

WHEELING TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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

PAULA ULREICH MEETING ROOM

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016
8:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

IV. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

V. OFFICIALS' REPORTS

VI. HONOR DONORS

- A. Arlington Heights Memorial Library**
- B. Arlington Heights Park District**
- C. Village Bank and Trust of Arlington Heights**
- D. Riley Elementary School**
- E. Prospect Heights Garden Club**

VII. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Time of Annual Town Meeting**
- B. Social Services Funding**
- C. Authorize Township Board to Purchase Liability Insurance**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Wheeling Township
Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER The 167th Annual Township meeting, held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 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 American Legion Post 208 posted the colors and Clerk Gauza led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Gauza introduced Mr. Greg Padavoni from American Legion Post 208 in Arlington Heights. Mr. Padavoni shared a few words with the audience about the planned May 30 Memorial Day parade and celebration to honor veterans. The Grand Marshall will be the Commander of Great Lakes, Rear Admiral Stephen Evans. Guests will include two wounded warriors. Signs thanking veterans will be displayed along the Memorial Day parade route as a thank you to our veterans for their service and sacrifice.

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 12, 2016 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.

INTRODUCTIONS The Clerk introduced the Wheeling Township elected officials present at the meeting: Supervisor Kathy Penner, Clerk Joanna Gauza, Assessor Jerry Sadler, Highway Commissioner Scott Saewert, Trustee Ruth O'Connell, Trustee Joanne Schultz, Trustee Domrzalski and Trustee Robert Hoban.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT Because of last year's 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 Thomas Gauza, 410 East Sunset Drive, Arlington Heights, seconded by Robert Hoban, 1830 Camp McDonald Road, Mount Prospect, to nominate Ken Jochum as moderator. Clerk Gauza asked, "Are there any other nominations for moderator?" Hearing none, motion was voted upon and carried unanimously.

Mr. Jochum 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 29, 2016. Moderator Jochum introduced Joanna Gauza to give the Clerk's report.

CLERK Clerk Gauza highlighted services provided by the Clerk's Office, including, voter registration, the deputy registrar program, early voting and the sale of vehicle stickers for unincorporated Wheeling Township. She further explained how the deputy registrar program works and how the Clerk's Office provides vehicle stickers for unincorporated areas of Cook County.

She thanked 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 noted that with the closing of Cook County's Rolling Meadows Assessor's office, the Wheeling Township Assessor's office assisted some 4000 visitors and an additional 4000 telephone callers with their tax issues. The Township Assessor's office has two full-time and two part time staff. Assessor Sadler introduced newly appointed Chief Deputy Assessor Mary Sebastian. Mary replaced Jane Bernard who recently retired. Assessor Sadler also introduced Deputy Assessor Julie Alipka and Barb Brasman. Assessor Sadler noted

that during the last fiscal year, the Assessor's Office processed 3953 permits and 1245 sales. The Office handled 8942 visits and telephone calls while filing property tax appeals for 650 persons directly and advising hundreds more individuals how to file tax appeals on their own. Wheeling Township residents face the triennial property tax assessment starting in about July. Cook County just finished assessing Palatine and Barrington Townships. The in Palatine and 18% in Barrington Township. Based on these assessments, Cook County is likely to increase Wheeling Township property assessments next year. Assessor Sadler also noted that tax rates may not go up that much so property taxes may not rise like the assessment values.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER Highway Commissioner Scott Saewert thanked his staff, Deputy Highway Commissioner Tom Nietzke and assistant Lorrie Huber. The Office serves areas not served by municipalities or 4 subdivisions with a thousand residents. The Office prides itself on customer service and efficiency. The office forms partnerships with other localities, including neighboring Townships and Villages, the County, the State of Illinois, and the federal government, to complete projects quickly and cost effectively. For example, the Office does storm water permitting, road maintenance, and structural improvements for river flooding. The details are in the Annual 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. Two accomplishments he took special pride in were bringing the food pantry to an exceptional level and the senior/disabled ride program. These programs helped thousands of Wheeling Township residents yearly. Mike's enthusiasm and dedication will be greatly missed. She told the audience that Mike Schroeder remains in everyone's

thoughts. Supervisor Penner then referred the audience to the Annual Report for additional details.

Administrator Jo Stellato then introduced the Wheeling Township staff and thanked them for their tremendous efforts throughout the year. Supervisor Penner then presented several awards thanking donors/volunteers for their efforts. The first award went to the Arlington Heights Memorial Library and was received by Deb Whisler. The Library has donated new children's books to the Township Christmas program since 1998 instilling the joy of reading to many children. The Arlington Heights Park District will receive an award for their volunteer efforts. Village Bank and Trust employees have been participating in the Wheeling Township adopt a family program since 2006. Their efforts have brighten many families' holidays with toys, clothes, and other gifts. The Bank also posts signs encouraging customers to help their neighbors over the last six years. The principal of Riley Elementary school accepted on behalf of the school. Riley has been the host for the Township's annual Make a Difference Day for children with special needs and their families. Riley's efforts provide a safe place for a day of fun and games. The 4th and 5th grade Supporting People in Need Program ("SPIN") provide handmade items for home bound Township residents that receive meals on wheels. These item brighten the lives of seniors and individuals with special needs. Finally, Prospect Heights Garden club received an award for creating floral arrangements for Prospect Heights residents receiving meals on wheels.

Supervisor Penner and Administrator Stellato then thanked the many social service agencies that assist Wheeling Township residents. Wheeling Township provides some \$900,000 in 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.

RESOLUTIONS were presented at this time.

SET THE TIME OF THE NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING A resolution was read by Dan Patlak, 113 Brookshire Drive, 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 12th day of April, 2016, that the time of the next Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of April, 2017, at 8:00 p.m., at a place to be designated by the Wheeling Township Board of Trustees."

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION 2016-01 A motion was made by Dan Patlak, 113 Brookshire Drive, Wheeling, seconded by Mike Domrzalski, 1330 Indigo Drive, Mount Prospect, to adopt Resolution 2016-01, as read. Motion carried unanimously (38-0).

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

SOCIAL SERVICES A resolution was read by Robert Hoban, 1830 Camp McDonald Road, Mount Prospect, 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 2016-2017 fiscal year.”

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION 2016-02 A motion was made by Robert Hoban, 1830 Camp McDonald Road, Mount Prospect, seconded by a resident to adopt Resolution 2016-02 as read. Motion carried unanimously (38-0).

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 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 2016-03 A motion was made by Tom Gauza, 410 E. Sunset Drive, Arlington Heights, seconded by Robert Hoban to adopt Resolution 2016-03. Motion carried unanimously (38-0) with a copy attached.

Moderator Jochum 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 Kathy Penner, 1002 W. Marion, Arlington Heights, and seconded by Joanne Schultz, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Moderator Jochum thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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

