

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for July 25, 2023 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 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: Trustee Kozicki

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 JUNE 27, 2023

Motion by Trustee Murglin, seconded by Trustee Hamilton, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

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

AUDIT

MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Talken, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #072523 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$1,100 to be paid.

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

MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Trustee Talken, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #7/14/23 and #7/25/23 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$20,244.99 to be paid.

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

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Talken, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #6/28/23, #6/30/23, #7/14/23, #7/24/23 and #7/25/23 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$162,648.18 to be paid.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Melissa Cayer asked when the 2nd installment property tax bill is due. Assessor Jochum spoke to her after the Board Meeting.

OFFICIALS' REPORT

ASSESSOR: Assessor Jochum reported:

- **TAX YEAR 2022**
- The Cook County Board of Review has completed the review of Wheeling Township and appellants are being notified. At this point I do not have total results available for our Township, but they should be available in the next few days. We are currently fielding calls regarding appeal results.
- **TAX YEAR 2023**
- We anticipate that we should be open for appeals with the Cook County Assessor within the next few weeks. We are currently taking pre-filings so that we can stay ahead of the crush of appeals during the thirty-day period.
- Even though this is the second year of the reassessment, we encourage property owners to appeal, there is no cost and it may result in savings.
- **EXEMPTIONS**
- The filing for exemptions for tax year 2022 will conclude the first week of August. Consequently, we encourage taxpayers to call our office if they think they are qualified for an exemption.
- The February to July exemptions requests are as follows:
- SENIOR EXEMPTIONS 382
- SENIOR FREEZE 1059
- HOMEOWNERS 166
- DISABLED PERSONS 114
- DISABLED VETERANS 50

- TOTAL TAXPAYER EXEMPTIONS FILED 1771
- We estimate a minimum first year savings for Wheeling Township Taxpayers of \$1,530,600.
- **PERMITS**
- This year our office has reviewed and processed 1,495 permits for a total permit amount of \$79,381,460.
- **WHEELING TOWNSHIP RESIDENTIAL SALES YTD**
- See Attached. Good definitions and understanding of concepts.
- **PERFORMANCE FEEDBACK**
- The Staff continues to receive a top grade of excellent in all feedback surveys.
- **COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW INTERIM REPORT**
- See attached.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- In March 2023, our Highway Manager applied for a grant from Invest Cook for Thermoplastic Pavement Marking/Traffic Signs and Reflectors, which was approved.
- We are still looking for bus drivers and a Food Pantry/Custodian.
- The Mental Health Board has emailed the Mental Health Questionnaires to the Funded Agencies and the Community Stakeholders. We will be offering a Community Survey sometime next week.
- MTA Township Symposium will be on September 18 at 5 pm at Hanover Township. Please let me know if you will be attending.
- TOI Conference will be November 12 -14. Please let me know if you plan on attending.
- Statistics for June 2023:
 - 1,600 rides – 733 non-medical, 867 Medical
 - 1,050 - meals delivered
 - 471 visits to the Food Pantry – 960 people fed

NEW BUSINESS:

2022-23 AUDIT: Paul Inserra summarized the Wheeling Township Audit report. Wheeling Township has a clean, non-modified report, which is a good audit report. Property tax revenues were just a little less than in the prior year. The Township cash investments/assets are a positive \$6.3 million.

MOTION #5: 2022-23 AUDIT APPROVAL

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the 2022-23 Audit.

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

SELECTIVE INSURANCE: Bill Bradish suggests to stay with Selective Insurance. This insurance is rated A+ superior by AM Best, extremely stable, and has competitive rates.

Berkshire Hathaway insures the Township commercial vehicles and lowered its premium because of the exemplary safety record of the Township drivers.

MOTION #6: INSURANCE PACKAGE APPROVAL

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the Insurance Package.

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

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, July 25, 2023, was declared adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk