

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for December 6, 2022 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 Kathleen 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.

PUBLIC TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARINGS

2022 TOWN AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE LEVY

Attorney Kenneth Florey called the Town Public Hearing for 2022 to order and stated that the proposed Town Fund Levy is in the amount of \$2,110,017. The General Assistance Fund Levy is \$399,718. The proposed aggregate levy for these two funds is \$2,509,735. He asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on the levies to please step forward and give her/his name and address. Nobody stepped forward to make a comment and the hearing was closed.

MOTION #1: TO CLOSE TOWN AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE LEVY HEARING

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki, to close the Town and General Assistance hearing.

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

2022 ROAD MANAGEMENT LEVY

Attorney Kenneth Florey called the Road Management Public Hearing for 2022 to order and stated a proposed Road Management Levy for next year amount of \$719,380. He asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak and if so, to please give her/his name and address. With no comments, the Road Management Hearing was closed.

MOTION #2: TO CLOSE THE ROAD MANAGEMENT LEVY HEARING

Motion by Supervisor Penner seconded by Trustee Kozicki, to close the Road Management Levy hearing.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve the minutes of November 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

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

AUDIT

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #11/22/22, #11/30/22 and #12/6/22 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$13,919.21 to be paid.

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

MOTION #5: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #120622 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$18.50 to be paid.

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

MOTION #6: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #11/18/22, #11/22/22, #11/30/22 and #12/6/22 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$143,626.53 to be paid.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Penner reported:

- A notice in the newspaper will ask for applications to serve on the 708 Board to be appointed in January.
- 7 members will be on the board appointed by the Supervisor
- The applications are due on Wednesday December 28

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Several citizens introduced themselves that were interested in serving on the 708 Mental Health Board. Ronald from Arlington Heights indicated that drugs over prescribed. He does not want any funding for drugs because cause more addiction. Lorri Grainawi indicated Township had 60 days to appoint 708 board and brought 3 applications for board. Kathy Motto stated that career was working in mental health and interested in development of board. Jack Sturgeon spoke on behalf of Christian Church of Arlington Heights and has been supportive of Township food pantry, meals on wheels and other programs and hopes mental health board can be as effective. Allie Lundblad, the pastor of the Christian Church, has seen people that needed help. Arlen Gould stated that referendum passed by 1900 votes and believes need more mental health services.

OFFICIALS' REPORT

ASSESSOR: Assessor Jochum reported:

- **TAX YEAR 2021:** Tax bills have been mailed and taxpayers are coming into the office and calling in order to get an explanation of their tax bills. The most pressing issue has been the affect upon seniors with the senior freeze whose taxes have increased significantly (\$300-\$800) over the previous year. Some of these seniors were negatively impacted by the decrease in the equalizer, an unintended consequence of several changes.
- **Attached you will find the Cook County Treasurers tax bill analysis for tax year 2021.** A few highlights:
 - Property taxes billed across Cook County rose \$614 Million to \$16.7 Billion.
 - Homeowners bore \$330 Million or 53.6% of the increased taxes.
 - Commercial/Industrial bore \$285 Million or 46.4% of the increased taxes.
 - The recapture provision added an increased tax burden of \$131 Million.

- North Suburban taxes rose \$94 Million with commercial/industrial picking up 2/3 of the increase.
- Taxes for 305,000 homeowners went up and they went down for 104,000 homeowners.
- South Suburbs overall taxes went up \$52.5 Million.
- The total amount billed countywide for 2021-to be collected this year-is more than \$16.7 Billion. This represents an increase of nearly \$614 Million, or more than 3.8% over 2020.
- The twenty-year history shows the following total taxes billed; 2002 \$8.58 Billion compared to 2021 to \$16.72 Billion or double over 20 years
- Recapture Law and District 214: HS District had to pay \$3.8 million in taxes back. This means that District has to find \$3.8 million in budget. The County adds that money to levy on taxpayers.

- **TAX YEAR 2022**

- First installment will be sent out in February.
- The Township Assessors of Cook County initiated and lobbied for a bill, which has been passed, extending payment and penalty for one month.
- We expect the Board of Review to open for Appeals after February.
- Wheeling Township is now represented by two Board of Review Commissioners; George Cardenas and Samantha Steele.

- **PERMITS**

- We are working to process permits which need to be in to the County Assessor by December 15th. To date we have processed 3,053 permits valued at \$148,882,482. I will provide the final total in the next report. As a point of reference, we ended last year with a total permit amount of \$185,893,810.
- Attached to this report is a request for the Board to approve a type of IGA which could be used between Assessors should there be additional manpower needs. The reason and use of the IGA is explained in the attached.

CLERK'S REPORT:

- Attended Clerk Meeting in Schaumburg Township.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- The Village of Arlington Heights "Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast" is on February 2, 2023 at the Double Tree from 7 am-9 am.
- We held our Thanksgiving distribution on November 19, 2022 and 304 families received baskets
- The Township had another successful Operation Support Our Troops. We received about 2,000 lbs of candy, snacks, socks, personal hygiene items, \$4065 in financial donations, and 750 handwritten cards. The community has outdone itself again!
- Our Adopt a Family program will begin on Thursday.
- Statistics for November 2022:

1,654 rides – 592 non-medical, 1,062 medical
1,066 meals delivered
387 visits to the Food Pantry – 825 people fed

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #7: 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE APPROVAL

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule.

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

MOTION #8: ASSESSOR'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PALATINE, SCHAUMBURG, ELK GROVE AND MAINE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR'S OFFICES

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the Assessor's Intergovernmental Agreement with Palatine, Schaumburg, Elk Grove, and Maine Township Assessor's Offices.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION #9: ADOPTION OF 2022 LEVIES FOR THE TOWN AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to adopt the Levies for the Town and General Assistance in the amount of \$2,509,735.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Penner, Kozicki, Murglin, Hamilton, Talken
NAYS: None....Motion #9 Carried.

MOTION #10: ADOPTION OF 2022 LEVY FOR THE ROAD MANAGEMENT

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to adopt the Levy for the Road Management in the amount of \$719,380.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Penner, Murglin, Kozicki, Hamilton, Talken
NAYS: None....Motion #10 Carried.

MOTION #11: ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes....Motion #11 Carried.

The meeting for Tuesday, December 6, 2022, was declared adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk