

WHEELING TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**1616 N. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60004**

COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOM

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012
8:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
- IV. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR
- V. RESOLUTIONS
 - A. Time of Annual Town Meeting
 - B. Social Services
 - C. Authorize Township Board to Purchase Liability Insurance
- VI. OFFICIALS' REPORTS
- VII. TOWNSHIP'S POWER POINT DEMONSTRATION
- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. Tour of New Food Pantry following adjournment
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

Wheeling Township
Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2012

CALL TO ORDER The 163th Annual Town meeting, held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at the Wheeling Township Community Center, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois, was called to order by Clerk Paula Ulreich at 8:00 p.m. She requested the audience to please silence all cell phones during the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Clerk Ulreich introduced Scout Troop 161 from Our Lady of the Wayside to present the colors. Members of the troop included: Assistant Scout Masters Dan Mongo and Dan Sioui, Brendan Brady, Tyler Mongoven, Johnny Penner, Joey Sioui and Alex Weidner. After the presentation of the colors, the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

READING OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE Clerk Ulreich read the Public Notice which stated: "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 10, 2012 at the hour of 8:00 p.m., at the Wheeling Township Community Center, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois; for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said township, and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of the law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Time of the next Annual Town Meeting, Senior Citizen Services, to Authorize the Township Board to Purchase Liability Insurance, provide a power point presentation and a tour of the new Food Pantry." Published in the Daily Herald, March 30, 2012.

MEETING PROCEDURES Clerk Ulreich asked the audience if all Wheeling Township residents have signed the "Voters Affidavit" and guests have signed in on the official "Guest List". Upon signing in, each Wheeling Township resident should have 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 are available in the back of the room next to the sign in table.

Clerk Ulreich explained that three motions will be brought before the residents and one has a change from the norm. Resolution 2012-02, setting the time of the next annual town meeting, has been changed from the second Tuesday of April to the third Tuesday of April. This is due to the 2013 township election which will be held on the second Tuesday of April.

INTRODUCTION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS The Clerk introduced the Wheeling Township elected officials present at the meeting: Supervisor Michael Schroeder, Assessor Jerry Sadler, Highway Commissioner Scott Saewert, Trustees Ruth O'Connell, Joanne Schultz, Kathy Penner, Mike Domrzalski and Collector Ken Jochum.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT As is the duty of the Town Clerk, Mrs. Ulreich read aloud, to the electors, the "Annual Financial Statement of the Township Supervisor", which included fund balances beginning March 1, 2011 and ending February 29, 2012; the recap of cash and expenditures by vendor, for the Town Fund, Cemetery Fund, General Assistance Fund, Road District Fund, Emergency Fund and Township Report, Inc. Fund balances as of February 29, 2012 are:

Town Fund	\$ 4,576,914.39
Cemetery Fund	\$ 1,830.61
General Assistance Fund	\$ 1,036,768.33
Road District Fund	\$ 683,213.80
Emergency Fund	\$ 80,626.34
Township Report, Inc.	\$ 7.60

The Clerk reminded those assembled that a hard copy of the Annual Financial Statements, containing detailed line items, are available to each elector in the Annual Report packet.

NOMINATION OF A MODERATOR Clerk Ulreich reminded all Wheeling Township residents that, in order to vote, they will be asked to raise their blue card after a motion and second is made. She then asked for a motion to elect a moderator.

A motion was made by Ruth O'Connell, 3123 N. Windsor, Arlington Heights, seconded by Dan Patlak, 113 Berkshire Dr., Wheeling, to nominate Ken Jochum as moderator. Clerk Ulreich asked, "Are there any other nominations for moderator?" Hearing none, motion was voted upon and carried unanimously (30). Mr. Jochum was then sworn in as moderator by the Clerk.

Moderator Jochum explained that the first order of business was the approval of a resolution to set the time of the next Annual Town Meeting.

SET THE TIME OF THE NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING A resolution was read by Dan Patlak, 113 Berkshire Dr., Wheeling, 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 10th day of April, 2012, that the time of the next Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of April, 2013, at 8:00 p.m., at a place to be designated by the Wheeling Township Board of Trustees.

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION 2012-02 A motion was made by Dan Patlak, 113 Berkshire, Wheeling, seconded by Rob Sherman, 778 Stoneridge Lane, Buffalo Grove,

to adopt Resolution 2012-02, as read. Motion carried unanimously (32-0). Copy attached.

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

SOCIAL SERVICES A resolution was read by Scott Saewert, 207 Elm Street, Prospect Heights, stating: "Whereas, the electors assembled at this Year 2012 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 2012-2013 fiscal year."

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION 2012-03 A motion was made by Scott Saewert, 207 Elm Street, Prospect Heights, seconded by JoAnne Schultz 2051 Oakwood, Arlington Heights, to adopt Resolution 2012-03 as read. Motion carried unanimously (33-0). Copy attached.

Moderator Jochum 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 Jerry Sadler, 815 Tanglewood, 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 the 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 2012-04 A motion was made by Jerry Sadler, 815 Tanglewood, Arlington Heights, seconded by Rob Sherman, 778 Stoneridge Lane, Buffalo Grove, to adopt Resolution 2012-04, as presented. Motion carried unanimously (33-0). Copy attached.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS The Supervisor, Clerk, Assessor and Highway Commissioner presented their annual reports. Each elected official outlined highlights for the fiscal year ending February 29, 2012. Moderator Jochum introduced Paula Ulreich to give the Clerk's report.

CLERK Clerk Ulreich highlighted services provided through the Clerk's Office, including: voter registration; the deputy registrar program; early voting and the sale of vehicle stickers for unincorporated Wheeling Township. She explained the change in registering new residents to vote and described the new records storage facility. Lastly, she thanked and introduced staff members Deputy Clerk Jo Stellato, Assistant to the Clerk Lorrie Huber, Linda Hallett and Bonnie Niedert for their assistance throughout the year.

Next, Moderator Jochum introduced Jerry Sadler to give the Assessor's report.

ASSESSOR Assessor Sadler outlined the number of services the Wheeling Township Assessor's office provides:

- Assisting taxpayers with the filing of appeals through the Cook County Assessor's office and the Cook County board of Review
- Verifying applications for homeowners, senior Freeze, returning veterans, disabled persons and longtime homeowners exemptions.
- Reporting all building permits to the Cook County Assessor office.
- Assisting with applications for certificates of error.
- Researching for taxpayers applying for variances from their local municipality.
- Assisting with name and address changes for the Cook County Treasurer Office.

Assessor Sadler explained that the greatest task for the staff during the 2011/2012 fiscal year was servicing the large number of taxpayers who came to the office with property tax concerns. He gave specific numbers of residents served, as outlined in his written report. He explained the purpose of the Sidwell maps, which are legal descriptions of every property in Wheeling Township and variances handled by the Assessor's Office for those making improvements to their property. He also described permits, senior renewals, and sales pin numbers which are handled through his office.

Lastly, Assessor Sadler introduced his staff: Chief Deputy Assessor, Jane Bernard and Deputy Assessor, Mary Sebastian, and his part time staff; Jane Cazel, Julia Lipka, Cathy Sloan, and Gail Wascho.

Moderator Jochum then introduced Scott Saewert to give the Highway Department report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Highway Commissioner Saewert explained that the Highway Department services the roads in unincorporated Wheeling Township within four subdivisions. He has signed contracts to provide street snow plowing with various municipalities and various road construction projects. He was pleased to report that his budget is the same as last fiscal year, so the highway department taxes will not go up and there is "money in the bank". His detailed report is included in the Annual Report packet.

Lastly, Moderator Jochum introduced Michael Schroeder to give the Supervisor's report.

SUPERVISOR Supervisor Schroeder welcomed everyone in the audience and expressed his appreciation for their attendance this evening. He provided his written annual report for audience review. He then introduced his staff members in attendance: Linda Hallett, Administrative Assistant; Bonnie Niedert, Receptionist; Maryann Hernandez, caseworker, Cyndi Anderson, Caseworker; Jane Tischler, Assistant Director of General Assistance; Kris Freeman, Director of Senior/Disabilities; Chris Guth, Assistant Director of Senior/Disabilities; Karen McNeir, Nurse; Edwin Tischer, Maintenance; tom Anderson, Security; Fred Gablenz, Transportation Coordinator; Maggie Peshak, Assistant Transportation coordinator; Lenny Benedict, Bus Driver, Jeff Dillon, Bus Driver; John Prince, Bus Driver, Joe Messina, Bus Driver, Dwane Rakestraw, Bus Driver, Helga Genders, Accounting Assistant; and Jo Stellato, Director of Finance and Administrator.

Supervisor Schroeder took a few moments out to explain what an honor is was for him to attend an "Honor Flight" with his father, Frank Schroeder, who served in World War II and the Korean War. Supervisor Schroeder escorted his father to Washington D.C., where Frank was honored for his service to our country. He then explained that just as the men and women were honored in Washington, who claim they are not heros, (although we think they are), so are those who volunteer their time here at our township. They may not be in "harm's way" but they are serving those in need in our township.

Wheeling Township provides many social Services utilizing twenty two social service agencies, at a cost of \$825,000. We also provide in house programs such as the transportation program. Supervisor Schroeder recognized the Social Service agencies present and thanked them for their diligent service provided to our residents. Those present were:

- Lynnadah Lahey, Escorted Transportation

- Chris Smith, Hands On
- Greg Ford and Lou Walton, Faith Community Homes
- Kathy Peck, Catholic Charities
- Tom Eagan, Shelter
- Cathy Kerr, Avenues of Independence
- Bonnie O'Brien, Clearbrook Center
- Chrissy Raices, Center for Enriched Living
- Doryce McCarthy, Omni Youth
- Michelle McCullough, Salvation Army
- Howard Reicheneker, Countryside Association

The Supervisor shared the Township's newest tool, a power point presentation, outlining what Wheeling Township is all about, beginning with our mission statement "Neighbors helping neighbors" and continuing with the value of township government, our boundaries, and ending with all the services we provide. This presentation has been shared with various municipalities and received a positive response.

Special recognition was given to Flooring Resource Corporation for their generosity. Not only has the company donated money to the food pantry, but also donated the flooring and installation of the new food pantry facility.

Lastly, Supervisor Schroeder again thanked everyone for attending and invited them on a tour of the new food pantry following adjourning of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT Moderator Jochum asked if there was any other business to present. Rob Sherman addressed the audience stating his concern about the serious threat to raise our taxes by the proposal to extend Route 53 into Lake County. He stated that there is a proposal to put a toll on Rt. 53, in Cook County to help pay for the proposed construction of the highway in Lake County. He would like Wheeling Township officials to oppose such action.

Mr. Sherman also would like to see the home for the severely handicapped at Hintz and Schoenbeck Road provide their own transportation for their residents. He is concerned that their use the township's transportation system would monopolize the Township transportation system Monday through Friday.

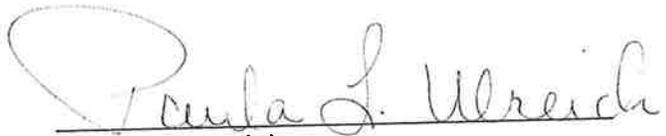
Moderator asked if there was any further business. Being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN A motion was made by Dan Patlak, 113 Berkshire, Wheeling, seconded by Jane Bernard, 1528 Richmond St. Arlington Heights, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Moderator Jochum thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Upon adjournment, a reception followed, including cookies and coffee and the food pantry tour.



Moderator



Paula L. Ulreich
Wheeling Township Clerk