

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for November 19, 2024 was held in the Paula Ulreich Meeting Room, in the Township of Wheeling, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Supervisor Penner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Gauza called the roll and the following members were present, Supervisor Kathy Penner, Trustee Jeanne Hamilton, Trustee Patricia Kozicki, Trustee Joseph Murglin, Trustee Darrel Talken and Clerk Joanna Gauza.

Also in attendance: Wheeling Township Assessor Ken Jochum, Wheeling Township Attorney Kenneth Florey, and Wheeling Township Director of Finance and Administration Regina Stapleton.

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Penner led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION #1: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 22, 2024

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve the minutes of September 24, 2024 Special Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Kozicki, Murglin, Hamilton, Talken, Penner
NAYS: None.... Motion #1 Carried.

MOTION #2: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 22, 2024

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve the minutes of October 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Kozicki, Murglin, Hamilton, Talken, Penner
NAYS: None.... Motion #2 Carried.

PRESENTATION: AGENCY HEARING – Hands on Suburban Chicago

Chris Cholewa, the Executive Director for **Hands On Suburban Chicago (“HOSC”)**, requested \$8000 in funding. HOSC works to engage individuals in volunteer service and to help agencies maximize the skills of volunteers. HOSC helps build agency capacity through volunteers. In Wheeling Township, HOSC serves Cooper, London, Holmes and Whitman schools with at risk youth. HOSC’s goal is to get at risk students to graduate high school. Last year 347 individuals volunteered. Children with challenges at home are unable to focus and succeed in school. HOSC does after school programs with Omni to provide counseling services to help these kids.

AUDIT

MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #10/30/24, #11/8/24, #11/18/24 and #11/19/24 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$13,609.32 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Kozicki, Murglin, Hamilton, Talken, Penner
NAYS: None.... Motion #3 Carried.

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #11/19/24 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$6,275.00 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Kozicki, Murglin, Hamilton, Talken, Penner
NAYS: None.... Motion #4 Carried.

MOTION #5: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #10/25/24, #10/28/24, #10/30/24, #11/8/24, #11/18/24 and #11/19/24 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$243,727.55 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Kozicki, Murglin, Hamilton, Talken, Penner
NAYS: None.... Motion #5 Carried.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Jill Moskal: Does not want a property tax increase because of how everything is expensive. Wheeling Township already provides lots of services.

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Mary Lou Olhava: Wheeling Township already provides lots of services. There are already 16 taxing districts that ask for property tax increases. The Illinois State Division of Mental Health should be responsible for mental illness funding.

John Truncala: it's very hard to obtain a permit from the township; therefore, it's very difficult to do something in someone's property. He wants the township to streamline the permit process.

Joan Huening: Asked for collaboration from the township to streamline the process to receive building permits.

Dorothy Bruzan: Complained about Wheeling Township Highway Manager Mark Toberman, stating that he comes up with his own rules.

John Saletta: High property taxes are affecting his mental health. Proposed 708 mental health has not gone through the legal process. It has no tax cap anymore

Adam Rafalo: Complained about Mark Toberman. It took 13 months for Mark Toberman to approve his plans.

Meredith Wisniewski: Asked Wheeling Township to make it easier to get a fence, and have something on the website that explains the process.

Paul Doetsch: 708 Board wasn't placed legally on the ballot. The initial taxes if assessed will just continue to grow larger.

Norbert Piotrowski: Mental Health should not be done through the township but rather through Cook County.

Mike Fron: Complained about Mark Toberman and how hard it is to obtain a permit.

Justin Kuehlthau: If you want to help mental health, stop taking our money. Property taxes are high enough.

Peggy Lee: As a senior on fixed income, she is very concerned about proposed property tax increase for mental health. We cannot afford it.

Dan Patlak: Language used for referendum was worded illegally. The board voted to put the properly worded referendum on the ballot, but legislature blocked this referendum. Small local government like Wheeling Township shouldn't take on this responsibility. Property taxes are already high.

Jeff Fagan: Property taxes are too high for most people. His property taxes are slightly less his my mortgage. Referendum was not drafted correctly. Encourages the board not to get pressured, and continue to stand for the people.

OFFICIALS' REPORT

ASSESSOR: Assessor Jochum reported:

- TAX YEAR 2024
- The Board of Review is now open for Wheeling Township appeals from November 18 to December 19, 2024.
- We have scheduled two outreaches; December 4th with Commissioner Steele and December 9 with Commissioner Cardenas. We will of course be taking walk-ins and reservations as well as submitting pre-files.

- PERMITS 2024
- We held a permit meeting with the municipalities within both Wheeling Township and Elk Grove Township.
- All municipalities attended with the exception of Buffalo Grove.
- As a group we clarified the permit process and discussed the tax impact of an efficient operating process.
- This first of a kind meeting in the County was well received, both Assessor Carosielli and I were happy with the results.
- In order to be included in this tax year we will need to complete the process by the end of December.
- Thus far we have processed 3,336 permits for a total permit amount of \$166,698, 429. Buffalo Grove has a significant number of permits outstanding.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- Thanksgiving distribution is this weekend. We will be distributing about 350 baskets.
- We are forever grateful to this community for their donations to the Food Pantry and Operations Support Our Troops. Thank You!
- Statistics for October 2024:
 - 1,936 rides — 960 non - medical, 976 medical (288 disabled rides)
 - 960 – meals delivered
 - 620 – visits to the Food Pantry – 1,387 people, 344 children and 533 seniors
 - 3 – Alzheimer's Caregiver Group
 - 22 (VIP) Visually Impaired Support Group

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mental Health board recommended and Supervisor Penner will recommend formal approval of \$809,550 in mental health funding for fiscal year 2025-26 that begins March 1, 2025. The funding will come out of current revenue and reserves with no property tax increase.

MOTION #6: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-05 -- SETTING COMPENSATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the Resolution 2024-05. Setting Compensation of Township Officials.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Penner, Kozicki, Murglin, Hamilton, Talken
NAYS: None.... Motion #6 Carried.

MOTION #7: APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE LEVY TOWN

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the Tentative Levy for the General Town Fund of \$2,242,191.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Penner, Murglin, Kozicki, Hamilton, Talken
NAYS: None.... Motion #7 Carried.

MOTION #8: APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE LEVY GA

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the Tentative Levy for General Assistance Fund of \$419,174.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Penner, Murglin, Kozicki, Hamilton, Talken
NAYS: None.... Motion #8 Carried.

MOTION #9: APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE LEVY ROAD

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the Tentative Town Levy for the Road Fund of \$723,109.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Penner, Murglin, Kozicki, Hamilton, Talken
NAYS: None.... Motion #9 Carried.

MOTION #10: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Penner seconded by Trustee Murglin to adjourn.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes.... Motion #10 Carried.

The meeting for Tuesday, November 19, 2024, was declared adjourned at 9:04 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk