

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for May 23, 2023 was held in the Paula Ulreich Meeting Room, in the Township of Wheeling, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Trustee Kozicki called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Gauza called the roll and the following members were present, 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: Supervisor Kathy Penner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Kozicki led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #1: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 25, 2023

Motion by Trustee Murglin, seconded by Trustee Talken, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

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

AUDIT

MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Talken, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #4/27/23, #4/28/23, #4/21/23, #5/12/23, #5/22/23 and 5/23/23 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$193,390.21 to be paid.

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

MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Talken, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #052323 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$489.53 to be paid.

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

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Trustee Talken, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #4/27/23, #5/12/23, #5/22/23 and #5/23/23 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$14,401.60 to be paid.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

A few citizens commented to Wheeling Township Board on the 708 Mental Health Board:

Nana Harju -- Expressed the need for a professional assessment to be done by people that have the experience in the area of mental health, assessment planning, and partnerships. This assessment is needed for the Mental Health Board to address areas of true need.

Kathy Scortino – She wants more effort and funds for community services such as substance abuse, mental health and developmental disabilities. Encourages a professional and comprehensive assessment to ensure accuracy.

Linda Waycie – She stated that wants a tax increase. A community survey will give the public a chance to be heard in what they need. The 708 Board needs to communicate with the public and take four months for the survey.

Paul Neff -- His youngest son has aged out of services. We are in a mental health epidemic. He urges the 708 Board do a comprehensive assessment with community input, and greater transparency.

Rich Rosen -- He hopes everyone on Board voted yes for the 708 board.

Tracy -- She expressed desire that 708 Board conduct a thorough needs assessment. She spoke to a Doctor and researcher at UIC about assessments. Mental health issues can carry significance stigma. The survey should be safe, secure, and unbiased. Asked to consider loans to the 708 Board to conduct survey.

Mary Hahn -- She spent time on signatures for the 708 Board. Want to make sure tax money used appropriately.

Arlen Gould -- The 708 board needs support from us to structure proper assessment so we know where the resources need to go. We have some really good people on the 708 Board.

Sarah Mydill -- Thank you for operationalizing the 708 Board and what services are needed.

OFFICIALS' REPORT

ASSESSOR: Assessor Jochum reported:

- TAX YEAR 2022
- The Board of Review Appeals Hearings have not yet been scheduled. The most recent informal forecast for the issuance of the August, second installment bills, is for late October early November.
- EXEMPTIONS
- The bulk of exemptions have been filed with a soft closing for senior freeze exemptions on May 10, 2023. While some exemptions can still be filed, the following are the results for the Feb-May period.
- Exemptions Filed:
 - Senior Freeze 920
 - Senior Exemption 266
 - Home Owners 122
 - Disability 90
 - Disabled Vet 11
 - Total exemptions filed 1409
 - Estimated Savings:

Senior Freeze (using \$1,000)	\$920,000
Senior (using \$800)	\$212,800
Home Owners (using \$1,000)	\$122,000
 - Disability and Vet savings not listed.
 - Total saved for Residents \$1,234,800 year to date
- TAX YEAR 2023
- At this point we do not know when Wheeling Township will be open for appeals.
- OTHER ACTIVITY
- We are instituting a customer service survey in order to track and continually improve the level of service being offered by the office. When we begin to have full month results, we will include them in our monthly report.
- Work is moving forward on an education meeting for new home owners to understand the property tax process. In addition to assisting the property owner in managing and understanding their taxes they will be able to see what services our office can provide. We hope to advertise this program through realtors several of whom have already agreed to assist.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- The auditors were at the Township last week, and the audit is going well.
- Harper College Infrastructure Task Force met via Webex on May 1. The meeting was to inform all the townships of the progress made since the last meeting. CMAP is proceeding with the Transportation Coordination Study. Hanover, Palatine, and Schaumburg Townships will be part of the study. Wheeling and Elk Grove will not be in the study because we do not have EcoLane transportation software for our transportation departments.
- The AARP Tax –Aide coordinators helped 364 seniors this tax season.
- The Christian Church of Arlington Heights donated 21 Easter Baskets to the Food Pantry clients.
- Statistics for April 2023:
 - 1,629 rides-662 non medical, 967 medical
 - 939 meals delivered
 - 477 visits to the Food Pantry- 1,065 people fed

NEW BUSINESS:**MOTION #5: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-04 –TO ESTABLISH DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY**

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the Resolution 2023-04, to establish Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency.

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

MOTION #6: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-05 – TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SERVE ON DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Hamilton to approve the Resolution 2023-05 to appoint the Committee Members to serve on Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency.

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

MOTION #7: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Kozicki seconded by Trustee Hamilton to adjourn.

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

The meeting for Tuesday, May 23, 2023, was declared adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk