

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for January 28, 2025 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 8:00 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: 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 DECEMBER 10, 2024

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve the minutes of December 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

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

AUDIT

MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #12/27/24 and #1/28/25 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$2,663.50 to be paid.

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

MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #12/27/24, #12/31/24, #1/10/25 and #1/28/25 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$14,958.72 to be paid.

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

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #12/13/24, #12/17/24, #12/19/24, #12/27/24, #12/31/24, #1/10/25, #1/24/25, 1/27/25 and #1/28/25 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$415,766.42 to be paid.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Joan Huening: She wanted to know if there is any grants or assistance for housing in the neighborhood impacted by the flooding.

Dorothy Bruzan: Talked about the December 19 meeting with our Administrator and our Supervisor.

John Truncale: Fire Protection District will be having a retirement and need replacement.

OFFICIALS' REPORT

ASSESSOR: Assessor Jochum reported:

- TAX YEAR 2024
- First installment tax bills will be coming very shortly and may currently be reviewed on line. As you will recall the first installment is 55% of the total previous year's tax payment. Following past practice, we will be distributing phones numbers for taxing bodies upon request.
- During 2024:
- We served 71 veterans with disabilities.
- We served, in office, 2,310 seniors with senior exemption and senior freeze applications.
- The senior deferral program is available, allowing for a \$7,500 loan at a simple interest of 3% for those who are senior freeze eligible. Applications are made through the Cook County Treasurer and we can assist. This program ends in march

- There is some delay in the county's distribution of exemption application and the current date is the beginning of March.
- TAX YEAR 2025
- This year we will be re-assessed and we advise taxpayers to check with us to make certain their exemptions are correct.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Gauza reported:

- We had a document disposal on January 16. The Clerk thanked Administrator Stapleton for organizing the disposal.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- The Arlington Heights Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is February 6 at 7 am.
- AARP Tax prep will start this Friday, January 31, 2025. The Township has begun taking appointments.
- We are still looking for part-time drivers and the posting is on our website and on our social media.
- Our Adopt a Family Program was again a huge success. We helped 189 families with gifts this year. Thank you to our donors.
- The Mental Health Board Manager position will be posted by the end of this week. Interviews start the week of February 17, 2025.
- Statistics for December 2024:
 - 1,471 rides - 752 non-medical, 719 medical (180 disabled rides)
 - 887 – meals delivered
 - 446 – visits to the Food Pantry – 982 people, 228 children and 418 seniors
 - 8 – Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
 - 21 – Visually Impaired Group Holiday Party

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #5: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2025-01 – APPROVING DELEGATION OF PERMITTING AUTHORITY

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the Resolution 2025-01, Approving Delegation of Permitting Authority.

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

MOTION #6: APPROVAL OF 2025 -26 BUDGET CALENDAR

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the 2025-26 Budget Calendar.

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

MOTION #7: APPROVAL OF IRS 2025 MILEAGE RATE CHANGE

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the IRS 2025 Mileage Rate Change.

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

MOTION #8: APPROVAL OF FOREST RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM – MEREDITH WISNIEWSKI

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Hamilton to approve the Forest River Fire Protection District Trustee Appointment for a Three-Year Term – Meredith Wisniewski.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Penner, Hamilton, Murglin, Kozicki, Talken
NAYS: None.... Motion #8 Carried.

MOTION #9: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Penner seconded by Trustee Murglin to adjourn.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes.... Motion #9 Carried.

The meeting for Tuesday, January 28, 2025, was declared adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk