

WHEELING TOWNSHIP
1616 North Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PAULA ULREICH MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025
8:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2024
- V. AUDIT
- VI. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD
- VII. OFFICIALS' REPORT
- VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Approval – Resolution #2025-01 Approving Delegation of Permitting Authority
 2. Approval - 2025-26 Budget Calendar
 3. Approval - IRS 2025 Mileage Rate Change
 4. Approval – Forest River Fire Protection District Trustee Appointment for a Three-year term – Meredith Wisniewski
- X. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING-FEBRUARY 25, 2025-8:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for December 10, 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 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

2024 TOWN, GENERAL ASSISTANCE AND ROAD MANAGEMENT LEVY

Attorney Kenneth Florey called the Town Public Hearing for 2024 to order and stated that the proposed Town Fund Levy is in the amount of \$2,242,191. The General Assistance Fund Levy is \$419,174. The proposed aggregate levy for these two funds is \$2,661,365. Attorney Kenneth Florey called the Road Management Public Hearing for 2024 to order and stated a proposed Road Management Levy for next year amount of \$723,109

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 , GENERAL ASSISTANCE AND ROAD MANAGEMENT LEVY HEARING

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

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

AUDIT

MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #11/25/24, #11/26/24 and #12/10/24 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$22,223.74 to be paid.

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

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #12/10/2024 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$1,840.00 to be paid.

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

MOTION #5: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #11/22/24, #11/25/24, #11/26/24 and #12/10/24 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$172,619.62 to be paid.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Lorri Grainawi asked about the Referendum.

OFFICIALS' REPORT

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Jochum reported:

- TAX YEAR 2024
- The Board of Review will be closing appeals from Wheeling Township on December 17, 2024. We have conducted two outreach sessions for taxpayers; one with Commissioner Steele and one with Commissioner Cardenas both held here at the Township office. In addition, we are submitting approximately 400 appeals for taxpayers from our office. We anticipate that tax bills will be submitted to taxpayers on time this year.
- PERMITS 2024
- Our office has reviewed, coded for assessment and submitted all permits for 2024. Total permits were 4,557 with a total permit amount of \$209,731,329.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- Over the week of Thanksgiving, Bear Construction replaced the Supervisor, Assessor, Park Lot doors, and the hallway floor. They did a great job! The staff was very happy with the communication and their professionalism. The trim to match the rest of the hallway will come shortly; they had to place a special order.
- On Saturday, November 23, 2024, we distributed 342 Thanksgiving baskets. Again, we thank the community for their ongoing support!
- AARP Tax prep will start on February 7, 2025. The Township will begin taking appointments on January 13, 2025.
- On Thursday, December 12, Adopt a Family drop-off begins. This year, we are helping 188 families with some holiday cheer.
- On December 5, 2024, Supervisor Penner, President Hayes (Mental Health Board), and I attended the ACMHA (Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois) Best Practices Training. I found it very informative regarding monitoring funded agencies and measuring outcomes.
- Statistics for November 2024:
 - 1,408 rides – 705 non-medical, 703 Medical (Disabled 191 rides)
 - 817 - meals delivered
 - 414 - visits to the Food Pantry – 879 people, 202 Children and 386 Seniors
 - 10 – Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
 - 18 –(VIP) Visually Impaired Support Group Holiday Party

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #6: 2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE APPROVAL

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule.

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

MOTION #7: 2025 WHEELING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS APPROVAL

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the 2025 Wheeling Township Board Meetings Approval.

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

MOTION #8: APPROVAL OF MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FUNDING REQUEST

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Hamilton to approve the Mental Health Board Funding Request of \$809,550.

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

MOTION #9: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-06 TO SUBMIT AND ADVISORY REFERENDUM TO THE VOTERS OF WHEELING TOWNSHIP REGARDING LOCAL UNFUNDED MANDATES

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the Resolution 2024-06 to Submit An Advisory Referendum to the Voters of Wheeling Township Regarding Local Funded Mandates.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION #8: ADOPTION OF 2024 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 \$2,661,365.

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

MOTION #9: ADOPTION OF 2024 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 \$723,109.

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

MOTION #10: ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes.... Motion #10 Carried.

The meeting for Tuesday, December 10, 2024, was declared adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, January 28, 2024, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk

DRAFT

Resolution 2025-01

Approving Delegation of Permitting Authority

WHEREAS, Wheeling Township (the “Township”) has the authority to issue all permits for construction work including but not limited to; new structures, demolition, renovations, additions to existing structures, and all other work other than ordinary repairs, in all unincorporated areas of the Township.

WHEREAS, the Township has responsibility for maintaining public roads in all unincorporated areas of the Township.

WHEREAS, the Township has determined it no longer seeks to retain permitting authority, except for construction work affecting the Township roads and right-of-way, in areas of unincorporated Wheeling Township, and therefore, wish to transfer this authority to the Cook County Department of Building and Zoning (“Cook County”).

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to retain permitting authority for all areas of construction work that affect the Township’s right of way or public roads in all unincorporated areas of the Township. These are the exclusive areas of construction work that require Township approval.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township as follows;

1. The preamble recitals of this Resolution are hereby adopted as if fully set forth herein.
2. The Township Board hereby approves the delegation of permitting authority, except for construction work affecting the Township roads and right-of-way, to Cook County, for the use and benefit of the Township in accordance with the terms of this Resolution.
3. The Township Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor or her designee(s) to execute all documents on behalf of the Township necessary to complete this delegation of authority.
4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted this 28th day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WHEELING TOWNSHIP, COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

By: _____
Supervisor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Clerk

7

2025-26 BUDGET CALENDAR

January 28, 2025	8:00PM	REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 25, 2025	8:00PM	REGULAR BOARD MEETING
		EXECUTIVE SESSION – Staff Salaries Budget Discussions Agency Funding Assessor Clerk Senior/Transportation Cemetery Town General Assistance Road Management
March 1, 2025		Last day for voters to request Annual Town Meeting agenda item
March 18, 2025	8:00PM	Approve Tentative 2025-26 Budgets REGULAR BOARD MEETING Transfer of Appropriations Adopt Annual Town Meeting Agenda Budget Discussions
March 21, 2025		Last day for Clerk to publish notice of Public Hearings Last day for Clerk to publish notice of Annual Town Meeting
April 8, 2025	8:00PM	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
April 22, 2025	8:00PM	PUBLIC HEARINGS for 2025-26 Budgets REGULAR BOARD MEETING Budget Discussions ADOPT 2025-26 Budgets
May 22, 2025		Last day for Clerk to file Budgets with Cook County



IRS increases the standard mileage rate for business use in 2025; key rate increases 3 cents to 70 cents per mile

IR-2024-312, Dec. 19, 2024

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced that the optional standard mileage rate for automobiles driven for business will increase by 3 cents in 2025, while the mileage rates for vehicles used for other purposes will remain unchanged from 2024.

Optional standard mileage rates are used to calculate the deductible costs of operating vehicles for business, charitable and medical purposes, as well as for active-duty members of the Armed Forces who are moving.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2025, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be:

- 70 cents per mile driven for business use, up 3 cents from 2024.
- 21 cents per mile driven for medical purposes, the same as in 2024.
- 21 cents per mile driven for moving purposes for qualified active-duty members of the Armed Forces, unchanged from last year.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations, equal to the rate in 2024.

The rates apply to fully-electric and hybrid automobiles, as well as gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles.

While the mileage rate for charitable use is set by statute, the mileage rate for business use is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes, meanwhile, is based on only the variable costs from the annual study.

Under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, taxpayers cannot claim a miscellaneous itemized deduction for unreimbursed employee travel expenses. And only taxpayers who are members of the military on active duty may claim a deduction for moving expenses incurred while relocating under orders to a permanent change of station.

Use of the standard mileage rates is optional. Taxpayers may instead choose to calculate the actual costs of using their vehicle.

From: Meredith <missmadisha@yahoo.com>
To: rstapleton@wheelingtowship.co <rstapleton@wheelingtowship.co>
Cc: jgtjgt@aol.com <jgtjgt@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 04:23:46 PM CST
Subject: Forest River Fire District Trustee - Meredith Wisniewski

Hello Regina,

My name is Meredith Wisniewski and I would like to be considered for the open trustee position on the Forest River Fire District.

My objective would be to maintain the existing services that the citizens of Forest River currently enjoy with the Mt. Prospect Fire Department as a trustee.

I have lived in the Forest River subdivision for nearly 4 years and have served as the Recording Secretary for the Forest River Civic Association for nearly three years. I have volunteered and participated in numerous neighborhood activities. My address is 234 N. Graylynn Drive, Mt. Prospect 60056.

Thank you for your consideration.

Meredith Wisniewski