

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for January 24, 2023 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 DECEMBER 6, 2022

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve the minutes of December 6, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

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

AUDIT

MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #12/16/22, #12/22/22, #12/30/22, 1/13/23 and 1/24/23 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$282,002.29 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 #12/16/22, #12/22/22 and #1/24/23 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$56,957.10 to be paid.

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

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #12/16/22 and #1/23/23 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$2,118.00 to be paid.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Attorney Florey informed Lorri Grainawi that the Board hears comments during the Citizens to be heard session and she can direct questions to the Administrator afterwards.

Linda Newhauser raised two daughters and youngest daughter benefited from special education services. After individuals age out of special education school services, the Mental Health Board can help fill this void.

Colleen spoke about a daughter that suffered from autism. She is at the Hope School, but will lose funding in 192 days. She is filing for benefits from the State of Illinois.

OFFICIALS' REPORT

ASSESSOR: Assessor Jochum reported:

- TAX YEAR 2022: The first installment will be sent out on time in February. The payment date before a late penalty is assessed was extended by one month by the State Legislature at the request of the Township Assessors.
- We anticipate that the Cook County Assessor will be sending letters with appeal results to Wheeling residents in February and the Board of Review is opening shortly after results are published. We plan to initiate a reservation system for appeals as opposed to a walk-in system which will allow our office to manage the flow of constituents. We will be scanning results directly to the Board of Review thereby saving considerable work hours in the processing of appeals.
- PERMITS: We have completed the processing of permits and the designation of assessable property for the year 2022. Our total yearly permits were \$202,318,579, compared with the previous year of \$185,893,810.
- ISSUES: I have spoken to Board of Review Commissioner Cardenas and his Chief of Assessments regarding the issue of increases to residential property in

some neighborhoods. While it is very difficult to appeal land assessments, they promised to review our land appeals. We also submitted the residential land sales in Wheeling Township during the last three years, (only four properties), as a bases for their review. Elk Grove Township has also submitted a study of their limited property sales reflecting the same issue.

- ISSUES CONTINUED: For many years, seniors have come to our office in January in order to apply for their exemptions. You may recall that last year I mentioned that the delay in developing a form caused significant problems for our seniors. This year, we are having the same problem. No forms for seniors requesting exemptions and we are unable to service them. The Cook County Assessor’s office actually told us that we will get them when we get them.
- ACTIVITIES:
 1. Below are the statistics reflecting services provided by month.
 2. Currently, we are working on a study of assessment activities engaged in by the 29 townships in Cook County. While we are still assembling data, several facts may be of interest to the Board and they are in an attachment for your review.

Constituent Cases

	December full Month	January 1-22
Senior	378	237
Homeowner	116	67
Tax Bill	256	39
Assessed Value	57	26
D/Vet	22	13
Misc	9	4
Total	838	386

ASSESSOR STUDY DATA

Total Population: Twenty-eight townships plus Evanston; TOP FIVE TOWNSHIPS

POPULATION

1. Wheeling/Thornton 158,000
2. Worth 152,000
3. Proviso 151,000
4. Maine 140,000
5. Schaumburg 130,000

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE

1. Northfield \$2,262,570,693
2. Wheeling \$2,028,889,355

3. Niles	\$1,849,144,805
4. Schaumburg	\$1,838,915,996
5. Maine	\$1,799,442,411

TOTAL RESIDENTIAL ASSESSED VALUE

1. New Trier	\$1,541,602,769
2. Northfield	\$1,510,327,724
3. Wheeling	\$1,392,133,284
4. Maine	\$1,218,111,591
5. Lyons	\$1,161,754,395

TOTAL C/I ASSESSED VALUE

1. Elk Grove	\$982,641,071
2. Schaumburg	\$880,202,659
3. Niles	\$800,537,772
4. Leyden	\$777,831,571
5. Northfield	\$752,242,969
6. Wheeling	\$636,756,071

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- Open enrollment for Medicare Part D closed on December 7. We had 246 appointments and helped individuals save about \$223,562 collectively.
- The Secretary of State Mobile Driving Unit will be here on March 9 and September 14 to renew licenses, IDs, and license plate stickers.
- Real ID new deadline is May 7, 2025.
- The Adopt a Family Program helped 234 families, including 587 children. All families received a gift card for food, and had an opportunity to receive donated new hats, gloves, and scarves. The families were also able to select 3 books that the Arlington Heights Memorial Library donated.
- Statistics for January 2023:
 - 1,564 rides: 869 medical, 695 non-medical
 - 1,080 meals delivered
 - 392 visits to the Food Pantry - 844 people fed

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Penner announced the seven candidates to be appointed to the Mental Health Board. She stated that the Township received 23 applications from many qualified candidates. The selection process included the Supervisor, the Administrator, and the Township Director of General Assistance. The Supervisor also spoke with advocates for the Mental Health Board and their input was very helpful. Because the Mental Health Board has only seven members, many qualified candidates could not be selected. The candidates selected to serve on the Mental Health Board have a wide range of qualifications, including direct experience with individuals with mental health needs in their own families and among friends and in the community. These appointees also have

knowledge of law, finance, health care, community organizations, and other areas of expertise. The selected appointees will need to set a meeting time and the time and location of the meeting will be put on the Township website.

MOTION #5: APPROVAL OF APPOINTEES TO THE WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the appointment of: Bill Dixon (4 year term), Jeanne Hamilton (3 year term), Susan Hayes (4 year term), John Lubbe (2 year term), Jim Ruffatto (3 year term), JoAnne Schultz (2 year term) and Jack Vrett (4 year term) to the Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board.

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

MOTION #6: APPROVAL OF 2023-24 BUDGET CALENDAR

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the 2023-24 Budget Calendar.

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

MOTION #7: APPROVAL OF IRS 2023 MILEAGE RATE CHANGE

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin to approve the IRS 2023 Mileage Rate change from 62 cents to 65.5 cents.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

MOTION #8: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Penner seconded by Trustee Kozicki to adjourn.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes....Motion #8 Carried.

The meeting for Tuesday, January 24, 2023, was declared adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk