

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
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Warren Township

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF WARREN TOWNSHIP met at the Warren Township Office on September 12, 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, Highway Commissioner Jerry Rudd, Highway Operations Manager Amy Sarver, Assessor Charlie Mullin, Attorney James Hartman and approximately 70 public guests.

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 August 22, 2016

Trustee Semmerling motioned, seconded by Trustee Gill to approve the board minutes of August 22, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Senior Department Presentation. Senior Services Director Joanne Adams discussed the current state of programs and facilities. She highlighted the importance of the services provided to the Township senior residents for maintaining both physical and mental health. Every program is operating at full capacity and participants are waiting in line.

Joanne introduced Sheri Palmer, our Center social worker who outlined some of the programs she assisted including MEDICARE and Obamacare and the paperwork involved.

Several members of the audience including Janet Schwartz, Marion Walker, Sue Janda, Sheldon Falk and Rose Serrano expressed their satisfaction with the program and the very positive way it has enhanced their lives, both physically & emotionally. The various activities and interactions with others are both therapeutic and fulfilling. All agreed more physical space would be greatly appreciated to alleviate overcrowding.

Supervisor Simpson asked Trustee Gill to provide a brief overview of the Township's Strategic Plan for 2015-2018. Of special interest was Initiative #3 which calls for sustaining facility excellence and ensure that priorities meet current and future needs. It also states "In the current economic and political environment, funding for potential future capital improvements will be limited and will also need to compete with many other Township priorities in the planning and budget process. Therefore, opportunities to expand and enhance Warren Township facilities must be effectively prioritized so that limited funds can be appropriately designated.". In keeping with that guidance, Trustee Semmerling volunteered to design and conduct a survey for the Senior population regarding their current & future needs and desires.

5 Minute Recess. Supervisor Simpson called for a break before the meeting continued.

Unfinished Business.

None

Supervisor's Report. Lamb's Farm has expressed no interest in utilizing the residence located in the Delany Road property. The Township has been invited to and will attend an upcoming Homelessness task force meeting in Waukegan next week.

Treasurer's Report

Trustee Radke motioned, seconded by Trustee Semmerling 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 Gill to pay the bills as presented plus 1 add-on bill from Travel Services for bus service. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Park Bans.

None

Public Comment. In response to a vetoed law which would have required the Township to take over 3 miles of private road. It would have eaten up over 25% of the annual highway budget. The following comments were provided by audience members:

Tony Demonte – Gages Lake resident living in Warren Twp. for 15 years. Subdivision was established in 1927. Concerned about quality of private roads; narrow, pot holes. Not safe for school buses. Wants them adopted by Township. Wants improvement like everyone else. Frustrated by lack of governmental interest.

Terry Hall – The Township is trying to pit group against group, the haves versus the have-nots. The roads are unsafe for school buses. The Township is discriminating against certain residents.

Bonnie Neil – The whole issue is political. The information mailer provided false information. It is not non-partisan as stated. The Supervisor is unethical.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Trustee Echtenacher motioned, seconded by Trustee Semmerling to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

George A. Iler

Township Clerk

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

Approved:

George A. Iler
9/26/16