

Wheeling Township
Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER The 171th Annual Township meeting, held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Wheeling Township Hall, Paula Ulreich Meeting Room, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois, was called to order by Clerk Joanna Gauza at 8:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Clerk Gauza led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. She then introduced the Wheeling Township Officials.

MEETING PROCEDURES Clerk Gauza asked the audience if Wheeling Township residents had signed the "Voters Affidavit" and if guests had signed in on the official "Guest List". Upon signing in, each Wheeling Township resident received an official blue card to use when voting on any issue brought up at the meeting. It was also pointed out that agendas, Wheeling Township Officials' Reports, and Wheeling Township Annual Reports, including the Financial Reports for 2022-2023, were available in the back of the room.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT Because of State law, the Clerk did not have to read the Wheeling Township Annual Report. A hard copy of the Annual Township Financial Statement as part of the Annual Township Report was available for each elector to review.

NOMINATION OF A MODERATOR Clerk Gauza asked for nominations from the floor, to elect a moderator. A motion was made by Jeanne Hamilton, seconded by Tom Gauza, to nominate Maria McCarthy as moderator. Clerk Gauza asked, "Are there any other nominations for moderator?" Hearing none, motion was voted upon and carried unanimously.

Maria McCarthy was then sworn in as moderator by Clerk Gauza.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION Moderator McCarthy asked Supervisor Kathy Penner to recognize the volunteers in Wheeling Township.

April is National Volunteer Month, so tonight's Annual Town Meeting gives us the perfect opportunity to acknowledge some of the many people in our community who choose to share their time and talent with Wheeling Township.

Fiscal Year 2022-23 marked 10 years since the food pantry converted to the Client Choice Shopping Model! When it opened in April of 2012, it was one of the few pantries in the area to allow clients to choose the food for themselves. Now, 10 years later, this practice has become a preferred standard for all pantries. We could not serve the residents that we do without our 45 dedicated food pantry crew members. Each volunteer crew member commits to working the same 3 hour shift every week, just like a paid job. They offer insights on how to improve operations, get to know the clients and genuinely enjoy serving their community. We would like to honor 11 crew members who just completed their 10 years of service to the food pantry. They have been with us since the Client Choice Shopping Model opened and are the living embodiment of our motto "Neighbors Helping Neighbors".

Adele Bryczek
Eileen Fogell
Dawes Garrett
Ann Greenstein
Karen Groom
Pat Johnston
Joanne Kohlberg
Larry Orloff
Pat Panarale
Micheline Rodgers

Our condolences go to the family of Lynda Genin, who recently passed away.

Our volunteers worked 4,825 hours, 560 shifts which allowed our pantry to feed 9,814 people, without using tax dollars.

On behalf of our Senior & Disability Services Department, I would like to acknowledge the individuals who volunteer for our many programs. This includes Medicare benefit specialists called SHIP counselors, AARP tax preparers, support group volunteers, and Home Delivered Meal Program volunteers.

Our Home Delivered Meal Program works with over 350 volunteers and 25 churches throughout the year, who deliver freshly prepared meals to vulnerable seniors and permanently disabled persons in our community. I'd like to acknowledge several churches that come through, year after year, with an overwhelming number of people willing to volunteer, and they are:

First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights
First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights
St. Edna Catholic Church
St. James Catholic Church
Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church
St. Alphonsus Ligouri Catholic Church

We are grateful for all of our volunteers and their dedication to our programs. Thank You.

RESOLUTIONS were presented at this time. Moderator McCarthy then asked for presentation of three resolutions.

SET THE TIME OF THE NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING A resolution was read by Patricia Kozicki to set the time for the next annual town meeting, as follows: “It is hereby resolved and ordered by the electors present at the Annual Town Meeting of Wheeling Township held this 11th day of April, 2023, that the time of the next Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of April, 2024, at 8:00 p.m., at a place to be designated by the Wheeling Township Board of Trustees.”

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION 2023-01 A motion was made by Kathy Penner and seconded by Joseph Murglin, to adopt Resolution 2023-01, as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The next resolution brought before the electors for approval was for the Township to provide social services.

SOCIAL SERVICES A resolution was read by Darrel Talken stating: “Whereas, the electors assembled at this Year 2023 Annual Town Meeting of Wheeling Township believe it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents that the Township contract with for-profit, not-for-profit or non-sectarian organizations to provide services for children, teens, seniors, disabled and low-income families. Now therefore, be it hereby resolved, by the electors present at this Annual Town Meeting of Wheeling Township that the Wheeling Township Board of Trustees is authorized to contract with for-profit, not-for-profit, or non-sectarian organizations to provide funds for services for children, teens, seniors, disabled and low-income families during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.”

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION 2023-02 A motion was made by Jeanne Hamilton and seconded by Patricia Kozicki to adopt Resolution 2023-02 as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Moderator McCarthy then asked for a resolution to be brought before the electors authorizing the board to purchase liability insurance.

LIABILITY INSURANCE A resolution was read by Jeanne Hamilton which stated: “Whereas, the electors are empowered under 60 ILCS 1/30-42, as amended, to provide for the purchase of insurance, any loss or liability of any officer, employee or agent of the Township resulting from any wrongful or negligent act of any such officer, employee or agent while discharging against or engaging in his duties and functions and acting within the scope of his

duties and functions as an officer, employee or agent of the Township; and whereas, it is in the best interests of the Township to provide for such insurance; it is, therefore, resolved by the electors assembled at an Annual Meeting as follows:

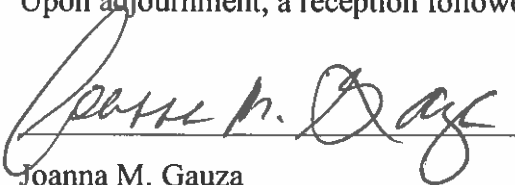
1. That the Township Board is authorized to purchase insurance against any loss or liability of any officer, employee or agent of the Township resulting from the wrongful or negligent act of any such officer, employee or agent while discharging or engaging in his duties and functions as an officer, employee or agent of the Township.
2. That the term “insurance” herein shall include traditional insurance policies and programs as well as any self-administered insurance funds, risk management associations, risk retention groups, which are in the nature of insurance and provide for the protection anticipated herein.
3. That this resolution shall not be construed to limit any of the Township Board’s powers under 745 ILS 10/9-101, et seq.
4. That this resolution shall remain in full force and effect unless and until modified amended or repealed at a subsequent Annual or Special Meeting of electors.”

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION 2023-03 A motion was made by Tom Gauza, and seconded by Kathy Penner to adopt Resolution 2023-03. Motion carried unanimously.

Moderator McCarthy asked if there was any other business to present. Being none, she asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN A motion was made by Darrel Talken and seconded by Ken Jochum to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Moderator McCarthy thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Upon adjournment, a reception followed, including cookies and coffee.



Joanna M. Gauza

Wheeling Township Clerk