



Annual Town Meeting Minutes
Held at Winfield Township Highway Office
30W575 Roosevelt Road
West Chicago, IL 60185
April 10, 2018 at 7:00PM

- I. Township Clerk calls meeting to order at 7:00PM.
Clerk Prater explains how to use the red paddle for voting given to all voting members of the Township when they arrived and signed in.
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
 - III. Introduction of the Township elected officials: Highway Commissioner John Dusza, Assessor Mark Malay, Supervisor Dona Smith, Trustee Halley, Trustee Guglielmi, Trustee Alekna, and Trustee Voelz
 - IV. Clerk reads the Notice of Township Meeting published in the Daily Herald Newspaper
Trustee Voelz made a motion to waive the reading of the Notice/Article. Second by Trustee Alekna. No Discussion. All in favor; no oppose. Motion carries.
 - V. Clerk appoints a Sergeant of Arms.
Clerk Prater appointed Phil Bergman.
 - VI. Clerk conducts the nomination and election of a Moderator of the Meeting.
Trustee Guglielmi made a motion to have Burt Minor as moderator for the Annual Town Meeting. Second by Trustee Halley. No Discussion. No other nominations for Moderator. All in favor; no oppose. Motion carries.
Clerk Prater entertained a motion to close nominations for Moderator. Motion made by Highway commissioner John Dusza. Second by Trustee Voelz. No Discussion. All in favor; no oppose. Motion carries.
 - VII. Clerk Administers the Oath of Office to the Moderator, Moderator signs oath form and assumes duties of Moderator of meeting. Mr. Minor made his way to the podium and Clerk Prater administered the Oath for Moderator. Mr. Minor raised his right hand. Clerk Prater asked,
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“Do you solemnly swear that you will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of Moderator at the Annual Town Meeting so help you God?” Mr. Minor responded with “I do” and signed the Oath.

Mr. Minor continued the meeting

VIII. Discussion and Approval of Minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting (April 11, 2017)

Trustee Alekna made motion to approve the minutes from last year’s Annual Town Meeting April 11, 2017. Second by Trustee Guglielmi. No Discussion. All in favor; no oppose. Motion carries.

IX. Reading and Discussion of Financial Statement.

Mr. Minor advised per State law 60 ILCS, the Clerk posted a copy of the Supervisors’ Annual Financial Statement at the meeting room on 4/6/2018, two days prior to Annual Town Meeting. Therefore, we are not obligated to read the Financial Statement as long as copies are provided to the public.

X. Report of Township Assessor Mark Malay. Mr. Minor introduced Assessor Mark Malay.

Assessor Mark Malay thanked everyone for coming, notably his staff (Peggy, Chris and Ted), the Board and other elected officials. We work well together at Winfield Township.

Township government is a good branch of government for the people. Elected officials are accessible to the people and working for them. Does anyone have any questions about assessments? No response from crowd. Assessor Mark Malay thanked everyone and stated he is honored to be the assessor and sat down.

XI. Report of Township Highway Commissioner John Dusza. Mr. Minor introduced Highway Commissioner John Dusza.

Highway Commissioner John Dusza welcomed everyone to the Road district and thanked elected officials, his Crew, Mary Kay and Tina. In the Road district, we maintain all the roads in the unincorporated area of Winfield Township. We maintain 82 miles of road, 41 lane miles (82 if you count both ways). Last year we paved Northwood Subdivision. This year we are working on Woodland Subdivision/Whiskey Creek. It is a large area, a lot of work and effort. Estimates are \$1 Million, quite a bit of our budget this year. We finished our April brush pick-up. The next brush collection, 5/7, with leaves scheduled to be picked up on



11/12. Handbook is available online. If requested, it was mailed to you. Next recycling event is September 30, 2018. If anyone has any questions, I will be happy to take them. No one responded. Thanked everyone and sat down.

- XII. Report of Township Supervisor Dona Smith. Mr. Minor introduced Supervisor Dona Smith. Supervisor Dona Smith - When I registered to vote, my father took me to my first annual town meeting. It was both exciting and boring. Township Government is the oldest form of government since 1836, when people first came to the United States and In Illinois since 1850. Over 160 Annual Town Meetings have been held in Winfield Township. This is our opportunity to thank the people who support us and make what we do look easy. My right hand person Bev Day has been here for ten years. I could not do this without you. We have a new General Assistance Director Claudia who is amazing at what she does and is willing to take on more. Terry, the bus driver, has been with us for 5 years as an employee but has been driving a bus for 29 years. All have the knowledge but mostly the commitment to Township government. What makes our Township work is that everyone works together. That is what I love most about this job. Our senior bus has 261 riders and 25 caregivers that are registered for service. That number is up from last year and grows every year. The bus runs from 8 AM-4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. For \$4.00, riders can get three stops within the Township. Our tenth Open House was hosted here at the Road District. There were 140 people in attendance. There was a record number of eyeglasses and phones that were given; it was amazing.

The Township is a passport acceptance site. We have three employees who are trained in the passport process. There are different programs the Township participates in one being the coast-to-coast prescription card it is a card that people can get who are under-insured or not insured. They can use the card for prescription drugs and it can be used for pets as well. We started the program in October 2011, and we have average 70% cause net savings, which is a savings of \$415,000 to the citizens of Winfield Township. We assist financially DuPage's County Children's Center, Warrenville Youth and Family Services, Access DuPage, Meals On Wheels, CERT, WAYS (Special acknowledgement of Patricia Giardini Director for 32 years retiring this month). In Big Woods Cemetery on Eola Road, we have Civil War veterans



and a Revolutionary War Veteran there as well (Israel Warner). It is truly a pleasure to serve as Supervisor of Winfield Township. A big way we serve our Township is through General Assistance. I would like to call up Claudia Gabrels, our General Assistance Director to conclude the Supervisors Report.

General Assistance Director Claudia Gabrels addressed the audience with the different programs General Assistance provides.

General Assistance: state-mandated program which assists Township residents in need, while helping them become self-sufficient once again. A \$300 grant is paid on behalf of a qualified recipient as long as they are in program compliance: They have to be actively looking for jobs and participate in community work program (unless medically unable to work per their doctor; in that case they are to be pending Social Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Income (SSDI). If a Recipient is approved for SSI, the Township is reimbursed for the months that the applicant was eligible for SSI. If approved for SSDI, the Township cannot be reimbursed by the State. General Assistance (GA) recipients are not eligible for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act and therefore the Township does not have responsibility for medical needs as it has in the past. During FY17/18, 2 adults were recipients of GA grants; GA recipients may receive multiple grants over time, depending on their cooperation and determination of disability. These grants are always paid to landlords, grocery stores, utilities, etc. They are NEVER paid directly to the GA Recipient. 63 GA grants were paid in FY17/18 in the sum of \$6,098.

Emergency Assistance: a program allowed by law using General Assistance Funds. Emergency aid is allowable for basic needs such as rent, utilities, and groceries. Families or individuals may be approved every 12 months, with a lifetime limit of 5 years. The Township approved 143 cases meeting township guidelines issuing \$13,794 in FY 17/18.

Additional Assistance Grants: Assistance in the amount of \$7,346 was received from various donors. This money is used throughout the year for families/individuals in need.

Holiday Assistance Program: 84 families were invited to participate. Names came from Emergency Assistance program and local food pantry. 42 families were assigned to donors, 27 families were invited to shop at the Christmas Store at Puente Del Pueblo. 4 children ages 7-11 were also invited to shop with law enforcement.

Salvation Army: The budget for this year is \$5,000 for township residents in Winfield and West Chicago (south of Hawthorne Ln.) Wayne Township assists those who live north of Hawthorne Lane in West Chicago. Warrentville Youth & Family Services processes applications for Warrentville residents.

LiHeap (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) applications are processed through Winfield Township through an agreement with DuPage County. An average of 65 applications has been scheduled for the FY 17/18. This program continues until May 31, 2018 or until the money runs out.



Access DuPage (medical assistance program) Applications and renewals are also taken at Winfield Township. Averages of 30 applications were taken during the FY17/18. I am hopeful that the numbers will continue to grow because I am bilingual and I do speak Spanish. I am getting a lot more referrals. The Township is not paid for processing the LiHeap or Access DuPage applications.

Mr. Minor continued the meeting and asked if there were any public comments.

XIII. Public Comment (5 minute limit per person).

There were no public comments.

XIV. Mr. Burt Minor moved on with the meeting and recognized Trustee Don Voelz, who made the motion to set the next Annual Town Meeting for April 9, 2019. Second by Trustee Mike Guglielmi. No Discussion. All in favor; no oppose. Motion carries.

XV. Mr. Burt Minor asked if there is a motion to set time of any special meeting that may be called. No one responded; the meeting continued.

XVI. Mr. Burt Minor requested for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Halley motioned to Adjourn. Second by Trustee Barb Alekna. No discussion. All in favor; no oppose. Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned at 7:22PM

The Winfield Township does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment of employment in its programs or activities.
