

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for October 25, 2022 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 8:05 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 Kathleen 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 SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve the minutes of September 27, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

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

AUDIT

MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Trustee Talken, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #9/28/22 and #10/25/22 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$213,649.46 to be paid.

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

MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Talken, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #9/28/22, #10/14/22 and #10/25/22 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$225,150.40 to be paid.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None.

OFFICIALS' REPORT

ASSESSOR: Assessor Jochum reported:

- TAX YEAR 2021
The Board of Review has closed and transmitted its results to the Assessor. Tax bills are on track to be sent in November. The Illinois Department of Revenue has set the final multiplier for 2021 at 3.0027 (See attached).
- TAX YEAR 2022
Wheeling Township opened for appeals on October 10 and will close on November 10. We are providing appeals assistance for walk-ins, appointments and online. Multi-lingual (English/Spanish) is available for taxpayers. Detailed numbers will be reported to the Board in the November report so that the entire picture can be presented. We are serving approximately 60 walk-ins and appointments daily and have handled over 200 online appeals to date.
- GENERAL OBSERVATIONS;
 1. Assessments seem to be market price and most appellants are shocked by the percent of increase. The market was high and there had been a COVID reduction in market value which made the increase appear significant. The vast majority of appeals are on uniformity not over-valuation.
 2. For some reason, this year we are attracting a broader range of additional issues including, missing exemptions, square footage and many others, than in prior years.
 3. The flow of appeals is steady, but not overwhelming and at this point no additional resources are needed.

The Assessor published executive summaries of Wheeling Township Residential and Commercial/Industrial assessments which I have provided in as attachment.

- KEY TAKEAWAYS
 1. Residential assessments are based on recent sales prices of similar properties. In 2021, the median sale price for single family homes was

\$369,000. The Assessor's estimated median market value for single family homes in 2022 is \$360,000.

2. Residential assessments increased on average 27%.
- OTHER ITEMS
 1. Our office conducted a seminar at the Prospect Heights Library which was also available by Zoom.
 2. We have an arrangement with the Board of Review which enables us to scan appeals. We are currently unable to do that with the County Assessor. In previous years, we delivered appeals forms to the County. This year, we are required to manually enter appeals thereby increasing the time to file. We are attempting to establish an arrangement with the Assessor to scan appeals.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Gauza reported:

- We are currently very busy answering questions regarding our upcoming General Election.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- John O'Meara, a bus driver, retired after ten years. We will miss him.
- The Road Maintenance Project is almost complete.
- We are still looking for a Senior Service Specialist and Home Delivered Meals Coordinator.
- We will start interviewing for the Maintenance/Custodian position next week.
- Operation Support Our Troops will begin on November 1.
- Statistics for September 2022:

1,807 rides – 774 non-medical, 1,033 Medical
1,118 meals delivered
419 visits to the Food Pantry – 892 people fed

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #4: APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 AUTO INSURANCE RENEWAL

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the 2022-2023 Auto Insurance Renewal.

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

MOTION #5: APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT AND CEMETERY 2022-2023 SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the Township Parking Lot and Cemetery 2022-2023 Snow Removal Contract.

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

MOTION #6: APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE FOREST RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TRUSTEE - JOHN TRUNCALE AND CHRISTOPHER GRAVES

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve Re- Appointment of the Forest River Fire Protection District Trustee – John Truncale and Christopher Graves.

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

MOTION #7: APPROVAL OF HIRING A PART-TIME BUS DRIVER

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve Hiring a Part –Time Bus Driver.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

2022 LEVY DISCUSSIONS:

The Levies will be discussed at our next meeting.

MOTION #8: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Kozicki seconded by Trustee Talken to adjourn.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes....Motion #8 Carried.

The meeting for Tuesday, October 25, 2022, was declared adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk