larger ones are not available.) The transportation department feels a larger vehicle, with 14 seats would provide adequate space for our residents. Of the 14 seats, lifts would be included, making seating capacity for 10.

Trustee Domrzalski asked if we have the money in the budget to purchase the bus. To purchase such a vehicle, the Township would like to use the \$75,000 allocation provided by the Highway Department. The transfer of funds would be necessary before the purchase would transpire. Supervisor Schroeder will ask Kris Freeman, Director of Senior and Disability Services to make a presentation at the next board meeting demonstrating why the bus funding from the highway department funding is critical.

MOTION #4: ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The regular meeting for Tuesday, September 22, 2009, was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. The next scheduled board meeting is set for Tuesday, October 27, 2009, following the Human Services agency presentations which begin at 6:00 p.m.

Paula L. Ulreich
Wheeling Township Clerk

