

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for April 26, 2016 was held in the Paula Ulreich Meeting Room, in the Township of Wheeling, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Supervisor Penner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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

Absent: None.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Penner led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- Attorney Rogers opened a public hearing for Town and General Assistance Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2016-01. Nobody from the public wished to speak. The hearing was closed at 8:05 p.m.
- Road District Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2016-02 hearing was opened by Nancy Rogers. None of the public spoke to address the budgets. The hearing was closed at 8:06 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **MOTION # 1: APPROVAL OF AMENDED MEETING MINUTES – March 22, 2016**

Motion by Trustee Hoban, seconded by Trustee Schultz, to approve the amended minutes of February 23, 2016, by adding 'submitted a written statement' under Citizens To Be Heard, first and second paragraph, last sentence.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Hoban, Schultz, Domrzalski, O'Connell, Penner  
NAYS: None....Motion # 1 Carried.

## **AUDIT**

### **MOTION # 2: AUDIT FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND**

Motion by Trustee Schultz, seconded by Trustee Hoban, to approve batch #383, and #384 against the Road and Bridge Fund, in the amount of \$20,708.30 to be paid.

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

**MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND**

Motion by Trustee Schultz, seconded by Trustee Domrzalski, to approve batch #42616 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$9.37 to be paid.

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

**MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND**

Motion by Trustee Schultz, seconded by Trustee Domrzalski, to approve batch #571, #572, and #573 against the Town Fund, in the amount of \$225,169.37 to be paid.

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

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

None

**OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

**ASSESSOR:** The report Assessor Sadler was:

- The results from the BOR 2015 appeals for Wheeling Township have been finalized. Any reductions in the assessed values from successful appeals will be reflected on the second installment bills due to be mailed in July.
- Cook County Assessor's Office mailed out reminder post cards to any seniors who failed to renew their senior homestead or senior freeze exemption. Assessor's visitors increased due to this mailing. Assessor's Office assisted approximately 225 seniors with these cards. This is in addition to the seniors who were helped earlier this year and some who came in without the cards.
- At this point, taxpayers must also file a certificate of error form for the homeowner or senior exemption. They will receive a tax bill without the exemptions initially, but will then receive a revised bill shortly thereafter.
- The disabled veterans' exemption has increased. Now disabled veterans with 30-40% disability save \$2,500 in EAV, 50-69% save \$5,000 in EAV, 70-100% pay no taxes at all.

- The Department continues to review for costs and efficiencies for potential projects.
- Visitors to date: 701
- Phone Calls: 610
- Rep. Lou Lang had a bill introduced in the Illinois Legislature to exempt Assessors in Cook County from the education requirements. Whether this bill will pass and become law remains to be seen.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Highway Commissioner Saewert reported:

- Road Projects:  
Continuing to review costs and efficiencies for potential projects.
- Meetings and Activities:  
Worked with Cook County Building and Zoning, Forest River Sanitary District and MWRD to review projects being done and permit violations in the unincorporated areas.
- Met with Commissioner Tim Bluer and his Deputy Commissioner Michael Fazio from Cook County Building and Zoning. Discussed buyouts for flood prone properties in Forest River Subdivision.
- Permits  
Replaced Comcast CATV Cable in M.t Prospect..... completed.
- Permit and Traffic Ticket Revenue Receipts:  
Permits.....\$ 35.00  
Traffic Tickets issued by Cook County County Sheriff.....\$ 200.50  
\$ 235.50

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Administrator Stellato reported:

- There have been numerous emails from METRO Townships regarding legislation that impacts townships. The METRO lobbyist is asking that the Wheeling Township contact our Legislators.
  - Senate Bill 2701 (Althoff) pertains to IMRF participation by elected officials. Most METRO Township elected officials do not meet the annual hourly requirement, so they do not participate. If passed, Townships with elected officials participating in IMRF will be required to pass a resolution stating the number of hours the official must work, as well as require the official to keep records of hours worked. The only Wheeling Township elected official presently on IMRF is the Highway Commissioner.
  - HB 696 (Franks), which passed the House, freezes property taxes without an expiration date.
- 189 people were in attendance at the Volunteer and Donor Recognition Luncheon that took place on Friday April 22. The total spent for the venue, food, and other expenses was \$8,068.03. The total value of wages saved because of the time volunteered was over \$150,000.00.
- Under the TRIP agreement, Wheeling Township is allocated \$60,000 of the \$250,000 grant for medical transportation outside township boundaries. In February 2015 Wheeling Township had 90 TRIP rides provided. In February

2016, Wheeling Township had 263 rides. At this rate, we will be above the allocation shortly and will have to deny new ride reservations because of the lack of funding. The funding comes from the State and many rides are to VA facilities.

- Statistics for the month of March 2016:

2,147 rides provided – 958 Dial-a-Ride, 1,189 Medical Van  
263 TRIP rides  
1,476 Meals Delivered  
536 Visits to the Food Pantry-1,122 people fed  
27 LIHEAP applications processed  
81 Easter Baskets dispensed  
26 Mobile Dental Clinic Applications Processed

Large Donations Received:

Nanosphere – food (3,600 lbs.)

TopCo – 185 boxes of food

Lutheran Church of the Cross – 37 boxes of food

Lutheran Church of the Good Shephard – 41 boxes of food

Volunteer hours in the Food Pantry – 398 hours

**MOTION #5: TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS COMPENSATION OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES**

Motion by Trustee Domrzalski pursuant to Open Meetings Act to move to Executive Session to discuss compensation for specific employees, seconded by Trustee Hoban.

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

**MOTION #6: TO END THE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS COMPENSATION OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES**

Motion by Trustee Hoban pursuant to Open Meetings Act to end Executive Session to discuss compensation for specific employees, seconded by Trustee Domrzalski.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION #7: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2016-05**

Motion by Trustee O'Connell, seconded by Trustee Domrzalski, to Rescind Resolution 80-90 for Supervisor Participation in IMRF.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MOTION #8: TO ADOPT TOWN FUND AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET FOR 2016-17**

Motion by Trustee Schultz, seconded by Trustee Hoban, to adopt Town Fund and General Assistance Budget #2016-01 for 2016-17 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Schultz, Hoban, Domrzalski, O'Connell, Penner  
NAYS: None....Motion # 8 Carried.

**MOTION #9: TO ADOPT ROAD DISTRICT AND BRIDGE BUDGET FOR 2016-17**

Motion by Trustee Hoban, seconded by Trustee Domrzalski, to adopt Road and Bridge Budget #2016-02 for 2016-17 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Hoban, Domrzalski, Schultz, O'Connell, Penner  
NAYS: None....Motion # 9 Carried.

**MOTION #10: ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes....Motion #10 Carried.

The meeting for Tuesday, April 26, 2016, was declared adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next regular scheduled board meeting is set for Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza  
Wheeling Township Clerk

