

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Lake County, SS.
Warren Township

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF WARREN TOWNSHIP met at the Warren Township Office on January 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Suzanne Simpson	Supervisor
	Bill Gill	Town Trustee
	Mike Semmerling	Town Trustee
	Donna Radke	Town Trustee
	Ken Echtenacher	Town Trustee
	George Iler	Clerk

Also present:

Administrator Ryan Johnson, Business Manager Diane Sarver, Assessor Charlie Mullen, WSRA Executive Director Brenda Zeck, WSRA Superintendent Susan Markey, Myrtle Briggs and Jeff Kaufman.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Simpson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Simpson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Suzanne Simpson, Supervisor; Bill Gill, Trustee; Mike Semmerling, Trustee; Donna Radke, Trustee; and Ken Echtenacher, Trustee.

Motion to Approve the Agenda

Trustee Radke motioned, seconded by Trustee Semmerling to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Board Minutes of January 11, 2016

Trustee Echtenacher motioned, seconded by Trustee Semmerling to approve the board minutes of January 11, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Public Comment

Township resident Myrtle Briggs addressed the Board concerning the installation of our new LED sign. She was concerned it would be at the corner of Almond & Washington and be a traffic blocker because of its large size. Administrator Johnson & Supervisor Simpson corrected her misinformation concerning size and location. Another resident, Jeff Kaufman was concerned about the lack of school zone warning signs on Washington Street. Commissioner Rudd explained to him that the Township had no authority to erect signs since it is on State of Illinois right of way. He also was concerned he had not been informed

about the new sign. Trustee Semmerling informed him that information had been published in meeting minutes available on the Township web site and encouraged him to keep informed that way. Supervisor Simpson thanked both residents for their interest and input into Township operations.

Unfinished Business.

None

Supervisor's Report.

Supervisor Simpson informed the Board we have opted to continue with our current electric aggregation provider as long as the rate remains at 6% or less than ComEd's standard rate. Projections for resident's savings are \$5.00 per year.

Our current township consul Chuck Smith has been nominated to a Circuit Judge position and will be leaving us in February.

The CPI for the upcoming levy year will be .7

We were saddened to learn that our long-time insurance agent Don Carlson was seriously injured in an auto accident and passed away last week. His support and professionalism will be missed.

Treasurer's Report

Trustee Gill motioned, seconded by Trustee Radke to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote

New Business

A. Pay Bills. Trustee Echtenacher motioned, seconded by Trustee Semmerling to pay the bills as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

B. WSRA Presentation. Director Zeck and Superintendent Markey briefed the Board on space utilization at their Greenleaf location. The building is utilized Mon – Fri and some Saturdays every week. The Mon – Thu 47 week long Adult Day Program starts each day at 8:00am with PACE and family member drop-off and continues until 2:00pm when participants are picked up. Youth Services utilizes the same space evenings and on Friday and some Saturdays. The adult program utilizes the patio, kitchen, craft room, computer room and TV area. There is a great need for adult programming but due to funding restrictions the program can only accommodate participants who can handle a ratio of 4 participants to 1 staff. The program is currently full with 25 participants and 8 staff.

The building also is used for other programs including preschool, fitness, teen lock-ins, cooking, movie nights, special events, crafts, social events and summer day camps when the weather is inclement. Staff offices are located here. Other space is used for client waiting areas, workshops and board meetings. There has been an increase in participants from 105 to 148 in the last several years. Board members asked questions concerning funding. WSRA has been required to dip into their reserves each year because of a drop in the EAV and a decrease in Township funding. Supervisor Simpson thanked Director Zeck and Superintendent Markey for their continued excellent work and support.

C. Shred-t contract for May. Administrator Johnson presented the contract for May 21st Warren Township shredding event. It runs from 9:00am to 12:00pm and is open to all Township residents. The contract was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Appointment of Special Counsel. Supervisor Simpson requested the Board approve the law firm of Clark Baird Smith who currently provide service for both the Township and the Highway Department. These would be additional duties. Trustee Semmerling motioned, seconded by Trustee Echtenacher to approve the appointment as Special Counsel. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Trustee Gill motioned, seconded by Trustee Echtenacher to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

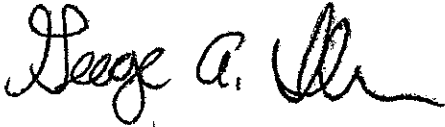
Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

George A. Iler
Township Clerk

“Providing exceptional services, enriching our community, improving lives”

Approved:


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