

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for August 27, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION #1: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON JULY 23, 2024**

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve the minutes of July 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

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

**AUDIT**

**MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND**

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #082724 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$8,848.24 to be paid.

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

**MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND**

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #7/30/24, #8/16/24, and #8/27/24 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$8,304.87 to be paid.

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

**MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND**

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #7/26/24, #7/30/24, #8/16/24, and 8/27/24 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$353,556.64 to be paid.

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

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

John Saletta: is not happy how the 708 Referendum was not worded correctly, and is against the 708 tax levy that would raise the Township taxes 50%. He is already paying high property taxes.

Lorri Grainawi: Voters voted for 708 and the tax was approved.

Steven Polit: is concerned about the 708 board because of property tax increases. Tax increase will impact mental health of taxpayers and create a new bureaucracy.

Mary Lou Ohava: Wheeling Township offers a lot of services and Arlington Heights already has 16 taxing districts. Illinois agencies are responsible for mental health.

Ausin Mejdrich: Wants more mental health funding as his review of records indicates social service funding has declined over the last some 10 years.

Mike Domrzalski: \$1.5 million property tax increase could go to \$10 million. This would raise Township levy by 50% to 4 times the Township levy.

Craig Horwliz: Most people didn't have any idea what they voted for with 708 board because initiative misleading.

David Profitt: Encourages community leaders to find a way to execute tax levy and do what the voters asked for.

Paul Doetsch: Voted against referendum. The referendum never mentioned \$8 million and those seeking a tax increase were not transparent. Thanks board for considering mental health of taxpayers.

Dan Patlak: Opposed to tax increase. A tiny Township should not be responsible for mental health services. The 708 referendum language was illegal and the Township could not levy taxes. In May, the Illinois legislature lifted tax caps for 708 taxes meaning a Township board can raise property taxes \$8.6 million and much more.

### **OFFICIALS' REPORT**

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Jochum reported:

- TAX YEAR 2024
- The Cook County Assessor is open for appeals from Wheeling Township, August 23, 2024 until October 7, 2024. Thus far we have 635 appeals pre-filed which we are submitting.
- You will recall that townships have taken over the duty of electronically entering appeals which will add approximately 80 hours of cost.
- The appeal session for the Assessor is 30 business days whereas the Board of Review session is 30 calendar days.
- OMITTED ASSESSMENTS.
- Omitted assessments are a County wide issue for the County Assessor. This issue relates to the permit process in which the Township plays an important role.
- In order to strengthen the process in Wheeling Township we are planning a lunch and learn for the building and permit officials of the various municipalities which we serve. This will occur after the close of the County Assessor appeal session.
- TAX CAP SURVEY
- We have been taking a survey of taxpayers regarding eliminating PTELL (tax caps), thus far 95% are opposed to eliminating any tax caps.
- ANNUAL REVIEW OF A TAX BILL
- **See attached tax bill**

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

- Dr. Bailey, Harper Business Solution, will present the Needs Assessment to the Mental Health Board on September 11, 2024. Administrator Stapleton will send the report to the board when she receives it.
- Funding Applications are now available; they are on the website for download. They are due to the Township by September 26.
- The AARP Safe Driving class will be held on September 25 and 26; spaces are still available.
- Statistics for July 2024:
  - 1,713 rides – 812 non-medical, 901 Medical (Disabled 308 rides)
  - 976 - meals delivered

- 539 - visits to the Food Pantry – 1,185 people, 497 seniors, 288 children
- 9 – Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
- 20 –(VIP) Visually Impaired Support Group – Speaker Spectrios Low Vision Institute in Wheaton
- 6 – (VIP)Visually Impaired Book Club

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION #5: 2024 LEVY CALENDAR APPROVAL**

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the 2024 Levy Calendar.

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

**MOTION #6: REVISED VACATION POLICY APPROVAL**

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the Revised Vacation Policy.

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

**MOTION #7: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Supervisor Penner seconded by Trustee Kozicki to adjourn.

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

The meeting for Tuesday, August 27, 2024, was declared adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza  
Wheeling Township Clerk