

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for September 27, 2022 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 8:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Gauza called the roll and the following members were present: Supervisor Kathleen 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 REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 23, 2022

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve the minutes of August 23, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

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

AUDIT

MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #8/30/22, #9/9/22, #9/16/22 and #9/27/22 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$259,252.36 to be paid.

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

MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #8/30/22 and 9/27/22 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$1,262.61 to be paid.

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

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #8/30/22 and #9/27/22 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$7,329.38 to be paid.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

A few residents were present that spoke about creating a Mental Health Board in Wheeling Township. They spoke regarding the Referendum that will be voted on in our upcoming General Election. Ms. Grainawi volunteers for the mental health group NAMI and believes creating a mental health board that would raise \$1.5 million for a mental health would be beneficial. Tracy Sherva is a resident of Wheeling Township for 40 years. She expressed concern about wait times for mental health services. Hugh Brady is on Barrington Board of NAMI. He stated if the referendum passes, a 7 to 9 non-paid member board would be created to do a needs assessment and assess taxes to pay for these needs subject to approval by the Wheeling Township Board. John Geier stated he is resident of Arlington Heights and retired mental health worker. He sees a need for more services. Debbie Franzen stated she worked as ADA Compliance person and stated she saw an increase in mental health issues.

OFFICIALS' REPORT

ASSESSOR: Assessor Jochum reported:

- TAX YEAR 2021: It is still our opinion that tax bills will be issued late November or early December.
- TAX YEAR 2022: It appears that we will be open for Assessor appeals beginning sometime during the first two weeks of October and lasting for 30 days. We will accept reservations and walk-ins. It is likely that we will NOT have both appeals and tax bills at the same time. However, we do have an overload strategy if necessary.

- OTHER BUSINESS

WHEELING TOWNSHIP MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

Our office conducted a property tax seminar at Arlington Heights Library on September 14th which was attended by over 50 people. The attendees stayed involved for the entire 75 minute presentation and had excellent questions.

- Julia, Kim and Barb attended and managed the group of people seeking appeals. Taxpayers are definitely concerned about their property taxes.
- On Monday October 3rd we will be conducting a property tax seminar at the Prospect Heights Library. This session will be in person and by zoom with TV to be broadcast at a later date. In my meeting with the contact at the Library, I was informed that they were extremely grateful to Wheeling Township for all of the program assistance we have given.
- A recently published report provided some interesting information regarding property taxes. Northwest Cook County property tax bills remain among the highest in the country when effective tax rates are considered. The national average rate is 1.1% of home value, or \$2,750 per year on a \$250,000 home. Here are the rates for some of the villages in Wheeling Township:

Prospect Heights (2.5%), Wheeling (2.3%). Mount Prospect (2.3%), Arlington Heights (2.3%). All these municipalities have property tax rates twice the national average.

- The highest property taxes are in southern Cook County; Harvey (7.0%), Phoenix (6.7%), Park Forest (6.4%).
- Neighboring state tax rates are as follows; Indiana (0.85%), Missouri (0.97%), Kentucky (0.86%). Iowa (1.57%), Wisconsin (1.85%). Destination states; Florida (0.89%), Tennessee (0.71%), Arizona (0.66%).

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	Q1	Q2	July	Aug	MTD Sept	YTD
Senior Exemptions	1853	669	160	179	92	2953
Home Owner Exemptions	198	127	41	77	50	493
Tax Bill	202	105	79	138	162	686
Assessed Value	153	515	55	142	91	956
Disability	86	63	15	25	14	203
Total	2492	1479	350	561	409	5291

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- The outside wheelchair-accessible button stand deteriorated and fell. A new stand has been ordered.
- The new season of LIHEAP started on September 1, 2022. We already have appointments out to November.
- We started back with AARP Safe Driving in-person classes yesterday. There were 30 people in attendance. The class is Monday and Wednesday from 5 pm - 9 pm.
- Paint-athon was on September 10, 2022. Wheeling Township had four houses painted.
- We have a new SHIP Counselor, Linda Mislove. Open enrollment begins in October.
- Director Villarreal staffed a booth at the Wheeling Park District's International Festival. We had flyers regarding GA Department programs and information regarding the Food Pantry.
- If anyone needs to cancel attending TOI Conference, let me know.
- Statistics for September 2022:
 - 1,852 rides-788 non-medical, 1,064 medical
 - 1,209 meals delivered
 - 409 visits to the Food Pantry-833 people fed

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #5: FOREST DRIVE 2022-2023 SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT APPROVAL

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the Forest Drive 2022-2023 Snow Removal Contract.

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

MOTION #6: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TULLY BROS. PAVING- APPROVAL

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve Resurfacing Lee Street, Replace Pavement West End of Brookfield, Patching Woodland Ave- Award of Contract to Tully Bros. Paving in the amount of \$287,000.

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

2022 LEVY DISCUSSIONS:

The Board began review of possible levy options for next year. The cap is 5%. The General Assistance fund is in good financial condition. The Road fund is financially good. The Township fund will need to be discussed because of the high rate of inflation. Gas costs are rising and the Township is competing to hire/keep people. The Township staffing is lean so any loss of staff has an impact. A recession could also change or limit

rising costs. The social agencies will present next month so the meeting will begin at 6 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

MOTION #7: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Penner seconded by Trustee Murglin to adjourn.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes....Motion #7 Carried.

The meeting for Tuesday, September 27, 2022, was declared adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 8:00 p.m., after Mental Health Funding Agencies Presentations at 6:00 PM.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk