

Wheeling Township
Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2017

CALL TO ORDER The 167th Annual Township meeting, held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at the Wheeling Township Hall, Paula Ulreich Meeting Room, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois, was called to order by Clerk Joanna Gauza at 8:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The NJROTC High School District 214 posted the colors and Clerk Gauza led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. She then introduced the color guard and thanked the NJROTC for their service.

READING OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE Clerk Gauza read the Public Notice which stated that notice is hereby given to Wheeling Township in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town meeting of said Township will take place on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at the hour of 8:00 p.m., at the Wheeling Township Paula Ulreich Meeting Room, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois; with a Call to Order; the Pledge of Allegiance; Election of a Moderator; Passing Resolutions for the Time of the next Annual Town Meeting, Senior Citizen Services, and to Authorize the Township Board to Purchase Liability Insurance; Officials' Reports; and adjournment. The Public Notice was posted in two locations, in the newspaper, and on Wheeling Township's Website.

MEETING PROCEDURES Clerk Gauza asked the audience if Wheeling Township residents had signed the "Voters Affidavit" and if guests had signed in on the official "Guest List". Upon signing in, each Wheeling Township resident received an official blue card to use when voting on any issue brought up at the meeting. It was also pointed out that agendas and Wheeling Township Annual Reports, including the Financial Report, are available in the back of the room.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT Because of the change in the law, the Clerk did not have to read the Wheeling Township Annual Report. A hard copy of the Annual Township Financial Statement as part of the Annual Township Report was available for each elector to review.

NOMINATION OF A MODERATOR Clerk Gauza asked for nominations from the floor, to elect a moderator. A motion was made by Dan Patlak, seconded by Brian Medley, to nominate David Harris as moderator. Clerk Gauza asked, "Are there any other nominations for moderator?" Hearing none, motion was voted upon and carried unanimously.

State Representative Harris was then sworn in as moderator by Clerk Gauza.

The first order of business was Official's Reports:

OFFICIALS' REPORTS The Supervisor, Clerk, and Assessor presented their annual reports. Each elected official outlined the highlights for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2017. Moderator Harris introduced Joanna Gauza to give the Clerk's report.

CLERK Clerk Gauza highlighted services provided by the Clerk's Office, including, voter registration, early voting, FOIA, notary of documents, and the sale of vehicle stickers for unincorporated Wheeling Township. She further explained how the Clerk's Office provides information to the public on elections and the vehicle stickers for unincorporated areas of Cook County.

She thanked staff members Deputy Clerk Jo Stellato, Linda Hallett and Bonnie Niedert for their assistance throughout the year.

Next, Clerk Gauza introduced Kathy Penner to give the Supervisor's report.

SUPERVISOR Supervisor Penner welcomed everyone in the audience and expressed her appreciation for their attendance this evening. She then expressed the Township's heartfelt thanks for Supervisor Michael Schroeder's fifteen years of dedicated and outstanding service to the Township. She also acknowledge that Mike lost his battle with cancer since the last annual meeting. Among his many accomplishments, he took special pride in was the mobile dental clinic. This year, a new vehicle was purchased and a plaque dedicated to Mike Schroeder was placed in the vehicle. She told the audience that Mike Schroeder remains in everyone's thoughts.

Supervisor Penner then gave a special thanks to Administrator Stellato for all her assistance during the transition when Supervisor Schroeder had to resign for health reasons. Supervisor Penner then referred the audience to the Annual Report for information about the services the

Township provides. She noted that in the November 2016 General Election, by a substantial majority, Township residents voted to abolish the Highway Commissioner position and responsibility for the some 5 miles of roads in unincorporated Wheeling Township became the responsibility of the Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2017. She stated that the Board expects no reduction in services to the unincorporated areas. She also thanked Scott Saewert for his many years of service as Highway Commissioner and Trustees Mike Domrzalski and Robert Hoban whose terms are ending. Supervisor stated she was extremely proud to work with a staff that provided many services to constituents while lowering the levies and keeping the budget flat. Supervisor Penner then introduced Assessor Jerry Sadler.

ASSESSOR Assessor Sadler noted that the Wheeling Township Assessor like all assessors in Cook County does not assess property taxes; rather Cook County assesses the taxes. Cook County is the only County of a 102 counties in Illinois that assesses taxes. Consequently, the Wheeling Township Assessor's office focuses on helping residents understand their rights and to appeal property tax assessments that are inaccurate. The Township Assessor's pays special attention to senior citizens and helps seniors file for their senior freeze and exemptions. Cook County closed its Rolling Meadows Office and without the township office, seniors and others would have to travel downtown to solve their issues and file documents. Last year the Township Assessor received some 10,000 visitors or telephone callers with tax issues. The Township Assessor's office assists with property tax appeals, exemptions, reporting building permits to the county, sales transfer sheets, and research for variances from local municipalities. The Assessor's Office has two full-time and two part time staff. Assessor Sadler introduced Chief Deputy Assessor Mary Sebastian. Assessor Sadler also introduced Deputy Assessor Julie Lipka and Barb Brasman, Kim Bliff, Jane Bernard, and Kathy Sloan.

Moderator Harris urged the audience to look at the reports about all the services the township provides like the mobile dental clinic, LIHEAP, and the food pantry. These services really help residents. He introduced Supervisor Kathy Penner to recognize Honor donors.

Honor Donors Supervisor Penner first recognized Arlington Heights Rotary. For the past decade, the Rotary has provided 75 food baskets annually for Thanksgiving, countless refurbished bicycles, and hundreds of cloth bags to the food pantry to help with the environment. Last year, the Rotary held quarterly food drives to help when the food pantry ran low. They embody the motto "Service Above Self." Supervisor Penner presented the award to Arlington Heights Rotary President Jim Bertucci.

Supervisor Penner next recognized Arlington Community Church. For the past 10 years, Arlington Countryside Church has been participating in the Township's adopt a family Christmas program. The Congregation families buy and wrap gifts for the less fortunate. They are neighbors sharing the joy of the holiday season. Supervisor Penner presented the award to the Congregation's pastor.

Supervisor Penner then recognized Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. The Church has engaged in a mission to wipe out hunger. In the last 5 years, Congregation members have donated food 32

times to the Wheeling Township food pantry. In the last two years they have increased their donations every month and raised \$2100 to purchase food. They are neighbors feeding neighbors. Supervisor Penner then presented the award to the pastor.

Supervisor Penner next recognized Prospect Heights Lions Club. Since 2012, the Lions have donated \$5400 to the food pantry to keep the shelves stocked with food. The Lions Club has also donated \$2200 since 2014 to help Meals on Wheels. The giving spirit of the Lions Club has helped countless individuals. Supervisor Penner then presented the award to the Club President Mark Toll.

Moderator Harris and Supervisor Penner then thanked the many social service agencies that assist Wheeling Township residents. Wheeling Township provides funding for social service agencies to assist thousands of Township residents with a variety of social services. Many of the agency representatives were present and introduced themselves and the services they provide including to the disabled, those with special needs, the homeless, seniors, families in need of counseling, women in crisis, individuals needing counseling assistance, and children in need.

Public Comments

A volunteer at the food pantry, Lorie, stated she should be celebrating Passover tonight, but needed to come and thank the Township for its bus program without which many who needed food could not get to the food pantry. She is proud to live in a Township that cares about its residents.

RESOLUTIONS were presented at this time.

SET THE TIME OF THE NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING A resolution was read by JoAnne Schultz, 2051 Oakwood Drive, Arlington Heights, to set the time for the next annual town meeting, as follows: “It is hereby resolved and ordered by the electors present at the Annual Town Meeting of Wheeling Township held this 11th day of April, 2017, that the time of the next Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of April, 2018, at 8:00 p.m., at a place to be designated by the Wheeling Township Board of Trustees.”

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION 2017-01 A motion was made by Joanne Schultz, and seconded by Mike Domrzalski, 1330 Indigo Drive, Mount Prospect, to adopt Resolution 2017-01, as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The next resolution brought before the electors for approval was for the Township to provide social services.

SOCIAL SERVICES A resolution was read by stating: “Whereas, the electors assembled at this Year 2016 Annual Town Meeting of Wheeling Township believe it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents that the Township contract with for-profit, not-for-profit or non-sectarian organizations to provide services for children, teens, seniors, disabled and low-income families. Now therefore, be it hereby resolved, by the electors present at this Annual Town Meeting of Wheeling Township that the Wheeling Township Board of Trustees is authorized to contract with for-profit, not-for-profit, or non-sectarian organizations to provide funds for services for children, teens, seniors, disabled and low-income families during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.”

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION 2017-02 A motion was made and seconded by Mike Domrzalski to adopt Resolution 2017-02 as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Moderator Harris then asked for a resolution to be brought before the electors authorizing the board to purchase liability insurance.

LIABILITY INSURANCE A resolution was read by Tom Gauza, 410 E. Sunset Drive, Arlington Heights, which stated: “Whereas, the electors are empowered under 60 ILCS 1/30-42, as amended, to provide for the purchase of insurance, any loss or liability of any officer, employee or agent of the Township resulting from any wrongful or negligent act of any such officer, employee or agent while discharging against or engaging in his duties and functions and acting within the scope of his duties and functions as an officer, employee or agent of the Township; and whereas, it is in the best interests of the Township to provide for such insurance; it is, therefore, resolved by the electors assembled at an Annual Meeting as follows:

1. That the Township Board is authorized to purchase insurance against any loss or liability of any officer, employee or agent of the Township resulting from the wrongful or negligent act of any such officer, employee or agent while discharging or engaging in his duties and functions as an officer, employee or agent of the Township.
2. That the term “insurance” herein shall include traditional insurance policies and programs as well as any self-administered insurance funds, risk management associations, risk retention groups, which are in the nature of insurance and provide for the protection anticipated herein.

3. That this resolution shall not be construed to limit any of the Township Board's powers under 745 ILS 10/9-101, et seq.

4. That this resolution shall remain in full force and effect unless and until modified amended or repealed at a subsequent Annual or Special Meeting of electors.”

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION 2017-03 A motion was made by Tom Gauza, 410 E. Sunset Drive, Arlington Heights, and seconded to adopt Resolution 2017-03. Motion carried unanimously.

Moderator Harris asked if there was any other business to present. Being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN A motion was made by Dan Patlak and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Moderator Harris thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Upon adjournment, a reception followed, including cake and coffee.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joanna M. Gauza", written over a horizontal line.

Joanna M. Gauza

Wheeling Township Clerk