

WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SPECIAL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES OF  
NOVEMBER 1, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Mental Health Board Meeting of Wheeling Township, for November 1, 2023 was held in the Paula Ulreich Meeting Room, in the Township of Wheeling, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Vice President Susan Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Bill Dixon called the roll and the following members were present, Bill Dixon, Jeanne Hamilton, Susan Hayes, JoAnne Schultz, Jim Ruffatto, John Lubbe and Jack Vrett by phone.

Also, in attendance: Wheeling Township Attorney Kenneth Florey, and Wheeling Township Director of Finance and Administration Regina Stapleton.

Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President Susan Hayes led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Arlen Gould stated that he wants clarification on the dollar amount that will be on the referendum. He states the Township is arguing on the basis of counsel that 8 million dollars should be the amount on the referendum. He said the Wheeling Township Board would have to vote for 8 million. He wants to know how it will get to 8 million. He stated be honest with the voters.

Hugh Brady shared that Will County passed the referendum like Wheeling Township passed theirs. Last month Will County got an opinion from the State's Attorneys Office in Will County about the language that was used. It was determined that the language that was used was in compliance with the law. It was the same language used on the Wheeling Township referendum. He suggested that it might be worth looking into.

Lori Grainawi shared that Vernon Township recommended their budget to the Township Board & have submitted it, Schaumburg Township presented their neighborhood surveys to their Board, Addison Township launched a new website to better serve their area residents & Will County approved a ten million dollar budget.

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**NEED ASSESSMENT PRESENTATIONS**

Bill Dixon stated that for many years he was a member of Illinois City/County Management Association. The Association gets its staff support from a small unit within NIU. For Appearances sakes Bill Dixon recused himself from the discussion or the voting. He stated as Secretary of the Board, he would remain in the room in case there were any motions.

**HARPER BUSINESS ACCESS TO GROWTH LEARNING SOLUTONS-**Susan Mulrey submitted a proposal for a Needs Assessment. She introduced Antonio Mannings who explained the timeline of the Needs Assessment. The Assessment would take approximately 6 months (June 30, 2024) to finalize. Antonio reported that they are working on a similar project for Schaumburg Township. The total estimated cost would be \$36,000.

**NIU CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES-**Mindy Schneiderman submitted a proposal for a Needs Assessment. She shared some past & present projects. Currently CGS is working on a Community Needs Assessments for Elgin Township Mental Health Board, Vernon Township Mental Health Board & Dundee Township Mental Health Board. She named the project staff members. The proposed work plan is to construct an inventory of mental health, substance abuse, and intellectual/developmental disability services in Wheeling Township. The project would take approximately 6 months to complete at a cost of \$18,000.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Regina Stapleton stated there will be a discussion and subsequent approval of a proposal at the next meeting on November 8, 2023. Jack Vrett asked if it was going to be an open meeting. Attorney Ken Florey stated that yes it would be. Jim Ruffatto requested to put a proposal on the next agenda to reduce the levy amount on the 708 funding referendum. It was decided that it was a moot point as the Clerk has already filed the referendum

**MOTION #2: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bill Dixon, seconded by Jeanne Hamilton to adjourn

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes...

NAYES: None...Motion 2 carried

The meeting for Wednesday, November 1, 2023, was declared adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next scheduled Community Mental Health Board Meeting is set for Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.