

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

BEFORE THE SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

IN RE THE MATTER OF:
2017 Annual Town Meeting

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had before the
Schaumburg Township Board of Trustees held at the
Vernon A. Laubenstein Town Hall, One Illinois
Boulevard, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, on the 18th day
of April, 2017, commencing at 6:45 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MS. MARY WROBLEWSKI, Supervisor
MS. DIANE DUNHAM, Trustee
MR. NIMISH JANI, Trustee
MR. JEFFREY S. MYTYCH, Trustee
MR. W. ROBERT VINNEDGE, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:

MR. TIMOTHY HENEGHAN, Township Clerk
MR. SCOTT KEGARISE, Highway Commissioner
MR. ROBERT SCHMIDT, Moderator

1 again. So if you could hold your applause until the
2 end. Ben Reynolds. We have identical twins here.
3 Thank you for doing this. Bodie Reynolds, Henry
4 Dombrowski, Austin Sandlair (ph), Kaden Pesiri,
5 Jackson Pesiri, Kevin Lane. Cindy Dombrowski is the
6 Committee Chair of Pack 399. Cindy, thank you. Brad
7 Reynolds, Assistant Cub Master.

8 Now let's give a round of applause
9 (Applause.)

10 CLERK HENEGHAN: Thanks, guys. Thanks Troop
11 399.

12 Can we have a few moments of silence
13 for the brave men and women who are serving in our
14 Armed Forces, and especially for those who have given
15 their lives fighting for the cause of freedom. Thank
16 you.

17 Our first order of business tonight
18 will be to nominate and elect a moderator.

19 Are there any nominations for a
20 moderator?

21 Can you stand and state your name
22 and address, please?

23 MR. WENIGER: Larry Weniger, 25 Leslie Lane,

1 Schaumburg.

2 I'd like to nominate Robert Schmidt,
3 otherwise known as Bob.

4 CLERK HENEGHAN: Second?

5 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER KEGARISE: I'll second.

6 CLERK HENEGHAN: State your name.

7 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER KEGARISE: Scott

8 Kegarise, 10 Essex Court, Schaumburg, 60194.

9 (847) 843-8365.

10 CLERK HENEGHAN: Is there any other
11 nominations on the floor for moderator?

12 (No response.)

13 CLERK HENEGHAN: Okay. Hearing none, then we
14 will have Mr. Schmidt come on up.

15 All in favor?

16 (Chorus of ayes.)

17 CLERK HENEGHAN: Any opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 CLERK HENEGHAN: We have a moderator then.

20 (Moderator sworn.)

21 CLERK HENEGHAN: Moderator is sworn. Thank
22 you, sir.

23 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: Annual Treasurer's Report

1 is done, correct?

2 CLERK HENEGHAN: The Treasurer's Annual
3 Report, we don't have to, you know, read the numbers
4 anymore, so they are back there if anybody wants
5 them.

6 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: At this time I would like
7 to introduce the Honorable Mary Wroblewski, Township
8 Supervisor.

9 SUPERVISOR WROBLEWSKI: On behalf of the
10 Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome you to the
11 2017 Schaumburg Township Town Hall Meeting.

12 I'm Mary Wroblewski, I'm the
13 Township Supervisor, and I will be presenting the
14 Township reports tonight.

15 I was going to reintroduce our
16 recently reelected officials, but you already have
17 met them, so I'm not going to do that. I would like
18 to congratulate them on their recent reelection to
19 office.

20 This is Schaumburg Township's 167th
21 Annual Town Meeting. Our Township was formed 167
22 years ago. Happy birthday Schaumburg Township.

23 (Applause.)

1 SUPERVISOR WROBLEWSKI: It's reason for being
2 is pretty much the same as it was then, to help
3 people. In 1850, two of the biggest concerns at the
4 first Town Hall Meeting were probably stray cows and
5 mud holes in the roads. While some issues may have
6 changed considerably, a few issues have probably
7 remained the same such as making sure people in the
8 Township get the services and the help that they
9 need. We remain united in our founding -- with our
10 founding fathers in a commitment to helping our
11 neighbors.

12 Before we begin the presentation
13 tonight, I would like to thank Angelo Recchia, Brian
14 Todd, Jordan Evans, Mona Morrison for their help with
15 tonight's presentation.

16 A special thank you to Lindsey
17 Kaminsky, Patti Dionesotes and Diane Nelson for
18 helping with our PowerPoint presentation tonight.

19 I would also like to thank all the
20 department heads: Eric Johnson, Rich Osten, Gerry
21 Bartnicke, Dannette Zanoni, Ray Garcia, Susan Vosmik
22 and David Shackelton for their help.

23 Most of all, I need a big thank you

1 paper. They are values that identify -- which were
2 identified from input from the staff and the Board
3 and state how we are going to accomplish our mission.
4 They influence all that we do. They are our guide as
5 we do -- go about our duties for our residents and
6 our taxpayers.

7 Your Board of elected officials is
8 responsible for carrying out the mission and values
9 of the Township. They take their responsibilities
10 very seriously and dedicate many hours of their time
11 educating themselves on issues so they can make
12 informed decisions. They care about the residents
13 that they serve.

14 One of the smallest parts of your
15 homeowner's tax bill is the Township of Schaumburg.
16 That itty-bitty red part is the Township's part.
17 Whether it's the Village of Schaumburg or the Village
18 of Hoffman Estates or one of the other five villages
19 that makeup Schaumburg Township, the township part of
20 the tax bill is one of the lowest. We are able to
21 accomplish a lot with so little. Our limited pension
22 plan is one of the best funded in the State.

23 Susan Vosmik was chosen by her

1 fellow employees as the 2016 Employee of the Year.
2 Susan is the Director of the Transportation
3 Department. She always looks out for the residents
4 that her department serves. She always goes above
5 and beyond, and she exemplifies our township values
6 and was very deserving of being our 2016 employee of
7 the year.

8 The Spirit of Schaumburg Township
9 award is a spacial award that is only bestowed by the
10 Board to a person or persons who exemplify the
11 mission and the values of the Township in service to
12 others. It could be given for either one significant
13 event or for a pattern of behaviors that demonstrate
14 a commitment to helping others. Only for the third
15 time in history the Board presented the award to
16 Gerry Bartnicke for her dedication and advocacy for
17 the residents of the Township.

18 At the volunteer luncheon last
19 April, the Friends of Schaumburg Township Award was
20 presented to Wayne Bessette, from the Senior Services
21 Department. Rose Szyska, Kathy and Waldo Garcia of
22 Riccardo's Restaurant got the award from the General
23 Assistance Department. Pat Ryan won the award from

1 Disabled Services Department, and from the Mental
2 Health Committee Tom Sucher was honored. We are
3 honored for -- They were honored for all that they do
4 to help the residents of our Township.

5 The Clerk's office, under the
6 leadership of Clerk Tim Heneghan and Administrator
7 Larry Weniger had another busy year. The department
8 helped residents with voter registration, Cook County
9 vehicle stickers, notary public services, U.S.
10 passport applications, and answered numerous
11 informational phone calls.

12 The passport business was definitely
13 brisk. With the recent addition of passport photos,
14 2017 promises to be an even busier year. Schaumburg
15 Township is definitely the fastest and nicest place
16 to get a passport. Our moneys received and dispensed
17 are filtered through this department.

18 With the supervision of Finance
19 Director, Rich Osten, we had another successful audit
20 with no recommendations from our auditors. That's
21 the best audit that you can get.

22 Congratulations to Larry Weniger on
23 his retirement after 23 years of service to the

1 residents of Schaumburg Township. We thank him for
2 his leadership over those 23 years.

3 During his tenure at the Township,
4 he was in charge of constructing this building and
5 the addition of many of the new programs that benefit
6 our residents.

7 We also welcome Eric Johnson as our
8 new administrator. With his background as Township
9 Supervisor and Administrator for DeKalb Township, he
10 is well-qualified for his new role.

11 The rabies and microchip clinic
12 sponsored by Clerk Tim Heneghan, Highway Commissioner
13 Scott Kegarise, and Cook County Commissioner Tim
14 Schneider, in partnership with the Cook County Animal
15 Rabies Control and Cook County President Toni
16 Preckwinkle had another successful event. Besides
17 the usual dogs and cats, ferrets were also included.
18 This has become a yearly event, and it's scheduled
19 again for this September.

20 The third annual community rummage
21 sale was very successful with 25 booths. All that
22 attended enjoyed the event.

23 Again, the Township sponsored two

1 community shred and recycling days. Over 600
2 residents took advantage of the opportunity to get
3 rid of unwanted papers that needed to be shred. This
4 continues to be a very successful event. June 10,
5 2017 will be our next shredding day.

6 Each month at our Town Board
7 meetings, the Clerk's office honors Veterans in our
8 community for their service to our country. They are
9 presented with a plaque and a plate that is inscribed
10 with their name, rank, military branch, and date of
11 service. It is displayed permanently on the
12 Veteran's wall in the upper level of the Town Hall
13 building.

14 In November we had another record-
15 breaking crowd attend our 8th annual dinner at
16 Chandlers to honor these brave men and women.

17 Our sixth annual community wellness
18 day was held in August. There were 30 exhibitors and
19 over 300 residents attended the event. This
20 impressive happening gave area residents an
21 opportunity to learn more about their health and
22 health services provided for the community.

23 On September 23rd we celebrated our

1 first Township Day which gave residents an
2 opportunity to see what the township does and to ask
3 questions.

4 In cooperation with Northwest
5 Community Hospital, our Township community nurse,
6 Josie Gould, continues to grow the number of
7 residents that she sees individually and in groups to
8 promote health and healthy living. Our Township
9 nurse has been a valuable addition to our community.

10 Even though that job market is
11 thought to be growing, the Schaumburg Township
12 Employment Center continues to help many Township
13 residents, who are underserved or underemployed with
14 their job search. The center was able to help
15 hundreds of people last year.

16 Under the direction of Assessor
17 Tom -- John Lawson, our Township Assessor's office
18 had another busy year. The educated staff of Rey,
19 Joe and Kevin do a great job helping residents with
20 appeals, tax bills and tax exemption errors. The
21 staff helps residents with stressful situations that
22 a property bill mistake can create.

23 Our Assessor, John Lawson, has been

1 proactive hosting several programs throughout the
2 year for taxpayers. These programs for the Township
3 residents explain their tax bills, exemptions, the
4 appeal process.

5 The Board of Review outreach held in
6 collaboration with the Board of Review Commissioner
7 Dan Patlak and Cook County Commissioner Tim Schneider
8 is always packed.

9 The Disabled Services Department is
10 committed to advocacy, access, education and
11 understanding people with disabilities. They assist
12 with benefit counseling, energy assistance, Medicare
13 and Medicare issues and many other types of
14 assistance. Gerry Bartnicke and her department do a
15 great job.

16 Deaf Services helps provide support,
17 information and fun activities to the deaf and hard
18 of hearing. Sarita Phadke does an excellent job with
19 her advocacy for this group.

20 The Disabled Services Department
21 hosted many picnics, parties, dances and other
22 activities to make for fun times throughout the year.

23 It was another busy year for our

1 award-winning amplified telephone program, ITAC.

2 Because of our dedicated staff, the Township
3 continues to be one of the top selection centers for
4 the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation.
5 The State of Illinois program allows residents, who
6 have a certified hearing loss, to get amplified
7 phones free.

8 Thank you for the Committee for
9 Disabled Services who help make all of this happen.

10 The most rapidly growing segment of
11 the Township population continues to be senior
12 citizens. With all of the advances in medical
13 science, the aging baby boomers, the elderly are
14 living a longer quality life. The Senior Services
15 Department provides diverse opportunities for our
16 senior residents. Many seniors frequently comment
17 that they do not know what they would do without the
18 Township Senior Services. It helps them navigate
19 through the maze of government benefit programs.

20 There are also opportunities for
21 assistance with benefit counseling, tax and energy
22 assistance, drug programs, Medicare, the Affordable
23 Care Act, Medicare enrollment information, aging and

1 support group and many other social activities.
2 Staff continuously updates their knowledge of
3 benefits and services in order to provide these
4 seniors with current, up-to-date information. We
5 should be very proud of the services that we offer to
6 our seniors.

7 Senior programs and parties provide
8 opportunities for seniors to get out and socialize.
9 Some of the new programs that started this year such
10 as the afternoon at the races, the afternoon movies,
11 and new exercise programs. We thank our Senior
12 Citizens Services Committee members who volunteer
13 their time to help this department.

14 With the leadership of Director
15 Susan Vosmik, our Transportation Department provided
16 over 280 -- 2,800 residents with rides last year.
17 Our fleet provides transportation to doctors' visits,
18 dialysis treatment, nutrition centers, activity
19 programs, trips to the grocery store, as well as the
20 barber shop and beauty parlor.

21 Many senior citizens would be
22 homebound without the Township buses. We received
23 many comments each year about how helpful,

1 understanding and nice our drivers are. They
2 literally save lives each year through their
3 concerns.

4 I had a lady stop me at a function
5 just recently, and she had tears in her eyes. She
6 told me she did not know what she would have done if
7 we didn't have our buses. Her husband had been
8 diagnosed with cancer. She didn't drive, and she did
9 not know how she was going to get him to his
10 appointments. She -- It was just unbelievably
11 moving. So I told her thank you on behalf of the
12 Transportation Department, but I have to give a
13 special thanks to our Transportation Department.
14 This lady, again, was almost in tears.

15 In partnership with Pace and four
16 other townships -- I mean, that's what townships are
17 all about, okay. You know, we get a lot of bad press
18 sometimes, but that is what townships are all about,
19 is helping people.

20 In partnership with Pace and four
21 other townships, the TRIP Program, Township Rider
22 Initiative Program, provides transportation to
23 residents across township boundaries for doctors'

1 appointments and other needed services. New
2 locations are added each year to meet the needs of
3 the clients.

4 Gerry Bartnicke was instrumental in
5 getting the TRIP Program started and funded through a
6 grant from the State of Illinois.

7 Two new buses with wheelchair
8 capabilities were added to the bus fleet this year to
9 replace older ones. A new computer program was
10 installed this year that will allow the department to
11 run more efficiently. It was funded by money from
12 the Highway Department and a grant from Age Options.

13 The General Assistance Department
14 provides energy assistance and family -- and the food
15 pantry provides individuals and families --
16 individuals and families that need food. Township
17 food pantry is the department's most visible program.
18 Through the generosity of our Township residents and
19 our business community, we are able to help many
20 individuals and families during the last year. Our
21 staff, led by Sandy Wolf, helps the disadvantaged in
22 our community.

23 General Assistance Director Sandy

1 Wolf retired this year after 26 years of service to
2 the Township. During those years she oversaw the
3 expansion of the department and the food pantry to
4 meet the increasing needs of the community. We wish
5 her well in her well-deserved retirement. Dannelle
6 Zanoni has stepped in to lead that department.

7 The General Assistance Department
8 has partnered with Northwest Community Health Care to
9 provide dental services for those who do not have
10 dental insurance and who do not have access to dental
11 care due to financial barriers. The service includes
12 preventive and simple restorative care including
13 fillings, extractions and oral health education. The
14 dental van is at the Township three to four days per
15 month. The appointments are always filled.

16 Thank you to all of the
17 organizations, churches, businesses, families and
18 individuals who donated food or money throughout the
19 year. Thank you to all of volunteers who help handle
20 and sort the food. We would not be able to help as
21 many people as we do without their help.

22 Our ongoing agreement with the
23 Kenneth Young Center has led to expanded youth and

1 family services for our residents. They provide
2 mentoring, group therapy, intensive adolescent
3 programs, parenting classes, screening programs,
4 prevention programs, substance abuse treatment and
5 prevention and outreach into the area schools.

6 Highway Commissioner Scott Kegarise
7 and his department not only maintain the roads in the
8 unincorporated area of the Township, but they also
9 look for other ways to serve Township residents.
10 They have been working with the Tollway and Cook
11 County to improve the drainage in the unincorporated
12 areas of Elgin Township.

13 They also are going to be taking
14 over part of maintaining part of the I-390 frontage
15 road. The unincorporated residents are always
16 appreciative of their services.

17 The Mental Health Committee
18 advocates for those in need of help through their
19 relationships with outside mental health and social
20 service agencies. They recommend how the largest
21 share of our outside funding is spent.

22 The fourth annual mental health fair
23 will be held on May 2, 2017.

1 Here is a list of the many agencies
2 that the Township of Schaumburg partners with by
3 providing funding to serve our residents. With the
4 failure to pass the State budget funding from the --
5 funding from the Township is extremely important to
6 be sure that essential services are not cut.

7 As our state and country continue to
8 struggle, I'm happy to say that this Board had
9 another balanced budget. We also continue to have
10 one of the highest bond ratings possible. This
11 Board -- This Board is a group of very talented
12 individuals, who brings a variety of experiences and
13 background to this Board. As public servants they
14 have dedicated many hours of their time to have
15 balanced budgets and to ensure that taxpayer dollars
16 are spent wisely. This Board advocates for what is
17 best for the residents at every opportunity.

18 This Board is not only active in the
19 community, it's active at the county and state
20 levels. Scot Kegarise is on the Board of Directors
21 for the Township Officials of Cook County and is on
22 the Highway Commissioners Board for the Township
23 Officials of Illinois. Tim Heneghan is the Vice

1 Since it may no longer be necessary,
2 useful or in the best interest of the Township of
3 Schaumburg to retain ownership of the following
4 equipment, the Supervisor of Schaumburg Township is
5 requesting authorization by the electors at the
6 Annual Town Meeting to declare the following items
7 surplus property on the 18th day of April, 2017. The
8 items are: Ten analog radio bus units, six meeting
9 room chairs, six Myodas computers, four SAM slot
10 screen monitors, three analog radio dispatch bases,
11 two IBM ThinkPad 2-61, two 48 inch x 36 inch bulletin
12 board, one 36 inch x 24 inch bulletin board, one 66
13 inch x 20 inch bulletin board, one ASUS monitor, one
14 HP LaserJet 1022n printer, one LaserJet Pro 200
15 printer, one LaserJet Pro 2420 printer, one round 4
16 foot meeting table, one Smith Corona memory
17 typewriter, one Sony KP53S75 projection screen, one
18 stand-up lectern and one Victor 2640-2 calculator.

19 I will entertain a motion for this.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll make a motion.

21 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: Is there a second?

22 MR. WENIGER: Second.

23 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: All those in favor say

1 aye.

2 (Chorus of ayes.)

3 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: Opposed nay.

4 (No response.)

5 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: Motion carries

6 unanimously.

7 Now it's time to set the time and
8 date of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

9 It is hereby resolved and ordered by
10 the electors present at the Annual Town Meeting of
11 Schaumburg Township held this 18th day of April, 2017
12 that the time of the next Annual Town Meeting shall
13 be 6:45 p.m. at the Schaumburg Township Vernon A.
14 Laubenstein Town Hall Activity Center, One Illinois
15 Boulevard, Hoffman Estates, and the date shall be
16 April 10, 2018.

17 Could I have a motion for this?

18 MR. WENIGER: So moved.

19 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: Is there a second?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

21 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: All those in favor?

22 (Chorus of ayes.)

23 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: All those opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: I'll entertain a motion
3 for adjournment.

4 MR. WENIGER: So moved.

5 MS. ROMANOW: Aren't we allowed to talk at
6 this meeting?

7 You didn't ask anybody.

8 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: Would you like to talk?

9 MS. ROMANOW: Yes, I thought the residents
10 can talk.

11 You were going to entertain that
12 motion. You just said adjournment. Did I
13 misunderstand you?

14 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: I was just following what
15 is on my list.

16 MS. ROMANOW: Just tell me when I'm allowed
17 to talk.

18 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: Now.

19 MS. ROMANOW: Do you want me to stand up?

20 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: State your name and
21 address.

22 MS. ROMANOW: My name is Anna Romanow. I
23 live at 1311 Mohwak Court, in Schaumburg Illinois,

1 Unincorporated Schaumburg Township.

2 I've been a resident of the Township
3 for 23 years. It's a privilege to live here. I love
4 the Township. I love all the help they've done for
5 me, that's the General Services Department, which
6 helps the people with food; also general assistance,
7 when I had no insurance. I'm grateful for that. My
8 husband lost his job, and they helped me. So I thank
9 them. Kudos to them. A stellar performance for the
10 people here.

11 I also am grateful to the Senior
12 Services Department for what they did for me when I
13 didn't have anyone to talk to when all of my friends
14 moved away. So they offered free lunch and they
15 offered transportation. I'm grateful for them too.

16 But here is what I wanted to say and
17 why I came here tonight. I'm an advocate for my
18 mother. She couldn't run. She couldn't drive. She
19 doesn't live here, but when she was sick, I took care
20 of her. So I was her nurse. I was her doctor. I
21 took her everywhere because no one else would. There
22 was no township for her. But I advocate for every
23 senior as well. Why, now I'm a senior. I'm 64.

1 When I moved here, I was 38. I have been here a long
2 time.

3 The biggest problem in this Township
4 is the taxes. I feel that the people in my area, in
5 Unincorporated Schaumburg Township, where I live, are
6 taxed too high. I went to appeal and went to the
7 office here. They told me my exemptions. I pay
8 \$7200 for 1,000 square foot. I have half an acre,
9 maybe quarter of an acre. But here is the problem,
10 if I build on, I will be taxed more.

11 I'm not asking the taxes for the
12 Schaumburg district to be taken away, but I'm asking
13 for a reevaluation for not only me, every senior here
14 deserves that. There are 35,000 seniors alone that
15 have moved out of Illinois. Why, they aren't fairly
16 taxed.

17 Now, I went to Mr. Lawson's office.
18 He wasn't there. Do you know who helped me, that
19 person and that person. Now, how did they help me,
20 they helped me with trying to get my home exemption.
21 They helped me to appeal, which I did. Some years
22 they said yes, and some years they said no. And some
23 years I didn't have enough comps. They didn't agree

1 with -- I went ahead anyway and appealed. My taxes
2 when I moved here were \$2800. Right now my husband
3 has to work. He has to work really hard at 67 just
4 to live here. I feel we're wrongly assessed, and I
5 went to Mr. Lawson's office. I asked him to help me.
6 Do you know what he said, you have to make an
7 appointment. I did. I gave him coffee, and I gave
8 him Deerfield, real good stuff, and we had a meeting
9 with four people. Do you know what he told me, can I
10 tell them, Mr. Lawson? Here is what he said: He
11 said that I could fill out the form, he'll help me.
12 No thank you. I could do it myself. He also said I
13 can go to every Board meeting, to like say the School
14 Board District 211, District 54, all the districts,
15 go to their meetings and tell them that they're
16 charging too much money for the assessment for the
17 people. I don't believe that to be true. I believe
18 it's an error, and I believe that the purpose of an
19 assessor's office is this, to advocate for seniors
20 when they can't.

21 What are seniors, people that can't
22 read, people that can't walk, with mobility issue,
23 can't walk well. People that can't fill out a form

1 is okay, but I would think that the Township
2 Assessor's job is this, to be here in his office when
3 people come in, because he never was. If I went in
4 the office in 23 years, he never was in his office.
5 You know what, they were. They helped me. They did
6 his work. And I ask. A hundred people don't ask,
7 but I asked for them, for my mother, and all of the
8 people who don't talk, who are afraid to come here,
9 who don't have the time, who don't have
10 transportation, who are blind and sick and deaf and
11 all of the people that walk in that maybe you don't
12 know have cancer. How do you know that they don't?
13 They don't wear signs that say I have cancer. My
14 mother didn't. No one knew. She kept it a secret.
15 She didn't want to tell anybody. She was very
16 noncommitted, meaning she didn't want to talk to
17 people and had to, what is the word, afraid to go out
18 in public. Any time there was a problem, ask my
19 daughter, Anna. I was proud to be -- stand up for
20 her. I went to court, and I won for her. Am I a
21 lawyer, no; but you can go to court. I represented
22 her, and I won. I'm pretty proud of that. And what
23 did she buy me, what did she give me, nothing. She

1 gave me a lasagna dinner. I could speak seven
2 languages (began speaking in foreign languages). Oh,
3 Chinese, eight languages I speak. How, I listened
4 and learned, did it all by myself. No one taught me.
5 I never went to a class. I was a personal assistant.
6 I was promoted at the American College of Surgeons.
7 That's an organization for doctors. I was in an
8 international secretary for First National Bank for
9 ten years. I was a mother. I was a caregiver. I
10 was a nurse, a doctor. I'm alive. For that, I
11 survive. My father was Ukrainian --

12 MS. WOLF: Excuse me, I believe the public
13 comment, that's out of order with respect to this
14 meeting, and it's not --

15 MS. ROMANOW: If I'm out of order, I
16 apologize. I'm going to wrap it up. That was
17 very -- I wanted to tell you a little bit about my
18 background. I am a survivor, and I will fight. What
19 will I fight for, the right that the seniors in this
20 area get the help they need. I don't think that they
21 get enough help for their taxes. I don't want to
22 leave Schaumburg Township. If you don't help me, I
23 will leave. I'm not going to lie to you, everyone

1 else will leave. In my area right now, six people
2 are moving. If I was a Realtor, I would have got
3 their listings, but I wasn't, and I'm not. So if you
4 think you could continue, pretty soon it will be
5 Detroit, and you will have nobody to tax.

6 That's the end of my comment. If
7 anyone would like to respond to it, please do,
8 because I'm going to go to court and file a brief
9 about this. Thank you.

10 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: Would you like to respond
11 to that?

12 ASSESSOR LAWSON: My staff has already taken
13 care of that.

14 MS. ROMANOW: In what way? Can I ask in what
15 way? He has not responded to that.

16 ATTORNEY WOLF: This is not the forum for a
17 debate. You concluded your public comment.

18 MS. ROMANOW: Can I ask what your name is,
19 ma'am?

20 ATTORNEY WOLF: It's Melissa Wolf.

21 MS. ROMANOW: Oh, you're the attorney. Maybe
22 I'll see you in court. Thank you.

23 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: Now, I will entertain a

1 motion to adjourn.

2 MR. WENIGER: So moved.

3 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: Is there a second?

4 MR. KETTEL: Second.

5 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: All those in favor say
6 aye.

7 (Chorus of ayes.)

8 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: Opposed, nay.

9 (No response.)

10 MODERATOR SCHMIDT: The meeting is adjourned.
11 Thank you very much. Have a nice evening.

12 (The meeting concluded
13 at 7:26 p.m.)

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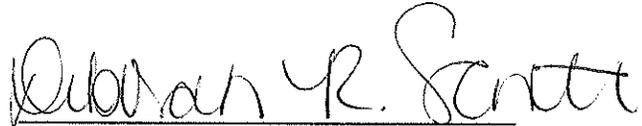
1 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
2 COUNTY OF COOK) SS.
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4 I, DEBORAH R. SANTI, Certified Shorthand
5 Reporter for the State of Illinois, do hereby certify
6 that on the 18th day of April, 2016, the Annual Town
7 Meeting was taken before me, reported
8 stenographically, and was thereafter reduced to
9 typewriting.

10 The said hearing was taken at
11 the Vernon A. Laubenstein Town Hall, One Illinois
12 Boulevard, Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

13 I further certify that the
14 foregoing is an accurate record of the hearing at the
15 time and place hereinabove referred to.

16 Witness my official signature
17 and seal as Notary Public, in and for the County of
18 Cook, State of Illinois, on the 8th day of May 2017.

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21 DEBORAH R. SANTI, CSR
22 CSR # 084-004107

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