

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for October 22, 2024 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 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 Joseph Murglin

**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 24, 2024**

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Hamilton, to approve the minutes of September 24, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

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

**AUDIT**

**MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND**

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Hamilton, to approve batch #9/30/24, #10/11/24, #10/21/24, and #10/22/24 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$194,811.08 to be paid.

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

**MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND**

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Hamilton, to approve batch #9/27/24, #9/30/24, #10/11/24 and #10/22/24 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$54,903.41 to be paid.

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

**MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND**

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Hamilton, to approve batch #10/22/24 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$489.87 to be paid.

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

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Amy Somary: Our property tax bill shows where money goes. She knows that approving 708 taxes means higher property taxes than the Township is used to taxing.

Fred Vogt: 708 Board needs direction from the Township Board.

Lorri Grainawi: Responded to comments from previous meetings.

**OFFICIALS' REPORT**

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Jochum reported:

- TAX YEAR 2024
- Wheeling Township is closed for appeals with the Cook County Assessor having completed 967 appeals for residents. This number is higher than anticipated for the third year of the triennial.
- We anticipate the Board of Review opening for appeals in December however we have begun to take pre-files for the convenience of residents.
- PERMITS
- We have begun processing permits.
- We are hosting a meeting for all municipalities within the township to discuss the importance of proper processing of permits and the impact on revenue. This is important since we identify the assessment levels for about 22 million dollars in permits per year.
- Our permit work must be done by December in order to support the tax revenue process.

- The meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2024 here in the Ulreich conference room.
- **Attached please see a copy of the Civic Federation ESTIMATED EFFECTIVE PROPERTY TAX RATES article, focusing on our area. Arlington Heights and Buffalo Grove are assessed 2-3 times higher than most of the nation.**

**CLERK'S REORT:** Clerk Gauza informed the Board that the Clerk's Office held a voter registration drive at Luther village on October 4.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Administrator Stapleton reported:

- Our Food Pantry Coordinator is retiring in November. We have hired his replacement. David Bujak started on October 14th. He speaks Polish, and we are delighted to have him.
- Bonnie Niedert, our receptionist, will retire after 22 years at the Township on October 30th. We will have a small gathering on October 28th if the Board is interested in attending. Please let me know. We have started looking for her replacement.
- The Holiday Program's registration has begun. We thank the community for their continued support.
- Statistics for September 2024:
  - 1,640 rides - 782 non-medical, 858 Medical (Disabled 239 rides)
  - 889- meals delivered
  - 496 - visits to the Food Pantry - 1,065 people
  - 3- Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
  - 17 -(VIP) Visually Impaired Support Group

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION #5: APPROVAL OF 2024-2025 AUTO INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the 2024 - 2025 Auto Insurance Renewal.

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

**MOTION #6: APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT AND CEMETERY 2024-2025 SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT**

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the Township Parking Lot and Cemetery 2024 – 2025 Snow Removal Contract.

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

**MOTION #7: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-04 SENIOR CELEBRATION DAY**

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the Resolution 2024 – 04 Senior Celebration Day.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2024 LEVY DISCUSSIONS:** This is the Township levy and not the 708 Board levy. Supervisor Penner suggested keeping the township levy flat for the next year.

**MOTION #8: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Supervisor Penner seconded by Trustee Kozicki to adjourn.

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

The meeting for Tuesday, October 22, 2024, was declared adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza  
Wheeling Township Clerk