

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for March 20, 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 Attorney Kenneth Florey, and Wheeling Township Director of Finance and Administration Regina Stapleton.

Absent: Wheeling Township Assessor Ken Jochum

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 FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

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

AUDIT

MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #2/29/24 and #3/20/24 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$2,320.00 to be paid.

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

MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #2/29/24, #3/1/24 and #3/20/24 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$14,438.30 to be paid.

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

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #2/29/24, #3/1/24, #3/7/24 and #3/20/24 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$89,472.81 to be paid.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Lorri Grainawi: wants to have open and accessible meetings that are recorded on zoom. To acknowledge May as a Mental Health month, Lorri suggested a few ideas that we can do such as providing people with a list of phone numbers for local mental health agencies that can help. Also, events can be advertised regarding Mental Health and notecards posted with what mental health means to people.

Leslie Berkner: Last month she requested some road ditch work and someone came out quickly and did the work. Thanks to the road management for doing the work fast.

John Truncale: Thanked the township for the great job it is doing. How does Township regulate rental properties in Forest River.

Mark Sypolka: He complained about Mark Toberman that it is hard to get permits to do anything.

Jerry Busse: He addressed permit processing and how Mark Toberman makes everything hard. There is lack of communication with staff.

Gerry Grace: He was concerned about permit issue. Hard to obtain permit for construction.

Nicole Grassy: She spoke about trauma and need for mental health grief support. There is desperate need for mental health services.

George Motto: He is aware of wonderful services we provide. We should be increasing Mental Health services.

OFFICIALS' REPORT

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- She is looking into streaming our meetings.
- Regarding the roads, Cook County agreed to come 3rd Saturday of the month in May to discuss permitting process.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- Annual Town Meeting is on Tuesday April 9, 2024 at 8 pm.
- Statistics for February 2024:
 - 1,436 rides - 668 non-medical, 768 Medical
 - 915 meals delivered
 - 555 visits to the Food Pantry - 1,176 people fed

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #5: APPROVAL OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

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

MOTION #6: APPROVAL OF 2023-24 TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS – TOWN FUND

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the 2023-24 Transfer of Appropriations – Town Fund.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

2024-25 TENTATIVE BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:

- Supervisor Penner reported that we will finalize Budgets in April. We will have average 5% salary increase for staff.
- We need replacement of Township's back door and putting in handicap accessible doors.
- Increased agencies by a total \$23,000 including for AMITA Health, Avenues of Independence, Center of Concern, etc.
- \$90,000 was allocated for Mental Health Board. \$30,000 is for the mental health needs assessment there is also funds allocated for staff.
- General Assistance was increased by \$25,000 because we need to hire Assistant

Director of GA.

- Road resurfacing on Portwine Road will cost \$700,000. For engineering and drainage it will cost \$100,000.

MOTION #7: ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes.... Motion #7 Carried.

The meeting for Wednesday, March 20, 2024, was declared adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk