

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for March 24, 2026 was held in the Paula Ulreich Meeting Room, in the Township of Wheeling, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Supervisor Zeller Brauer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk Gauza called the roll and the following members were present, Supervisor Maria Zeller Brauer, Trustee John Geier, Trustee Lorri Grainawi, Trustee Austin Mejdrich (joined remotely), Trustee Sheri Williams and Clerk Joanna Gauza.

Also in attendance: Wheeling Township Assessor Ken Jochum, Wheeling Township Attorney Ross Secler, and Wheeling Township Director of Finance and Administration Regina Stapleton.

Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Zeller Brauer led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION #1: APPROVAL OF HAVING TRUSTEE MEJDRICH JOINING THE BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM CALL**

Motion by Supervisor Zeller Brauer, seconded by Trustee Geier, to approve Trustee Mejdrich joining the Board Meeting Via Zoom.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes.... Motion #1 Carried.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Police Commander Busching addressed that April is “Distracting Driving” month.

**MOTION #2: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

Motion by Trustee Grainawi, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve the minutes of February 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes.... Motion #2 Carried.

**AUDIT**

**MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND**

Motion by Trustee Grainawi, seconded by Trustee Geier, to approve batch #02/26/26, #2/27/26 and #3/24/26 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$1,903.02 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grainawi, Geier, Williams, Mejdrieh, Zeller Brauer  
NAYS: None.... Motion #3 Carried.

**MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND**

Motion by Trustee Grainawi, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve batch #2/26/26, #2/27/26, #3/2/26 and 3/24/26 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$27,230.62 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grainawi, Williams, Mejdrieh, Geier, Zeller Brauer  
NAYS: None.... Motion #4 Carried.

**MOTION #5: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND**

Motion by Trustee Grainawi, seconded by Trustee Geier, to approve batch #2/26/26, #2/27/26, #3/2/26, #3/13/26, #3/23/26 and #3/24/26 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$360,756.44 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Grainawi, Geier, Williams, Mejdrieh, Zeller Brauer  
NAYS: None.... Motion #5 Carried.

**REPORTS**

**SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Zeller Brauer reported:

- Conducted a tour of the food pantry with a donor on March 2.
- The Township hosted a marketing and communications kick off meeting with Vicarious Multimedia to discuss goals and planning for the upcoming year on March 2.
- Had lunch with Cook County Commissioner, Scott Britton, and Cook County Board President, Toni Preckwinkle, on March 5.
- Attended Pace's Northwest Cook On Demand event celebrating the launch of service expansion to our area with Regina Stapleton on March 5.
- Attended joint meeting of local townships to discuss transportation needs, hosted by Cook County Commissioner, Maggie Trevor, on March 6.
- Participated in Connections to the Homeless' Legislative Seminar on March 11.

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- Attended TOCC's Communication's meeting on March 12 that was hosted at the township. Thank you to Regina Stapleton and Lynndah Layhey for organizing the meeting.
- Attended the Northwest Suburban Alliance on Domestic Violence's Legislative Seminar on March 16.
- Conducted a tour of the food pantry to members of the Village of Mount Prospect's Human Services Department on March 16.
- Attended a Ramadan Iftar dinner, hosted by the Kyrgyz Community Center, on March 18.

**CLERK:** Clerk Gauza reported:

- Attended Clerk's Meeting which was hosted by Maine Township. At the meeting we discussed Clerk's duties regarding minutes. We also discussed conducting an Annual Town Meeting.
- I also met with Supervisor Zeller Brauer to discuss our Annual Town Meeting Agenda.
- Everyone should have received an email regarding Statement of Economic Interest, which is due on May 1st.

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Jochum reported:

- TAX YEAR 2025
- Wheeling Township is still awaiting result letters from the Board of Review Appeals.
- Exemption application mailers are being sent out beginning this week.
  - Senior Freeze applications will be due April 21.
  - Veterans with Disabilities applications have been mailed to all who need to reapply, they will be due April 28. We currently have 57 veterans with \$0 tax bills whom we track to ensure that their exemptions are recognized.
  - We are currently serving taxpayers requiring exemption assistance.
- Certificates of Error have not yet been processed. We are informed that it may be 2-3 months delay due to systems implementation problems. This delay is causing significant difficulties for some of our taxpayer residents.

**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD:** Trustee Grainawi reported in February that the Mental Health Board had a strategic planning meeting. The Mental Health board approved a 1 year and 3-year plan. Discussed and determined that Township should handle checks. Also discussed process to fill coming Mental Health Board vacancy.

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

- February was the first full month of Ecolane. We are still working out the kinks, but it is going well.
- We have closed the fiscal year 2025-2026. Our audit will begin in May 2026.
- Stats for February 2026
  - 1,702 rides – 861 non-medical, 264 Medical, (Disabled 207 rides)
  - 903 - meals delivered
  - 495 - visits to the Food Pantry – 1,114 people, 275 Children, and 495 Seniors

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION #6: APPROVAL OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AGENDA**

Motion by Supervisor Zeller Brauer, seconded by Trustee Grainawi to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Zeller Brauer, Grainawi, Geier, Williams, Mejdrieh  
NAYS: None.... Motion #6 Carried.

**MOTION #7: APPROVAL OF ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES JOB DESCRIPTION**

Motion by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Geier to approve the Assistant Administrator of Social Services Job Description.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Williams, Geier, Grainawi, Mejdrieh, Zeller Brauer  
NAYS: None.... Motion #7 Carried.

**MOTION #8: APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR TOWN, GENERAL ASSISTANCE, AND ROAD**

Motion by Trustee Mejdrieh, seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the Ordinances Regarding the Transfer of Appropriations for Town, General Assistance, and Road.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mejdrieh, Williams, Geier, Grainawi, Zeller Brauer  
NAYS: None.... Motion #8 Carried.

**2026-2027- AGENCY FUNDING DETERMINATION**

The Board discussed the Agency funding for the 2026-2027 and the budget items. GA had less clients than expected the past fiscal year. On April 28, after a public hearing, the board will vote on a final budget for the fiscal year.

**MOTION #9: APPROVAL OF POSTING AND DISPLAY OF THE TENTATIVE 2026-2027 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND PUBLISH NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY / PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Supervisor Zeller Brauer seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the Posting and Display of the Tentative 2026-2027 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and Publish Notice of Availability / Public Hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Zeller Brauer, Williams, Geier, Grainawi, Mejdrich  
NAYS: None.... Motion #9 Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- AARP Tax-Aide Program - Now through April 10, call the Township for an appointment.
- ITAC Amplified Phones - April 13, 10 am to 3 pm. Call Schaumburg Township for an appointment.
- VACC, I-Pass, Find Your Money, and Secretary of State Mobile Driving - April 17.

**DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES:**

Trustee Mejdrich: Will be resigning April 1. Thanked the Board for their service.

**MOTION #10: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Supervisor Zeller Brauer seconded by Trustee Williams to adjourn.

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

The meeting for Tuesday, March 24, 2026, was declared adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza  
Wheeling Township Clerk