

Wesley Township Board Minutes August 12, 2008

Supervisor Spears called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present were Supervisor Spears, Road Commissioner Rodawold, Clerk Vasko and Trustees, Donahue, Stetzo, and St. Jean. Trustee Kennedy and Assessor Rodawold were absent.

Trustee St. Jean motioned to accept the minutes from the July 8, 2008 meeting. Trustee Donahue seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ken Goodwin of Goodwin & McDonald then presented the annual audit. He said that the audit, ending March 31, 2008 was a "clean" audit. He gave the balances in each account, and stated that putting all funds together, Wesley Township took in \$12,292 more than it spent, discounting depreciation. Jack Rossi asked why we were doing an audit this time of year. Goodwin explained that while an audit is only required every four years, most lenders prefer that an annual audit be done. Trustee Donahue commented that he thought the tractor was paid off, Goodwin explained that the audit only went through March 31st 2008, and the tractor was paid off in April. Trustee St. Jean moved to accept the audit, seconded by Trustee Donahue. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Supervisor Spears presented the Township bills of \$2,072.58, \$140.00 for General Assistance and Assessor's bills of \$197 for a total of \$2,409.58. Trustee St. Jean made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion seconded by Trustee Stetzo. Roll call vote was taken – Donahue - yes, Stetzo- yes, St. Jean – yes, Spears – yes. Motion carried.

Road Commissioner Rodawold presented bills of \$11,708.15 from the Road Fund. He commented that the Sprint bill was not included, as Sprint's billing system was not working properly. Supervisor Spears made a motion to accept the road bills, seconded by Trustee St. Jean. Roll call vote was taken – Donahue – yes, Stetzo- yes, St. Jean – yes, Spears – yes. Motion carried.

Under old business, the Freedom of Information Act was tabled. Clerk Vasko reported that one FOI request had been received, however the information requested had to do with County building permits. The division of utilities bills was discussed. Trustee St. Jean said that after reviewing the electric bills, it appears that the electric is about 1/3 road and 2/3 town.

Supervisor Spears gave his report. He stated that Open Land sent Wesley a check for \$639.99 and \$11,672.67 representing 4 years of taxes on property purchased by the Forest Preserve. A FAX had been received for the County Clerk concerning early voting. Clerk Vasko reported that she would be available at the Township Hall from October 14 through and including Wednesday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for early voting. He also reported that he had paid \$30,729.04 to consolidate loans, no actual monies were spent. He explained that we needed to file an amended budget to include the \$2,000 that was added toward heating. He talked about quotes for a security system; they ranged from \$4,407 to \$6,950. He went over the "to-do" list, some of which has been done. Weeds have been cut down and new signs put up. He reported that if the hall is to serve as emergency shelter for any reason, a generator would be needed for lights, heat and water. He reported that a request should be put in for about \$15,000 for needed generator and installation. He spoke of a work party needed to put files away and a piece of gutter over the doors to divert water away from the entrances. He reported that 160 bills had been

mailed out for the tar and chip program. He has asked three heating companies for bids, all were too busy. He stated the need for a bulletin board and white board.

Dan Jay asked for clarification about the security system. Spears reported that smoke detectors, fire alarms, and burglar alarms that were hard-wired to the proper emergency people were needed, as well as a security camera outdoors to monitor the tanks of diesel fuel. Jay also asked about the heating system. Spears replied that he had asked four people for quotes, none have responded.

Supervisor Spears reported that the Forest Preserve has sent the checks to the old hall address. At that time Trustee St. Jean stated that he would like to recognize former Supervisor Jack Rossi for his efforts that led to receiving the money. His dedication was to be applauded.

Clerk Vasko reported that the Wesley Cemetery on Manteno Road was nominated as a County Landmark. She reported that the Board of Directors for the cemetery had said they did not want to be made a landmark, so that action was tabled.

Spears reported that \$72 was received from the writing of tickets in June.

Spears also reported that we will probably have to foreclose on the old Township garage, as the buyer has not made the balloon payment, nor communicated with the board in any way.

Public comments from June by Mr. Gorney about weeds and poor living conditions at a home in Lakewood Shores were addressed. Clerk Vasko had looked into it, and found that the County Department of Health would be the people to address the problem.

Dan Jay reported on the Land Use meeting. He said that there was nothing concrete to report. Progress was being made on a questionnaire and on a comprehensive report. The next meeting will be the 26th of August. Trustee St. Jean asked if anything had been received from the county on the Steffes situation. Nothing official had been received. Jay said that a discussion was had about the flow of information. The consensus of the discussion was that concerns should be sent to the Land Use first, and then sent to the Board.

Under citizens comment Vic Dingillo asked about road repairs on Albert Lane in front of his house. Road Commissioner Rodawold said that he had made an agreement with the city that they would give him the tax money and he would make repairs. To this date, he has not received that money. He also complained about his assessment from Wesley Township.

The next Town Board meeting will be on Sept 9, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by St. Jean, Donahue seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.