

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for October 26, 2021 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 8:20 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 Jerry Sadler, 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 SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve the minutes of September 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

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

AUDIT

MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #10/15/21, #10/25/21, and #10/26/21 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$180,847.14 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 #102621 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$5,790.00 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 #10/25/21, and #10/26/21 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$5,520.26 to be paid.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None.

OFFICIALS' REPORT

ASSESSOR: Assessor Sadler reported:

- The 2020 Second Installment Tax Bill was due October 1st. Most Certificate of Errors have been issued, and refunds will be sent by the Treasurer in 6-8 weeks.
- Wheeling Township is now open for appeals through November 5th. We are emailing comparables and instructions to those who requested assistance to file electronically. The majority of taxpayers now prefer this method. Others can pick up a form in the black box in the rear of the building or come in to our office and complete the paper form. We enter their appeal electronically with the Assessor's office. The Cook County Assessor had reduced the assessments on most properties in Wheeling Township 10% in 2020 due to the impact of COVID.
- Phone calls: 519 Office visits: 258 Exemptions: 65

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- On September 30th, Supervisor Penner and Administrator Stapleton met with the Village Manager of the Village of Mount Prospect to discuss the Annexation of the Forest River Subdivision. The annexation comes up every year in the Village's annual review of their strategic plan. They will let us know if they are going to pursue it.
- On October 13th, Supervisor Penner and Administrator Stapleton met with Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison. They discussed what Wheeling Township offers because not all townships are the same. They also discussed funding opportunities for Portwine Road and showed him the Food Pantry.

- Due to the generosity of this community, the donor portion of our holiday programs is closed. We are still registering clients for the program.
- Girl Scout Troop #40531 donated birthday bags for Food Pantry clients in their birthday month.
- The Food Pantry is heading into its busiest time of the year, and we have several corporations already notifying us of their food drives in the next couple of months.
- Statistics for September 2021:
 - 1,460 rides – 558 non-medical, 902 medical
 - 1,288 meals delivered
 - 371 visits to the Food Pantry – 702 people fed

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #5: APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 AUTO INSURANCE RENEWAL, FOREST VIEW DRIVE SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT, TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT AND CEMETERY SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the 2021-2022 Auto Insurance Renewal, Forest View Drive Snow Removal Contract, Township Parking Lot and Cemetery Snow Removal Contract.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

2021 Levy Discussions:

Last month, the board held a preliminary discussion of the Levy. The tax caps law, with a few exceptions like new property, limits any increase to the Federal CPIU of approximately 1.4% for this year plus any new property. If the Board levies more than 1.4% plus new property, the cap will still limit the levy to the 1.4% plus new property. Next year, the inflation rate will probably be substantially higher. The Board members are inclined to keep the levies unchanged and to look at additional cost savings. The Administration previously implemented cost saving measures of installing LED lights and has a plan to reduce phone costs. The approval of Tentative Levies will be on November 16, and the Adoption of 2021 Levies will be on December 7th.

MOTION #6: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to adjourn.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes....Motion #6 Carried.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2021

The meeting for Tuesday, October 26, 2021, was declared adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk