WHEELING TOWNSHIP
1616 North Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
PAULA ULREICH MEETING ROOM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026
7:00 PM

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82903596596?pwd=XSTTyh5jnrCVXmSFPg3JOKSl82Zscz.1

Zoom ID # 829 0359 6596 Password: 628007

The public will not be able to make comments via Zoom. The public may submit written comments before the meeting, which will be forwarded to all board members and summarized by the Supervisor at the Citizens to Be Heard. We require members of the public participating via Zoom who wish to comment to submit their written comments for this meeting to the Director of Finance and Administration, Regina Stapleton, at rstapleton@wheelingtownship.com by noon on the day of the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – Remarks Limited to Three Minutes

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING JUNE 23, 2026

VI. AUDIT

VII. REPORTS

- a. Supervisor
- b. Clerk
- c. Assessor
- d. Mental Health Board
- e. Administrator
  - i. General Assistance
  - ii. Community Outreach/Food Pantry
  - iii. Senior Services
  - iv. Road Management

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/Approval – 2025/2026 Audit – The ATA Group
- b. Dissuasion/Approval – 07/31/2026 Insurance Renewal
- c. Approval of the Mileage Rate Reimbursement Effective July 1, 2026
- d. Approval - USIC Contract
- e. Approval – 2027-2028 Wheeling Township Funding Application Questions

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. July 30, 2026 – Predators of Illinois Past, 10 am via Zoom

b. August 5, 2026 – Ready for Success - Filled Backpacks Due (See Newsletter)
c. August 12, 2026 – Wheeling Township Mental Health Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
d. August 14, 2026 – Wheeling Township Mental Health Board Agency Funding Applications Due
e. August 14, 2026 – Protect Yourself from Scams & Fraud, 10 am in Person
f. August 21, 2026 – Fall Prevention, 10 am in Person
g. August 25, 2026 – Wheeling Township Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
h. August 27, 2026 – Alternative Medical Options-Explore Chiropractic & Acupuncture, 10 am via Zoom

X. Discussion and Comments from Trustees

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS (Including action on Matters from Executive Session, if any)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING-AUGUST 25, 2026-7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for June 23, 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 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Gauza called the roll and the following members were present, Supervisor Maria Zeller Brauer, Trustee John Geier, Trustee Trisha Chokshi, Trustee Sheri Williams and Clerk Joanna Gauza.

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

Absent: Trustee Lorri Grainawi, Wheeling Township Attorney Ross Secler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Bonnie: doing traffic initiative on distractive driving in April. Doing outreach to reduce accidents.

MOTION #1: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON MAY 26, 2026

Motion by Trustee Chokshi, seconded by Trustee Geier, to approve the minutes of May 26, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes: .... Motion Carried.

AUDIT

MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Chokshi, to approve batch #5/28/26, #6/12/26 and #6/23/26 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of $11,326.84 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Williams, Chokshi, Geier, Zeller Brauer
NAYS: None.... Motion #2 Carried.

MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Williams, seconded by Geier, to approve batch #062326 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of $715.51 to be paid.

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

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Geier, to approve batch #5/28/26, #6/12/26, #6/22/26 and #6/23/26 against the Town Fund in the amount of $268,757.74 to be paid.

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

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Zeller Brauer reported:

- Along with Regina Stapleton, attended a meeting with Avis Meade, Communications and Outreach Manager for the Village of Arlington Heights on June 4. The VAH used Revise to redesign their website and, although our meeting was cut short, Ms. Meade had positive insights into working with Revise and offered to answer any questions we have along the way as we redesign the Township website.
- Attended the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade on June 6 with Trustees Chokshi, Grainawi, and Williams. We also invited our funded agencies for both the Township and the MHB. Northwest CASA and Journeys the Road Home walked with us. Thank you to John Messina for driving the bus and to Lynndah Lahey for taking care of all the logistics.
- Along with Julie Villarreal, met with members of Wheeling School District 21 Social Services team to discuss how we can support their students and families more effectively.
- Attended the kick-off meeting with new web designer, Revise, on June 16. The new website is scheduled to launch in January 2027.
- Attended the TRIP meeting on 06/18.
- Attended the TOCC Annual Meeting on June 18 with Trustees Chokshi, Geier, and Williams, along with staff members Lynndah Lahey, Regina Stapleton and Julie Villarreal.

Ongoing Meetings and Projects:

- Meet weekly with Vicarious to discuss marketing and communications for the Township, MHB and the Assessor. We continue to see increased interest in social media and eNewsletter. In the fall, Vicarious will be taking over the design and layout of the print newsletter.

- A big thank you to the staff, led by Julie Villarreal, for their hard work and creativity in getting the donated coolers from AHSD 25 into the food pantry.

Miscellaneous:
- Congratulations to Trustee Grainawi who was recently elected president of the MHB.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Jochum reported:

- TAX YEAR 2025
- The following are estimated results of appeals efforts at both major agencies:
- Cook County Assessor 19.5% changed
- Cook County Board of Review 53.5% changed
- The County Treasurer has made significant strides paying Certificates of Error. Certificates of Error are refunds paid to property owners due to mistakes in the assessment process. It should be noted that these refunds, even though due to a mistake, will be recharged to all property owners who will thereby pay for Assessor mistakes as a result of Recapture Act legislation. Tax bills will be late again.
- TAX YEAR 2026
- We still anticipate opening for Assessor appeals in August however our new pre-file process is in operation and we have approximately 100 appeals in house at the moment.
- Constituents, if appealing by email, will use the following NEW email:
- appeal@wheelingtownship.com
- We will not be submitting appeals for condominiums because Township lacks information. Refers to condo association.
- OTHER ACTIVITY
- We held the fourth Assessor information session at Wheeling Township which followed similar meetings in Barrington, Palatine and Elk Grove Townships. Our session suffered the poorest attendance of any of the sessions undoubtedly due to the limited contacts our office currently has by email. Our efforts to build a Constant Contact list will likely improve future results as well as closer communication with our municipalities.
- Our second series of seminars will begin after appeals season.

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD: Trustee Grainawi reported:

- Conducted Board Officer Elections
  - Officer Terms effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
    - President: Lorri Grainawi
    - Vice President: John Lubbe
    - Secretary: Bill Dixon

- Adopted and Approved Requirements and Guidelines for Allocation of Funds

  - Which will be available for funding applicants to review ahead of submitting their applications

- Discussed Content for the Notice of Funding Availability
  - To be approved in July

- Discussed Content for Next Funding Application Cycle
  - To be formally approved at the July Meeting

- Noted Delay in Cook County's Second Tax Disbursement
  - Members inquired how/if the delay will impact the CMHB, and whether the CMHB is eligible for the Cook County's Property Tax Bridge Fund loan

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- The Township of Illinois (TOI) Conference is November 9-11. Please let me know by July 28 if you are interested in attending. Early bird registration closes on August 3.
- The Summer newsletters will be delivered to homes the week of July 6.
- On June 2, Linda Hallett and I met with the Cemetery Trustees. The Cremation Gardens are available for purchase. We are still looking for an additional trustee.
- TOI has now partnered with Amazon, and we have Amazon Business Prime for free.
- On June 16, Ted Ward, outside engineer from Spaceco, and I met with Michael Fazio, Cook County Building and Zoning Deputy Commissioner. We met to discuss any issues with the unincorporated roads. We did talk about 127 Hill St, Mt Prospect. He agrees there is an issue, but it is out of Cook County Building and Zoning's hands and lies with the court system.
- On June 18, Lynndah and I attended the TRIP meeting via Zoom.
- On June 18, I also attended the TOCC Symposium at the Rosemont Conference Center.
- Stats for May 2026
  - 1,825 rides – 903 non-medical, 922 Medical, (Disabled 252 rides)
  - 897 - meals delivered
  - 572 - visits to the Food Pantry – 1,395 people, 289 Children, and 534 Seniors

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #5: APPROVAL-UCIS LOCATING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Motion by Supervisor Zeller Brauer, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve the UCIS Locating Services Agreement.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 3, 2026 - Township Closed, Independence Day
- July 8, 2026 - Wheeling Township Mental Health Board Meeting, 7 pm
- July 15, 2026 - Gary Midkiff - The Brilliance of Abraham Lincoln, 10 am via Zoom
- July 28, 2026 - Wheeling Township Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- July 30, 2026 - Brian Winters - Predators of Illinois's Past, 10 am via Zoom
- August 12, 2026 - Wheeling Township Mental Health Board Funding Hearings, 6 pm
- August 25, 2026 - Wheeling Township Board Meeting, 7 pm

MOTION #6: ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes.... Motion #6 Carried.

The meeting for Tuesday, June 23, 2026, was declared adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk

Working Draft

WHEELING TOWNSHIP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees
Wheeling Township
Arlington Heights, Illinois

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Wheeling Township as of and for the year ended February 28, 2026, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Wheeling Township, as of February 28, 2026, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Wheeling Township and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Wheeling Township's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Wheeling Township's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Wheeling Township's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and other required supplementary information on pages 4 through 8 and 28 through 33 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Wheeling Township's basic financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as supplementary information in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Xxxx xx, 2026

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As the Wheeling Township, Illinois (Township) Board, we offer readers of the Township's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Township for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2026. The Management of the Township encourages the reading of this financial information presented in conjunction with the financial statements to obtain a better understanding of the Township's financial operations.

Financial Highlights

Wheeling Township's net position as of February 28, 2026 and 2025 was $10,596,437 and $10,630,785, respectively. The Township's net position decreased by $34,348 and increased by $58,640 (net of change in accounting principle of $44,117) for the years ended February 28, 2026 and 2025, respectively. The term "net position" represents the difference between total assets/deferred outflows and total liabilities/deferred inflows of resources.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to Wheeling Township's basic financial statements. The Township's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report also contains required supplementary information and supplementary information.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the full accrual basis of accounting and are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of Wheeling Township's finances, in a manner similar to private-sector businesses.

The statement of net position presents financial information on all of Wheeling Township's assets/deferred outflows and liabilities/deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of Wheeling Township is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Township's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of Wheeling Township that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover a portion of the costs through user fees and charges. The governmental activities of Wheeling Township include general government, road projects, transportation for senior citizens and disabled individuals, social services assistance, and the funding of social service agencies that provide essential human care services to Township residents. The appointed Wheeling Township Cemetery Board is responsible for the sale of gravesites, maintenance, and record keeping for the Wheeling Township Arlington Heights Cemetery.

Fund Financial Statements

All of the funds of Wheeling Township are governmental funds. The Fund financial statements are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. The Fund financial statements report the Township's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Township's four funds.

Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and government-wide activities.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the changes in Wheeling Township's net pension (asset)/liability and schedule of employer contributions. Additionally, required supplementary information regarding a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance – budget vs. actual for each major fund is presented in this section.

Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, increases or decreases in net position over time may serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Wheeling Township, assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by $10,596,437 and $10,630,785 for the years ended February 28, 2026 and 2025, respectively. A portion of the Township's net position balance reflects its net investment in capital assets, $3,541,287. The Township uses these capital assets to provide services, and consequently these assets are not available to liquidate liabilities or for other spending. The remaining net position balance is made up of $3,890,800, which is restricted by statute or donor, and $3,164,350 which is unrestricted.

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	February 28, 2026		February 28, 2025
Current and Other Assets	$ 11,723,061		$ 9,839,366
Net Pension Asset	327,089		-
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	3,541,287		3,920,966
Total Assets	15,591,437		13,760,332
Deferred Outflows of Resources	61,300		171,886
Current Liabilities	110,574		66,643
Non-Current Liabilities	-		214,695
Total Liabilities	110,574		281,338
Deferred Inflows of Resources	4,945,726	*	3,020,095
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,541,287		3,920,966
Restricted	3,890,800		2,939,828
Unrestricted	3,164,350		3,769,991
Total Net Position	$ 10,596,437		$ 10,630,785

* Includes initial $1,500,000 levy for Community Mental Health Board Fund

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Condensed Statement of Activities

	For Years Ended	
	February 28, 2026	February 28, 2025
Revenues		
Program Revenues		
Charges for Services	$ 52,341	$ 52,440
Operating Grants and Contributions	332,681	189,532
General Revenues		
Property Taxes	3,231,017	3,182,489
State Replacement Taxes	188,895	214,475
Interest Income	207,591	280,357
Other	40,716	46,762
Total Revenues	4,053,241	3,966,055
Expenses		
Program Expenses		
General Government	1,604,256	1,714,711
Social Services	316,370	654,726
General Assistance	94,307	160,702
Senior Services	239,639	173,536
Senior Bus	748,595	738,576
Mental Health Board	669,861	57,292
Cemetery	24,953	34,510
Road Maintenance	389,608	329,245
Total Expenses	4,087,589	3,863,298
Change in Net Position	(34,348)	102,757
Net Position,		
Beginning of Year, as Originally Stated	10,630,785	10,572,145
Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle	-	(44,117)
Beginning of Year, as Restated	10,630,785	10,528,028
Net Position, End of Year	$ 10,596,437	$ 10,630,785

The following is a summary of changes in fund balances for the year ended February 28, 2026:

Governmental Funds	Fund Balance February 28, 2025	Increase (Decrease)	Fund Balance February 28, 2026
General	$ 3,866,273	$ (380,952)	$ 3,485,321
General Assistance	989,885	36,687	1,026,572
Road Management	1,013,710	377,861	1,391,571
Mental Health Board	-	-	-
Emergency	931,493	211,590	1,143,083
	$ 6,801,361	$ 245,186	$ 7,046,547

Budgetary Highlights

There were minor line item changes to the original budget appropriations for the General Fund, General Assistance Fund and Road Management Fund. Expenditures of $3,116,389 in the General Fund exceeded revenues by $380,952 and were $679,119 less than the appropriation of $3,795,508.

General Assistance is a mandated local form of public aid administered by the Township; the Township must budget sufficient funds to accommodate all those that seek service and qualify for the program.

Emergency Assistance is an option by Illinois statute that Wheeling Township offers as another form of aid for families facing emergencies that are work related or life threating. Wheeling Township is an approved LIHEAP intake site and General Assistance caseworkers process applications for residents applying for energy assistance grants. CEDA administers the program for the state government and provides a stipend for each approved application; Wheeling Township received $14,474 in fiscal year 2025-26.

Many of the residents seek assistance from programs such as Food Pantry, Angel Fund, Adopt-a-Family, Back to School, etc. that were serviced by paid staff; however, the commodity was not expensed from the General Assistance budget. These programs were funded by community donations made to the Wheeling Township Emergency Fund Inc. and for the most part coordinated by volunteers, who are supervised by General Assistance staff.

The food pantry is a successful client choice model that allows clients to choose the items enjoyed by their families. We continue to receive food and monetary donations to keep the shelves stocked. When needed, food is provided by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, or purchased from ALDI and Jasper Meats using the monetary donations. Major donations were received from: Boy Scout Troop #166, Christian Church of Arlington Heights, Children of Abraham Coalition, Endeavor Health, First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights, IDEX Corporation, IL Bone & Joint Institute, Indian Trail Public Library, Jack London Middle School, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, North Northfield United Methodist Church, Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Noon, South Church of Mount Prospect, South Middle School, Visiting Angels of Arlington Heights and Wheeling Polic Department.

The Town Fund, or General Fund, receives grants from Age Options to provide support for Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) volunteers to help seniors navigate the complicated Medicare system, and from Illinois Public Risk Fund for safety floor mat rentals and disinfectant for the building and buses. SHIP volunteers see clients by appointment and have offices on the second floor of the Wheeling Township Community Center. In addition, the continued partnership with PACE affords Wheeling Township a low-cost opportunity to regularly replace aging vehicles by leasing buses for $100 each per month.

During the year ending February 28, 2026 Wheeling Township partnered with social service agencies to provide twenty-eight different programs for children, teens, adults, senior citizens and disabled individuals. Wheeling Township provided $204,055 in funding to these not-for-profit agencies so that services like primary medical and dental care, mental health and substance abuse counseling, childcare, emergency housing, youth services, residential and vocational services for developmentally and physically disabled individuals, etc. can be accessible and affordable to residents on a sliding scale basis.

Capital Assets

The following is a summary of capital assets and accumulated depreciation, for the years ended:

	February 28, 2026	February 28, 2025
Land	$ 567,787	$ 567,787
Building and Improvements	2,371,487	2,371,487
Infrastructure	7,284,501	7,284,501
Vehicles	166,898	316,138
Equipment	214,433	214,433
Intangibles	17,000	17,000
Cost of Capital Assets	10,622,106	10,771,346
Less Accumulated Depreciation	7,080,819	6,850,380
Net Capital Assets	$ 3,541,287	$ 3,920,966

There were no capital asset additions during the year ended February 28, 2026. Additional information regarding the Township capital assets can be found in Note 4 on page 21.

Description of Current and Expected Conditions

The **Wheeling Township Highway Department** provides maintenance and snow & ice control services to approximately 5.3 miles of unincorporated roads. By State mandate, Wheeling Township provides services to four unincorporated areas - Forest River Subdivision, Portwine Road and Forest View Road, Dunlo Subdivision, and Buffalo Highlands Subdivision.

A sample of the services provided to Wheeling Township residents during the past year include:

- 21,561 bus and medical van rides
- 11,470 meals delivered to homebound residents
- 762 SHIP client contacts
- 989 approximate rides provided through TRIP program
- 472 General Assistance and Emergency Assistance Appointments
- 738 LIHEAP applications processed
- 688 Mobile Dental Clinic visits
- 6,558 visits to the Food Pantry
- 132 families received food and gifts through the holiday Adopt-a-Family Program
- 420 Thanksgiving baskets were distributed to needy families and senior citizens
- 10,548 visits, calls and emails to the Assessor's office
- 3,536 constituents assisted with Appeals for Cook Co. Assessor and Board of Review
- 2,676 Exemptions Filed by the Assessor's office (most exemptions auto renew for 2020)

True to Wheeling Township's Mission Statement, the Board responsibly applies tax dollars to meet the growing needs of residents, while controlling expenses and balancing budgets. Wheeling Township has reduced reserves. Grants and resources were used efficiently by maintaining and expanding partnership relationships with individuals, organizations, businesses, local governments, churches, hospitals and volunteers. The results are numerous cost-effective programs that assist the greatest number of residents with a multitude of services, while keeping budgets and levies as low as possible.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Township's finances for all those with an interest in its finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Supervisor, Wheeling Township 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Investments	$ 7,486,493
Receivables	
Property Taxes, net	4,192,008
Other	18,965
Gift Card Inventory	21,495
Security Deposit	4,100
Net Pension Asset	327,089
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	3,541,287
Total Assets	15,591,437
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Items Related to Pension (IMRF)	61,300
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	15,652,737
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	58,962
Accrued Compensated Absences	51,612
Total Liabilities	110,574
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Property Taxes	4,617,552
Deferred Items Related to Pension (IMRF)	328,174
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	4,945,726
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,056,300
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,541,287
Restricted	3,890,800
Unrestricted	3,164,350
Total Net Position	$ 10,596,437

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

FUNCTIONS / PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES: CHARGES FOR SERVICES	PROGRAM REVENUES: OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	PROGRAM REVENUES: CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION: GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Government Administration	$ 1,364,194	$ 23,241	$ 1,200	$ -	$ (1,339,753)
Township Clerk	6,010	-	-	-	(6,010)
Township Assessor	234,052	-	-	-	(234,052)
Social Services	204,055	-	-	-	(204,055)
General Assistance					
Home Relief	44,756	-	-	-	(44,756)
Emergency Assistance	49,551	-	-	-	(49,551)
Other Social Services	112,315	-	294,227	-	181,912
Senior Services	239,639	-	2,787	-	(236,852)
Senior Bus	748,595	-	34,467	-	(714,128)
Mental Health Board	669,861	-	-	-	(669,861)
Cemetery	24,953	29,100	-	-	4,147
Road Maintenance	389,608	-	-	-	(389,608)
Total Governmental Activities	$ 4,087,589	$ 52,341	$ 332,681	$ -	$ (3,702,567)

GENERAL REVENUES	
Taxes	
Property Taxes	3,231,017
State Replacement Taxes	188,895
Interest Income	207,591
Reimbursements	33,920
Miscellaneous	6,796
Total General Revenues	3,668,219
Change in Net Position	(34,348)
NET POSITION	
Beginning of Year, as Originally Stated	10,630,785
End of Year	$ 10,596,437

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WHEELING TOWNSHIP

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND	ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND	COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FUND	EMERGENCY FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Investments	$ 3,500,300	$ 1,011,904	$ 1,849,341	$ -	$ 1,124,948	$ 7,486,493
Receivables						
Property Taxes, net	2,307,145	429,863	-	1,455,000	-	4,192,008
Other	15,573	-	3,392	-	-	18,965
Gift Card Inventory	-	3,360	-	-	18,135	21,495
Security Deposit	4,100	-	-	-	-	4,100
Total Assets	$ 5,827,118	$ 1,445,127	$ 1,852,733	$ 1,455,000	$ 1,143,083	$ 11,723,061
LIABILITIES						
Accounts Payable	$ 34,652	$ -	$ 24,310	$ -	$ -	$ 58,962
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Deferred Property Taxes	2,307,145	418,555	436,852	1,455,000	-	4,617,552
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,341,797	418,555	461,162	1,455,000	-	4,676,514
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable	4,100	-	-	-	-	4,100
Restricted for Statutory Purposes	-	1,026,572	1,391,571	-	-	2,418,143
Restricted by Donors	2,485	-	-	-	1,143,083	1,145,568
Unassigned	3,478,736	-	-	-	-	3,478,736
Total Fund Balances	3,485,321	1,026,572	1,391,571	-	1,143,083	7,046,547
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of and Fund Balances	$ 5,827,118	$ 1,445,127	$ 1,852,733	$ 1,455,000	$ 1,143,083	$ 11,723,061

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WHEELING TOWNSHIP

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds Balance Sheet	$ 7,046,547
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Deferred Outflows related to Pensions	61,300
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	3,541,287
Liabilities for compensated absences, which will not mature in the current period, are not included in the governmental funds balance sheet	(51,612)
The Net Pension Asset for IMRF is recorded in the statement of net position but is not recognized in the government funds	327,089
Deferred Inflows related to Pensions	(328,174)
Net Position of Governmental Activities - Statement of Net Position	$ 10,596,437

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WHEELING TOWNSHIP

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND	ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND	COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FUND	EMERGENCY FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
REVENUES						
Property Taxes	$ 2,405,063	$ 409,754	$ 416,200	$ -	$ -	$ 3,231,017
State Replacement Taxes	124,291	-	64,604	-	-	188,895
Interest Income	115,196	30,221	32,496	-	29,678	207,591
Reimbursements	22,481	33,920	-	-	-	56,401
Donations / Grants	38,454	-	-	-	294,227	332,681
Sale of Cemetery Lots & Burial Fees	29,100	-	-	-	-	29,100
Rentals	760	-	-	-	-	760
Miscellaneous	92	-	6,704	-	-	6,796
Total Revenues	2,735,437	473,895	520,004	-	323,905	4,053,241
EXPENDITURES						
Current						
Administration	1,000,185	342,901	64,260	-	-	1,407,346
Clerk	6,010	-	-	-	-	6,010
Assessor	234,052	-	-	-	-	234,052
Social Services	204,055	-	-	-	-	204,055
Senior Services	239,639	-	-	-	-	239,639
Senior Bus	737,634	-	-	-	-	737,634
Mental Health Board	669,861	-	-	-	-	669,861
Cemetery	24,953	-	-	-	-	24,953
Home Relief	-	44,756	-	-	-	44,756
Emergency Assistance	-	49,551	-	-	112,315	161,866
Maintenance	-	-	77,883	-	-	77,883
Total Expenditures	3,116,389	437,208	142,143	-	112,315	3,808,055
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(380,952)	36,687	377,861	-	211,590	245,186
FUND BALANCES						
Beginning of Year	3,866,273	989,885	1,013,710	-	931,493	6,801,361
End of Year	$ 3,485,321	$ 1,026,572	$ 1,391,571	$ -	$ 1,143,083	$ 7,046,547

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WHEELING TOWNSHIP

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Net Change in Fund Balances - Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 245,186
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capital outlays in the current period.	
Capital Outlay	-
Depreciation/Amortization Expense	(379,679)
Difference	(379,679)
Recognizing an increase in the accrual for compensated absences	(2,879)
Recognizing the pension revenue (expense) relating to the change in the net pension obligation	103,024
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities - Statement of Activities	$ (34,348)

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Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Wheeling Township, Illinois operates under the Township Act (60 ILCS) and the Revenue code (35 ILCS) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS). The Township provides the following services as authorized by its charter: maintenance of roads in the unincorporated area, youth services, senior and disabled services, mental health services including individual and family counseling, general assistance, property tax related matters and general administrative services.

The financial statements of the Wheeling Township have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Township's accounting policies are described below.

<u>Reporting Entity</u>

The Township's reporting entity includes all entities for which the Township exercises oversight responsibility as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The financial reporting entity consists of a primary government, as well as component units, which are legally separate organizations for which elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable.

The Township has developed criteria to determine whether these legally separate organizations should be included within its financial reporting entity. The criteria include, but are not limited to, whether the Township (1) selects the governing authority or management, (2) has the ability to significantly influence operations, or (3) has accountability for fiscal matters (e.g., final budget approval, responsibility for funding deficits, management of assets, etc.). In applying these criteria, the Township has included in its financial statements the activities of Wheeling Township Report, Inc. and Wheeling Township Emergency, Inc. Wheeling Township Report, Inc. and Wheeling Township Emergency, Inc are nonprofit corporations which exist solely to serve Wheeling Township. Although legally separate entities, they both share the same Supervisor and two Managers of the Township and are, therefore, component units blended with the Township.

In addition, it must be noted that several other governmental entities have geographic boundaries which overlap that of the Township; some of these include the Villages of Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, the cities of Des Plaines and Prospect Heights, Arlington Heights Park District, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, Elementary School Townships 25, 21, 23 and High School Township 214. These entities have separately elected boards, power to levy taxes, and authorization to expend funds. The Township exercises no responsibility in relation to these entities and they are, therefore, not included in the Township's basic financial statements.

<u>Basis of Presentation</u>

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) display information about the reporting government as a whole.

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

They include all the governmental funds of the reporting entity. The governmental fund financial statements (i.e. the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance) are organized by fund. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Following is a description of each fund.

General Fund

Town Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Township. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund includes the Cemetery Fund, which accounts for the sale of lots and related fees and expenditures for the maintenance of the cemetery.

Special Revenue Funds - The Special Revenue Funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, or to finance specified activities as required by law or administrative regulations. The Township special revenue funds and their purposes are as follows:

General Assistance Fund - Accounts for expenditures to assist the needy. The Township levies a separate property tax for the General Assistance program.

Road Management Fund - Accounts for all financial resources of the Road Management Fund and accounts for all expenditures related to maintenance and improvement of unincorporated roads of the Township. The Township levies a separate property tax for the Road Management Fund.

Community Mental Health Board Fund – Accounts for the use of expenditures to contract for mental health, substance use disorder, and intellectual and developmental disability services. The Township levied a separate property tax for the Community Mental Health Board Fund for the first time in December 2025. Prior to this levy, the Township accounted for any expenditures for mental health services in the General Fund.

Emergency Fund - Accounts for donations received and incurs expenditures to assist those in need.

Basis of Accounting

The government-wide statements (the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when liabilities are incurred without regard to receipt or disbursement of cash.

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The fund financial statements (the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances) are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets/deferred outflows and current liabilities/deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or within sixty days after the year end. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

The Township follows GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*. As such, the Township recognizes property taxes receivable during the fiscal year in which the taxes are levied and become a legal claim of the Township; however, property taxes are not recognized as revenue until the subsequent fiscal year when the property taxes are extended by Cook County and remitted to the Township. Accordingly, the property tax levy for the 2025 tax year, including collections thereon, is recognized as deferred inflows of resources in the accompanying balance sheet. Expenditures are recognized when the related obligations are incurred.

Budgets

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the Town, General Assistance, and Road Management Funds. Beginning in fiscal year 2026-27, an annual appropriated budget was also adopted for the Community Mental Health Board Fund. All appropriated amounts lapse at the end of the fiscal year. Spending control for funds is established by the amount of the total appropriation for the fund, but management control is exercised at appropriation line item levels.

Cash and Cash Investments

Cash and cash investments include amounts in demand deposits (checking, NOW and money market accounts) and time deposits (certificates of deposit with twelve-month maturities).

Illinois Revised Statutes authorize the Township to invest in securities guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America, interest-bearing savings accounts, certificates of deposit or any other investments constituting direct obligations of any bank as defined by the Illinois Banking Act, the State Treasurer's investment pool (authorized by ICLS 30, 235-2, e), and other permitted investments under paragraph 902, chapter 85 of the Statutes as amended by Public Act 86-426. Investments may only be made in banks, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Cash investments are stated at cost, which approximates market.

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Capital Assets

The accounting treatment over property, plant, and equipment (capital assets) depends on whether the assets are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

Government-wide Statements

In the government-wide financial statements capital assets are valued at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated capital assets, which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position.

Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Buildings and Improvements	15 - 40 years
Infrastructure	10 - 40 years
Vehicles	8 years
Equipment and Furniture & Fixtures	5 - 15 years
Intangibles	5 years

The minimum capitalization threshold is any item with a total cost greater than $2,000.

Fund Financial Statements

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital outlay expenditures are reclassified in administration expenses within each fund in accordance with the budget and appropriation ordinance.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources related to pension expense represent amounts related to the differences between expected and actual experience, changes in assumptions and the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments and post measurement date payments. See Note 6 for additional information on these deferred outflows.

Deferred inflows of resources consists of two items. Deferred inflows relating to property taxes do not fit the definition of a liability, that is, the use of resources to satisfy an obligation. Rather deferred property taxes represent a future recognition of revenue, therefore are classified as deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows related to pensions represent differences between projected and actual experience.

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Compensated Absences

In June, 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. This Statement requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized in financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, and (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means. This standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023.

In the event of termination, Township employees are not reimbursed for accumulated sick leave. However, all full-time employees with accumulated sick leave are covered by the Township's pension plan (IMRF) and accumulated sick leave hours can be converted to IMRF credit upon retirement. Accordingly, these hours are excluded from the GASB 101 calculation. Vacation pay does not carryover; employees must take vacation by the end of their annual anniversary date. Terminated employees are reimbursed for any accumulated unpaid vacation pay. The amount of such accumulated vacation pay benefits at February 28, 2026 is reported as an expenditure and a current liability in the government-wide statements.

Defined Benefit Pension Plan (IMRF)

For purposes of measuring the net pension (asset)/liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) and additions to/deductions from IMRF fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by IMRF. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Fund Equity

The Township follows GASB Statement 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- Non-spendable fund balance – amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as prepaid expense and deposits) or are required to be maintained intact;
- Restricted fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, by enabling legislation, or by donors;

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

- Committed fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint;
- Assigned fund balance – amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;
- Unassigned fund balance – amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

The board of trustees establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of an ordinance or resolution. This is typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a designation or commitment of the fund. An assigned fund balance is established by the board of trustees through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for specific purpose (but is neither restricted nor committed).

When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in more than one classification, management applies restrictive funds first unless a determination is made to use unrestricted funds. The Township's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. Management typically makes this decision on a transactional basis at the incurrence of the expenditure.

Reimbursements

Other organizations occupy space in the Township building. The Township bills the organizations bi-monthly for various operating costs (i.e., building maintenance, utilities, etc.). These receipts are classified as charges for services in the statement of activities and as reimbursements in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2: Deposits and Investments

Deposits. At year-end, the carrying amount of the Township's deposits, excluding petty cash of \$50, was \$7,486,443 and the bank balance was \$7,820,670. Of the bank balance, \$5,053,377 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$2,767,293 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the Township's name. Included in deposits are certificates of deposit (CDs) with maturities of twelve months each for a total of \$2,390,150 at February 28, 2026. Interest rates range from 3.490% to 3.639%.

Note 3: Property Taxes

The Township passed the 2025 Tax Levy Ordinances for the Township on December 9, 2025. Property Taxes from the 2025 levy attached as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1, 2025. Taxes are generally payable in two installments on or around March 1 and August 1 (December 15, 2025 for the 2024 levy). As such, significant tax monies are received between March and December. The County of Cook collects such taxes and remits them periodically.

The current property tax levy is recorded as a receivable, net of estimated uncollectibles approximating 3%. Property tax revenue is recognized to the extent of taxes due and collected within the current year or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, less the taxes collected soon enough after the end of the previous fiscal year. Such time thereafter does not exceed 60 days. The current net tax levy receivable is recorded on the balance sheet along with a corresponding amount classified as deferred inflows of resources. The deferred inflows of resources represents the 2025 levy which is used to fund fiscal year 2026-27 operations. All uncollected taxes receivable relating to prior years' levies have been written off.

Note 4: Capital Assets

	Balance February 28, 2025	Additions	Retirements	Balance February 28, 2026
Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized				
Land	$ 567,787	$ -	$ -	$ 567,787
Total Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized	567,787	-	-	567,787
Capital assets, being depreciated/amortized				
Building and Improvements	2,371,487	-	-	2,371,487
Infrastructure	7,284,501	-	-	7,284,501
Vehicles	316,138	-	(149,240)	166,898
Equipment and Furniture & Fixtures	214,433	-	-	214,433
Intangibles	17,000	-	-	17,000
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	10,203,559	-	(149,240)	10,054,319
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for				
Building and Improvements	(1,658,149)	(50,337)	-	(1,708,486)
Infrastructure	(4,747,257)	(311,725)	-	(5,058,982)
Vehicles	(228,450)	(10,961)	149,240	(90,171)
Equipment and Furniture & Fixtures	(199,524)	(6,656)	-	(206,180)
Intangibles	(17,000)	-	-	(17,000)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	(6,850,380)	(379,679)	149,240	(7,080,819)
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized, net	3,353,179	(379,679)	-	2,973,500
Capital assets, net	$ 3,920,966	$ (379,679)	$ -	$ 3,541,287

In the government-wide statement of activities, depreciation expense is split among Government Administration $56,993, Senior Bus $10,961 and Road Maintenance $311,725.

Note 5: Long-Term (Asset)/Liability

Changes in long-term (asset)/liability during the year were as follows:

Type of Debt	Balance at February 28, 2025	Increases	Decreases	Balance at February 28, 2026	Amounts Due Within One Year
Net Pension (Asset)/Liability	$ 214,695	$ -	$(541,784)	$ (327,089)	$ -

Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plan

IMRF Plan Description. The Township's defined benefit pension plan for regular employees provides retirement and disability benefits, post-retirement increases, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The Township's plan is managed by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), the administrator of a multi-employer public pension fund. A summary of IMRF's pension benefits is provided in the "Benefits Provided" section of this document. Details of all benefits are available from IMRF.

Benefit provisions are established by statute and may only be changed by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois. IMRF issues a publicly available Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that includes financial statements, detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position, and required supplementary information. The report is available for download at www.imrf.org.

Benefits Provided. IMRF has three benefit plans. The Township participates in the Regular Plan (RP). All three IMRF benefit plans have two tiers. Employees hired *before* January 1, 2011, are eligible for Tier 1 benefits. Tier 1 employees are vested for pension benefits when they have at least eight years of qualifying service credit. Tier 1 employees who retire at age 55 (at reduced benefits) or after age 60 (at full benefits) with eight years of service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1-2/3% of the final rate of earnings for the first 15 years of service credit, plus 2% for each year of service credit after 15 years to a maximum of 75% of their final rate of earnings. Final rate of earnings is the highest total earnings during any consecutive 48 months within the last 10 years of service, divided by 48. Under Tier 1, the pension is increased by 3% of the original amount on January 1 every year after retirement.

Employees hired on or after January 1, 2011, are eligible for Tier 2 benefits. For Tier 2 employees, pension benefits vest after ten years of service. Participating employees who retire at age 62 (at reduced benefits) or after age 67 (at full benefits) with ten years of service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1-2/3% of the final rate of earnings for the first 15 years of service credit, plus 2% for each year of service credit after 15 years to a maximum of 75% of their final rate of earnings. Final rate of earnings is the highest total earnings during any 96 consecutive months within the last 10 years of service, divided by 96. Under Tier 2, the pension is increased on January 1 every year after retirement, upon reaching age 67, by the *lesser* of:

- 3% of the original pension amount, or
- 1/2 of the increase in the Consumer Price Index of the original pension amount.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms. As of December 31, 2025, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

	IMRF
Retirees and Beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	45
Inactive Plan Members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	14
Active Plan Members	24
Total	83

Contributions. As set by statute, the Township's Regular Plan Members are required to contribute 4.5% of their annual covered salary. The statute requires employers to contribute the amount necessary, in addition to member contributions, to finance the retirement coverage of its own employees. The Township's annual contribution rate for calendar year 2025 was 7.52%. For the fiscal year ended February 28, 2026 the Township contributed $95,271 to the plan. The Township also contributes for disability benefits, death benefits, and supplemental retirement benefits, all of which are pooled at the IMRF level. Contribution rates for disability and death benefits are set by IMRF's Board of Trustees, while the supplemental retirement benefits rate is set by statute.

Net Pension (Asset)/Liability. The Township's net pension (asset)/liability was measured as of December 31, 2025. The total pension (asset)/liability used to calculate the net pension (asset)/liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions. The following are the methods and assumptions used to determine total pension (asset)/liability at December 31, 2025:

- The *Actuarial Cost Method* used was Entry Age Normal.
- The *Asset Valuation Method* used was Market Value of Assets.
- The *Inflation Rate* was assumed to be 2.25%.
- *Salary* Increases were expected to be 2.85% to 13.75%, including inflation.
- The *Investment Rate of Return* was assumed to be 7.25%.
- *Projected Retirement Age* was from the Experience-based Table of Rates, specific to the type of eligibility condition, last updated for the 2023 valuation according to an experience study from years 2020 to 2022.
- The IMRF-specific rates for *Mortality* (for non-disabled retirees) were developed from the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Retiree, Male (adjusted 108%) and Female (adjusted 106.4%) tables with future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021.
- For *Disabled Retirees*, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General Disabled Retiree, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables were used with future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021.
- For *Active Members*, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Employee, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables were used with future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021.
- The *long-term expected rate of return* on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense, and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real

Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

rates of return to the target asset allocation percentage and adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Portfolio Target Percentage	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	32.5%	7.35%
International Equity	18.0	7.45%
Fixed Income	24.0	4.75%
Real Estate	10.5	6.25%
Alternative Investments	14.0	3.90-8.50%
Cash Equivalents	1.0	3.00%
Total	100.0%	

Single Discount Rate. A Single Discount Rate of 7.25% was used to measure the total pension (asset)/liability. The projection of cash flow used to determine this Single Discount

Rate assumed that the plan members' contributions will be made at the current contribution rate, and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. The Single Discount Rate reflects:

1. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (during the period in which the fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and
2. The tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating (which is published by the Federal Reserve) as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate of return are not met).

For the purpose of the most recent valuation, the expected rate of return on plan investments is 7.25%, the municipal bond rate is 4.83%, and the resulting single discount rate is 7.25%.

Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

Changes in the Net Pension (Asset)/Liability.

	Total Pension Liability (A)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (B)	Net Pension (Asset)/Liability (A)-(B)
Balances at December 31, 2024	$ 5,872,523	$ 5,657,828	$ 214,695
Changes for the year:			
Service Cost	109,687	-	109,687
Interest on the Total Pension Liability	413,667	-	413,667
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	113,602	-	113,602
Changes of Assumptions	-	-	-
Contributions – Employer	-	93,640	(93,640)
Contributions – Employees	-	56,035	(56,035)
Net Investment Income	-	899,854	(899,854)
Benefit Payments, including Refunds of Employee Contributions	(443,228)	(443,228)	-
Other (Net Transfer)	-	129,211	(129,211)
Net Changes	193,728	735,512	(541,784)
Balances at December 31, 2025	$ 6,066,251	$ 6,393,340	$ (327,089)

Sensitivity of the Net Pension (Asset)/Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the plan's net pension (asset)/liability, calculated using a Single Discount Rate of 7.25%, as well as what the plan's net pension (asset)/liability would be if it were calculated using a Single Discount Rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Net Pension (Asset)/Liability	$ 202,855	$ (327,089)	$ (776,558)

Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. For the year ended February 28, 2026, the Township recognized pension income of $7,753. At December 31, 2025, the Township reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

Deferred Amounts Related to Pensions	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Deferred Amounts to be Recognized in Pension Expense in Future Periods		
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 45,270	$ -
Changes of assumptions	-	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	328,174
Total Deferred Amounts to be recognized in pension expense in future periods	45,270	328,174
Pension Contributions made subsequent to the Measurement Date, through February 28, 2026	16,030	-
Total Deferred Amounts Related to Pensions	$ 61,300	$ 328,174

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Township contributions subsequent to the measurement date of $16,030 are recognized as an increase to the deferred outflows of resources in the year ended February 28, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension income in future periods as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Net Deferred Inflows of Resources
2026	121,736
2027	(173,784)
2028	(131,733)
2029	(99,123)
Thereafter	-
Total	$ (282,904)

Note 7: Other Post-Employment Benefits

The Township is required to offer employees, who are IMRF vested, continued health insurance coverage upon retirement. The retiree pays the entire health insurance premium, so there is no explicit subsidy by the Township. However, the applicable GASB statement 75 related to Postemployment Benefit Plans Other than Pensions requires consideration of the potential implicit subsidy due to the likely demographic differences of the retired population.

In previous years, the Township hired an actuary to compute the estimated implicit subsidy related to these GASB statements. The resulting calculations provided by the actuary yielded a liability which would have an insignificant effect on the financial statements.

The Township has chosen not to provide this lengthy disclosure due to its insignificance to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Note 8: Nonprofit Organizations

Wheeling Township Emergency, Inc.

Wheeling Township Emergency, Inc. is a qualified tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The nonprofit corporation was established as a vehicle to collect tax deductible contributions from the community to help fund social service emergencies which includes a food pantry and other one-time emergency payments for residents of the Township who do not qualify for General Assistance from the Township. The by-laws of the corporation define three directors: The Township Supervisor, the Township's Director of Finance and Administration, and the Director of General Assistance. Wheeling Township does not budget for these expenditures.

The restricted net assets are available as of February 28, 2026 for the following purposes:

Food Pantry	$	659,661
Adopt-A-Family		16,605
Back to School		2,823
Thanksgiving		2,180
Undesignated		461,814
	$	1,143,083

Wheeling Township Report, Inc.

In 1994, the Township formed a nonprofit corporation entitled Wheeling Township Report, Inc. The corporation also qualifies as a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The corporation was established for the purpose of generating and mailing the Township newsletter. The by-laws of the corporation define three directors: the Township Supervisor, the Township's Director of Finance and Administration and the third is selected by the Supervisor. The corporation had expenditures of $82,761 funded by the General Fund and a cash balance of $5 as of February 28, 2026. These amounts are included in the General (Town) Fund.

Note 9: Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Township carries commercial insurance.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

	APPROPRIATION ORIGINAL	APPROPRIATION FINAL	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	$ 2,400,000	$ 2,400,000	$ 2,405,063	$ 5,063
State Replacement Taxes	100,000	100,000	124,291	24,291
Interest Income	125,000	125,000	115,196	(9,804)
Reimbursements	30,800	30,800	22,481	(8,319)
Donations	30,000	30,000	35,667	5,667
Sale of Cemetery Lots & Burial Fees	3,000	3,000	29,100	26,100
Rentals	500	500	760	260
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	92	(908)
Grants	2,000	2,000	2,787	787
Total Revenues	2,692,300	2,692,300	2,735,437	43,137
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Administration	1,232,373	1,276,728	1,000,185	276,543
Clerk	9,298	9,298	6,010	3,288
Assessor	236,380	237,380	234,052	3,328
Social Services	203,800	203,800	204,055	(255)
Senior Services	238,696	240,696	239,639	1,057
Senior Bus	956,261	956,261	737,634	218,627
Mental Health Board	807,550	809,550	669,861	139,689
Cemetery	57,150	57,265	24,953	32,312
Contingency	54,000	4,530	-	4,530
Total Expenditures	3,795,508	3,795,508	3,116,389	679,119
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$ (1,103,208)	$ (1,103,208)	$ (380,952)	$ 722,256

Note: Budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting. All appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

	APPROPRIATION ORIGINAL	APPROPRIATION FINAL	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	$ 450,000	$ 450,000	$ 409,754	$ (40,246)
Interest Income	23,000	23,000	30,221	7,221
Reimbursements	20,000	20,000	33,920	13,920
Total Revenues	493,000	493,000	473,895	(19,105)
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Administration	404,350	404,350	342,901	61,449
Home Relief	138,106	138,106	44,756	93,350
Emergency Assistance	101,000	101,550	49,551	51,999
Contingency	23,000	22,450	-	22,450
Total Expenditures	666,456	666,456	437,208	229,248
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$ (173,456)	$ (173,456)	$ 36,687	$ 210,143

WHEELING TOWNSHIP

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

	APPROPRIATION ORIGINAL	APPROPRIATION FINAL	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	$ 450,000	$ 450,000	$ 416,200	$ (33,800)
State Replacement Taxes	75,000	75,000	64,604	(10,396)
Interest Income	25,000	25,000	32,496	7,496
Permits	4,000	4,000	-	(4,000)
Miscellaneous	500	500	6,704	6,204
Total Revenues	554,500	554,500	520,004	(34,496)
EXPENDITURES				
Administration	96,768	97,280	64,260	33,020
Maintenance	576,750	576,238	77,883	498,355
Contingency	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Total Expenditures	683,518	683,518	142,143	541,375
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$ (129,018)	$ (129,018)	$ 377,861	$ 506,879

Required Supplementary Information

WHEELING TOWNSHIP

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION (ASSET)/LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Pension Liability										
Service Cost	$ 109,687	$ 99,274	$ 97,592	$ 103,121	$ 95,568	$ 111,618	$ 104,251	$ 110,239	$ 117,523	$ 128,829
Interest on the Total Pension Liability	413,667	399,747	383,860	372,919	355,038	347,359	337,904	315,740	324,787	305,659
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	113,602	104,364	129,639	68,623	170,100	71,409	37,950	306,588	(91,245)	40,798
Changes of Assumptions	-	-	(2,354)	-	-	(57,940)	-	104,919	(149,994)	(17,095)
Benefit Payments and Refunds	(443,228)	(389,945)	(390,951)	(391,037)	(364,655)	(352,338)	(354,435)	(412,787)	(223,308)	(215,393)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	193,728	213,440	217,786	153,626	256,051	120,108	125,670	424,699	(22,237)	242,798
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	5,872,523	5,659,083	5,441,297	5,287,671	5,031,620	4,911,512	4,785,842	4,361,143	4,383,380	4,140,582
Total Pension Liability - Ending (A)	$ 6,066,251	$ 5,872,523	$ 5,659,083	$ 5,441,297	$ 5,287,671	$ 5,031,620	$ 4,911,512	$ 4,785,842	$ 4,361,143	$ 4,383,380
Plan Fiduciary Net Position										
Contributions - Employer	$ 93,640	$ 74,094	$ 66,956	$ 79,181	$ 94,533	$ 107,078	$ 73,434	$ 101,471	$ 103,710	$ 104,763
Contributions - Employee	56,035	48,393	46,784	45,389	43,719	47,612	46,151	48,052	49,023	48,402
Net Investment Income	899,854	545,077	566,793	(823,205)	932,528	711,914	842,063	(276,254)	715,609	256,000
Benefit Payments and Refunds	(443,228)	(389,945)	(390,951)	(391,037)	(364,655)	(352,338)	(354,435)	(412,787)	(223,308)	(215,393)
Other (Net Transfer)	129,211	(46,061)	160,702	56,877	23,579	2,872	(17,987)	188,072	(157,781)	37,428
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	735,512	231,558	450,284	(1,032,795)	729,704	517,138	589,226	(351,446)	487,253	231,200
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	5,657,828	5,426,270	4,975,986	6,008,781	5,279,077	4,761,939	4,172,713	4,524,159	4,036,906	3,805,706
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (B)	$ 6,393,340	$ 5,657,828	$ 5,426,270	$ 4,975,986	$ 6,008,781	$ 5,279,077	$ 4,761,939	$ 4,172,713	$ 4,524,159	$ 4,036,906
Net Pension (Asset)/Liability - Ending (A) - (B)	$ (327,089)	$ 214,695	$ 232,813	$ 465,311	$ (721,110)	$ (247,457)	$ 149,573	$ 613,129	$ (163,016)	$ 346,474
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	105.39%	96.34%	95.89%	91.45%	113.64%	104.92%	96.95%	87.19%	103.74%	92.10%
Covered Valuation Payroll	1,245,214	1,075,396	1,039,677	1,008,663	971,566	1,058,083	1,025,622	1,063,629	1,089,405	1,075,584
Net Pension (Asset)/Liability as a Percentage of Covered Valuation Payroll	-26.27%	19.96%	22.39%	46.13%	-74.22%	-23.39%	14.58%	57.65%	-14.96%	32.21%

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WHEELING TOWNSHIP

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Calendar Year Ended December	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Valuation Payroll	Actual Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Valuation Payroll
2016	$ 104,762	$ 104,762	$ -	$ 1,075,584	9.74%
2017	103,710	103,710	-	1,089,405	9.52%
2018	101,471	101,471	-	1,063,629	9.54%
2019	73,434	73,434	-	1,025,622	7.16%
2020	107,078	107,078	-	1,058,083	10.12%
2021	94,533	94,533	-	971,566	9.73%
2022	79,181	79,181	-	1,008,663	7.85%
2023	66,956	66,956	-	1,039,677	6.44%
2024	74,094	74,094	-	1,075,396	6.89%
2025	93,640	93,640	-	1,245,214	7.52%

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information*

Valuation Date

Notes	Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of December 31 each year, which are 12 months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine 2025 Contribution Rates

Actuarial Cost Method	Aggregate entry age - normal
Amortization Method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining Amortization Period	18-year closed period
Asset Valuation Method	5-year smoothed market; 20% corridor
Wage Growth	2.75%
Price Inflation	2.25%, approximate; No explicit price inflation assumption is used in this valuation.
Salary Increases	2.85% to 13.75%, including inflation
Investment Rate of Return	7.25%
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition; last updated for the 2023 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period 2020 to 2022.
Mortality and	For non-disabled retirees, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Retiree, Male (adjusted 108%) and Female (adjusted 106.4%) tables, future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021. For disabled retirees, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Disabled Retiree, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scaled MP-

	2021. For active members, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Employee, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021.
Other Information	
Notes	There were no benefit changes during the year.

* Based on Valuation Assumptions used in the December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation

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WHEELING TOWNSHIP

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

	APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
ADMINISTRATION			
Personnel Services			
Salaries	$ 398,995	$ 398,995	$ -
Payroll Taxes and IMRF	52,152	52,150	2
Health Insurance	75,060	75,059	1
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	2,000	863	1,137
Workers' Compensation Insurance	3,100	953	2,147
Total Personnel Services	531,307	528,020	3,287
Contractual Services			
Building Maintenance	84,000	70,998	13,002
Equipment Maintenance	26,352	26,351	1
Vehicle Maintenance	13,125	10,499	2,626
General Insurance	110,000	106,162	3,838
Telephone	2,500	2,114	386
Utilities	26,000	22,793	3,207
Travel	800	648	152
Printing and Publishing	800	97	703
Legal Services	55,000	32,151	22,849
Audit	16,500	15,900	600
Bonding Insurance	14,000	10,200	3,800
Training	7,000	4,808	2,192
Dues and Subscriptions	9,500	8,530	970
Postage	1,500	1,437	63
Contract Services	10,164	10,164	-
Social Services	10,000	3,872	6,128
Public Information	105,000	97,208	7,792
Employee Appreciation	2,000	1,675	325
Miscellaneous	5,000	3,448	1,552
Total Contractual Services	499,241	429,055	70,186
Capital Outlay	230,000	27,545	202,455
Commodities			
Office Supplies	7,000	6,386	614
Operating Supplies	9,180	9,179	1
Total Commodities	16,180	15,565	615
Total Administration	1,276,728	1,000,185	276,543
CLERK			
Personnel Services			
Salaries	4,500	4,483	17
Payroll Taxes and IMRF	693	679	14
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	30	16	14
Workers' Compensation Insurance	25	5	20
Total Personnel Services	5,248	5,183	65
Contractual Services			
Dues and Subscriptions	300	280	20
Travel	150	-	150
Postage	150	29	121
Printing and Publishing	250	57	193
Training	1,500	-	1,500
Miscellaneous	1,100	110	990
Total Contractual Services	3,450	476	2,974
Commodities			
Office Supplies	500	351	149
Equipment and Furniture	100	-	100
Total Commodities	600	351	249
Total Clerk	9,298	6,010	3,288

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GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CONTINUED

	APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
ASSESSOR			
Personnel Services			
Salaries	$ 167,940	$ 167,939	$ 1
Payroll Taxes and IMRF	24,796	24,208	588
Health Insurance	29,580	28,556	1,024
Workers' Compensation Insurance	300	135	165
Total Personnel Services	222,616	220,838	1,778
Contractual Services			
Equipment Maintenance	8,000	7,478	522
Telephone	1,000	1,000	-
Travel	400	291	109
Training	1,400	755	645
Postage	200	82	118
Dues and Subscriptions	500	475	25
Miscellaneous	893	893	-
Total Contractual Services	12,393	10,974	1,419
Commodities			
Office Supplies	1,383	1,383	-
Assessment Materials	350	220	130
Total Commodities	1,733	1,603	130
Capital Outlay	638	637	1
Total Assessor	237,380	234,052	3,328
SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING			
Human Services			
Center for Concern	5,000	5,000	-
Escorted Transportation	18,500	18,500	-
Faith Community Home	10,000	10,000	-
Hands On Suburban Chicago	4,000	4,000	-
KAN-Win	3,000	3,000	-
Kindred Life Ministries	7,000	7,000	-
Life Span	15,300	15,300	-
Mobile Dental Clinic	35,000	35,000	-
NW Compass-Emergency Housing	37,000	37,000	-
Suburban Primary Health Care	18,000	18,000	-
Wings	6,000	6,000	-
Total Human Services	158,800	158,800	-
Youth Services			
Children's Advocacy	5,000	5,000	-
The Harbour	4,000	2,000	2,000
Shelter, Inc.	36,000	36,000	-
Total Youth Services	45,000	43,000	2,000
Seats For Sailors	-	2,255	(2,255)
Total Social Services Funding	203,800	204,055	(255)
SENIOR SERVICES			
Personnel Services			
Salaries	175,702	175,701	1
Payroll Taxes and IMRF	27,359	26,749	610
Health Insurance	26,060	26,060	-
Workers' Compensation Insurance	607	607	-
Total Personnel Services	229,728	229,117	611

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GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CONTINUED

	APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
Contractual Services			
Liability Insurance	$ 1,000	$ 880	$ 120
Dues and Subscriptions	150	125	25
Training	563	563	-
Travel	950	786	164
Postage	390	367	23
Telephone	1,039	1,039	-
Volunteer Background Check	2,039	2,038	1
Miscellaneous	312	312	-
Total Contractual Services	6,443	6,110	333
Commodities			
Office Supplies	1,500	1,387	113
Total Commodities	1,500	1,387	113
Capital Outlay			
Equipment	3,025	3,025	-
Total Capital Outlay	3,025	3,025	-
Total Senior Services	240,696	239,639	1,057
SENIOR BUS			
Personnel Services			
Salaries	407,000	379,865	27,135
Payroll Taxes and IMRF	59,061	53,313	5,748
Health Insurance	46,000	45,101	899
Workers' Compensation Insurance	12,000	8,674	3,326
Total Personnel Services	524,061	486,953	37,108
Contractual Services			
Liability/Bus Insurance	135,000	113,765	21,235
Printing and Publishing	-	-	-
Training	3,500	2,727	773
Postage	200	114	86
Telephone	1,000	1,000	-
Equipment Maintenance	45,000	28,530	16,470
Uniforms	1,500	1,452	48
Miscellaneous	5,750	3,679	2,071
Total Contractual Services	191,950	151,267	40,683
Commodities			
Office Supplies	500	242	258
Gas and Oil	45,000	33,883	11,117
Total Commodities	45,500	34,125	11,375
Capital Outlay			
Equipment	64,750	58,089	6,661
Vehicle	130,000	7,200	122,800
Total Capital Outlay	194,750	65,289	129,461
Total Senior Bus	956,261	737,634	218,627
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD			
Personnel Services			
Salaries	100,000	72,893	27,107
Payroll Taxes and IMRF	14,812	11,330	3,482
Health Insurance	5,431	1,415	4,016
Workers' Compensation Insurance	500	500	-
Total Personnel Services	120,743	86,138	34,605

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CONTINUED

	APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
Contractual Services			
Dues and Subscriptions	$ 5,000	$ 875	$ 4,125
Legal Services	15,000	13,612	1,388
Travel	1,750	137	1,613
Professional Fees	10,000	-	10,000
Training	3,000	1,487	1,513
Miscellaneous	1,000	122	878
Total Contractual Services	35,750	16,233	19,517
Commodities			
Office Supplies	977	977	-
Equipment	8,580	8,580	-
Total Commodities	9,557	9,557	-
Mental Health Services			
Alexian Brothers Center for Behavioral Health	115,000	115,000	-
Alexian Brothers Center for Substance Usage	66,000	30,433	35,567
Avenues to Independence	35,000	35,000	-
Center for Enriched Living	15,000	15,000	-
Children's Advocacy	7,000	7,000	-
Clearbrook Center	100,000	100,000	-
Countryside/Little City Foundation	30,000	30,000	-
Journeys/The Road Home	20,000	20,000	-
The Josselyn Center	25,000	25,000	-
Kenneth Young	20,000	20,000	-
Omni Youth - Youth Services	93,000	93,000	-
Omni Youth - Adult Substance Usage	40,000	40,000	-
Omni Youth - Adult Mental Health	20,000	20,000	-
Search Inc.	7,500	7,500	-
Other	50,000	-	50,000
Total Mental Health Services	643,500	557,933	85,567
Total Mental Health Board	809,550	669,861	139,689
CEMETERY			
Personnel Services			
Salaries	1,500	1,250	250
Payroll Taxes	150	96	54
Workers' Compensation Insurance	150	74	76
Total Personnel Services	1,800	1,420	380
Contractual Services			
Road Maintenance	6,500	4,600	1,900
Grounds Maintenance	27,500	15,426	12,074
Travel	1,500	1,250	250
Insurance	578	578	-
Publishing	100	-	100
New Trees/Bushes	1,000	-	1,000
Foundation Maintenance	5,000	1,400	3,600
Fence Maintenance	2,000	-	2,000
Legal	500	-	500
Miscellaneous	187	187	-
Total Contractual Services	44,865	23,441	21,424
Commodities			
Office Supplies	100	92	8
Total Commodities	100	92	8
Capital Outlay			
Grave Repurchase	2,000	-	2,000
Capital Improvements	8,500	-	8,500
Total Capital Outlay	10,500	-	10,500
Total Cemetery	57,265	24,953	32,312
PROVISION FOR CONTINGENCIES	4,530	-	4,530
Total Expenditures	$ 3,795,508	$ 3,116,389	$ 679,119

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

	APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
ADMINISTRATION			
Personnel Services			
Salaries	$ 299,000	$ 257,563	$ 41,437
Payroll Taxes and IMRF	47,400	38,775	8,625
Health Insurance	35,000	27,440	7,560
Workers' Compensation Insurance	350	222	128
Total Personnel Services	381,750	324,000	57,750
Contractual Services			
Legal	2,500	1,835	665
Telephone	1,600	1,600	-
Utilities	3,000	3,000	-
Travel	1,000	429	571
Training	1,500	746	754
Postage	710	422	288
Audit	1,000	1,000	-
Miscellaneous	290	290	-
Total Contractual Services	11,600	9,322	2,278
Commodities			
Office Supplies	3,000	2,783	217
Total Commodities	3,000	2,783	217
Capital Outlay	8,000	6,796	1,204
Total Administration	404,350	342,901	61,449
HOME RELIEF			
Contractual Services			
Medical	1,000	-	1,000
Funeral and Burial	2,056	-	2,056
Utilities	10,000	1,217	8,783
Shelter/Room and Board	80,000	35,349	44,651
Shelter with Utilities	4,000	-	4,000
Total Contractual Services	97,056	36,566	60,490
Commodities			
Food	15,000	2,350	12,650
Personal Essentials	7,500	1,240	6,260
Fuel	18,000	4,600	13,400
Total Commodities	40,500	8,190	32,310

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL CONTINUED

	APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
Other Expenses			
Transient Expense	$ 250	$ -	$ 250
Miscellaneous	300	-	300
Total Other Expenses	550	-	550
Total Home Relief	138,106	44,756	93,350
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			
Contractual Services			
Utilities	5,000	2,129	2,871
Shelter	95,000	46,572	48,428
Medical Care	500	-	500
Miscellaneous	850	850	-
Total Contractual Services	101,350	49,551	51,799
Commodities			
Food	100	-	100
Fuel/Travel	100	-	100
Total Commodities	200	-	200
Total Emergency Assistance	101,550	49,551	51,999
PROVISION FOR CONTINGENCIES	22,450	-	22,450
Total Expenditures	$ 666,456	$ 437,208	$ 229,248

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

	APPROPRIATION	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
ADMINISTRATION			
Personnel Services			
Salaries	$ 25,500	$ 24,275	$ 1,225
Payroll Taxes and IMRF	4,118	3,689	429
Health Insurance	3,000	2,829	171
Workers' Compensation Insurance	1,965	1,965	-
Total Personnel Services	34,583	32,758	1,825
Contractual Services			
General Insurance	1,200	1,200	-
Telephone	300	300	-
Travel	500	-	500
Postage	100	28	72
Printing and Publishing	250	-	250
Audit	2,000	2,000	-
Legal	2,500	-	2,500
Training	-	-	-
Dues and Subscriptions	-	-	-
Engineering	30,000	6,443	23,557
Property Maintenance	25,000	20,807	4,193
Total Contractual Services	61,850	30,778	31,072
Commodities			
Office Supplies	247	246	1
Supplies	100	-	100
Office Equipment	500	478	22
Total Commodities	847	724	123
Total Administration	97,280	64,260	33,020
MAINTENANCE			
Contractual Services			
Snow Control	65,000	63,406	1,594
Street Lighting	250	226	24
Miscellaneous	988	42	946
Permit Expense	10,000	1,665	8,335
Total Contractual Services	76,238	65,339	10,899
Capital Outlay			
Road Construction/Maintenance	500,000	12,544	487,456
Total Capital Outlay	500,000	12,544	487,456
Total Maintenance	576,238	77,883	498,355
PROVISION FOR CONTINGENCIES	10,000	-	10,000
Total Expenditures	$ 683,518	$ 142,143	$ 541,375

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

EMERGENCY FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			
Program Expenses			
Shelter	$ -	$ 6,200	$ (6,200)
Utilities	-	750	(750)
Food	-	46,036	(46,036)
Equipment	-	8,630	(8,630)
Personal Essentials	-	8,800	(8,800)
Transportation	-	379	(379)
Adopt-A-Family	-	35,437	(35,437)
Food Pantry - Office Supplies	-	629	(629)
Food Pantry - Postage	-	452	(452)
Food Pantry - Miscellaneous	-	634	(634)
Thanksgiving	-	314	(314)
Miscellaneous	-	4,054	(4,054)
Total Contractual Services	-	112,315	(112,315)
CONTINGENCIES	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	$ -	$ 112,315	$ (112,315)

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Renewal Premium Recap
Policy Term: July 30, 2026 – July 30, 2027

Selective Insurance Company

	Renewal	Expiring
• **Property and Liability –** (Package)	$ 32,081	$ 32,272
• **Umbrella** - $10,000,000 Limit	$ 49,901	$ 48,316

	Renewal	Expiring
• **Public Officials Liability**	* $ 17,428	$ 16,670

	Renewal	Expiring
• **Difference in Conditions (DIC)** – Earthquake & Flood	$ 1,668	$ 1,668

Berkshire Hathaway

	2025/2026	2024/2025
• **Commercial Auto**	$ 120,651	$ 116,596

Hanover Insurance Company

	2025/2028	2025/2028
• **Employee Dishonesty**	$ 1,572	$ 1,572/year

CFC

	Renewal	Expiring
• **Cyber Liability**	* $ 3,965	$ 3,965

	Renewal	Expiring
Total	$ 227,266	$ 221,059

* Premiums subject to completion of renewal applications

IRS

Standard mileage rates

If you use your car for business, charity, medical or moving purposes, you may be able to take a deduction based on the mileage used for that purpose.

2026 mileage rates (July 1 – Dec. 31)

The standard mileage rates for 2026 are:

- Self-employed and business: 76 cents/mile
- Charities: 14 cents/mile
- Medical: 23.5 cents/mile
- Moving (military only): 23.5 cents/mile

Find out when you can deduct vehicle mileage

Mileage rates for all years (cents/mile)

Period	Business use	Charity use	Medical or military moving	Source
2026 (July 1 – Dec. 31)	76	14	23.5	IR-2026-29
2026 (Jan. 1 – June 30)	72.5	14	20.5	IR-2025-128
2025	70	14	21	IR-2024-312
2024	67	14	21	IR-2023-239

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FACILITIES LOCATING AND MARKING
SERVICE CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT ("Contract") is entered into as of July 20, 2026, and is by and between USIC Locating Services, LLC, an Indiana limited liability company, (**USIC**), and Wheeling Township (**Customer**), each individually a party, and collectively, the parties.

BACKGROUND

A. Customer owns and operates Facilities (hereinafter defined) in the geographic area described on Exhibit A to this Contract.

B. Customer desires to have USIC provide the necessary labor and equipment to offer certain services relative to locating and marking Customer's Facilities listed in Exhibit A.

CONTRACT

Based on the Background set forth above and in consideration of the mutual covenants, terms and conditions set forth below, USIC and Customer agree as follows:

1. Definitions. In addition to the terms defined above the following capitalized terms when used in this Contract shall have the following meanings:

1.1 **Advanced Locate Service** means conductive, inductive, and map-based measurement locating methods which may include hand digging and/or vacuum excavation to accurately complete a Locate.

1.2 **Annual Contract Value** means the aggregate of the last twelve months' Contract revenue.

1.3 **Atypical Condition (AC)** means any unusual condition, exigency, or occurrence at a given worksite that requires USIC's use of extra resources (including but not limited to Telecommunication Vault or Manhole Entry, Unlocatable Facilities, Work Zone Protection aka "Temporary Traffic Control Services" or "Flaggers", labor, time, and equipment) outside of those routinely expended by USIC to accurately and safely complete a Locate.

1.4 **Contract Year** means the 365 (366 if period includes February during a leap year) days beginning with the date this Contract begins and the anniversary date each year after.

1.5 **Customer's Facilities** means any Facilities owned or operated by Customer.

1.6 **Damage Investigation Fee** means the fee charged to Customer when chargeable pursuant to this Contract, for a damage investigation performed by USIC (to include Site photographs, measurements and/or other applicable forensic data).

1.7 **Damage to Customer's Facilities** means the penetration or destruction of any protective coating, sheath, housing or other protective facility of underground plant, the partial or complete severance of underground plant, or the rendering of any underground plant partially or completely inoperable.

1.8 **Digital Locating** means the process by which a Locate is completed using maps, records, historical Ticket records, Locate technician expertise, and other industry knowledge to positively respond to a Ticket without Visual Examination.

1.9 **Emergency Normal Hours Locate** means a request for a Locate that arises from a condition that threatens life, health, or property as defined by applicable state law and are transmitted during USIC's normal, non-holiday business hours Monday through Friday (7:00 am – 5:00 pm).

1.10 **Emergency After Hours Locate** means a request for a Locate that arises from a condition as defined by applicable state law and One Call Center ticket types and is transmitted on weekends, weekdays, and holidays, as defined by appliable federal and state statute and/or One Call Center holidays, outside of the USIC's normal business hours (7:00 am – 5:00 pm).

1.11 **Excavator(s)** means any person or entity which engages directly in excavation.

1.12 **Facility(ies)** means any item used in connection with the storage or conveyance of water, sewage, electronic telephonic or telegraphic communications, cablevision, electric energy, petroleum products, gas, gaseous vapors, Hazardous Materials or other substances including, but not limited to, pipes, sewers, conduits, cables, valves, lines, wires, manholes, attachments and those parts of poles or anchors, either above or below ground.

1.13 **Gridding** means the geographic boundary area, maps, facility records, and/or other facility documentation identified by Customer and the One Call Center and provided to the applicable state One Call Center which is used to determine whether a request for Locate will generate a Ticket for Customer after receipt of an Excavator's notification of intent to excavate (i.e., receipt of a Locate Ticket).

1.14 **Hazardous Materials** means any toxic or hazardous substance, hazardous material, dangerous or hazardous waste, dangerous good, radioactive material, petroleum or petroleum-derived products or by-products, or any other chemical, substance, material or emission, that is regulated, listed or controlled pursuant to any national, state, provincial, or local law, statute, ordinance, directive, regulation or other legal requirement of the United States ("U.S.") or the country of the Site.

1.15 **Interruption of Service** means an interruption in the services provided by Customer to its customers arising from a Damage to Customer's Facilities.

1.16 **Locatable Facilities** means Customer's Facilities that can be located with Reasonable Accuracy by using devices designed to respond to the presence of Customer's Facilities, together with records and facility prints, drawings, and maps of sufficient accuracy, but shall specifically not include Unidentifiable Facilities and Unlocatable/Untonable Facilities.

1.17 **Locate(s)** means the process of providing Locate Services in response to an Excavator's notice of intent to excavate, and such Locate Services provided by USIC in accordance with this Contract. As used in this Contract, Locate(s) include(s) "Project Locate", as defined hereinafter, where applicable in accordance with the definition of "Project Locate" hereunder.

1.18 **Locate Service(s)** means the services, of any type of ticket, to be provided by USIC under this Contract consisting of the process of verifying if Customer's Facilities are present at a location where an Excavator intends to or conducts excavation; when applicable, detection of Customer's Facilities through the use of electronic locating equipment; and, when applicable, Marking to identify the existence and location of Customer's Facilities.

1.19 **Locator At Fault Damage** means Damage to Customer's Facilities caused by an Excavator that occurs as a direct result of USIC not performing the Locate with Reasonable Accuracy. Locator At Fault Damage does not include alleged Damage to Customer's Facilities arising from USIC's late or untimely Locates that were performed with Reasonable Accuracy prior to the damage occurring.

1.20 **Locator Not At Fault Damage** means Damage to Customer's Facilities that occurs for any reason other than USIC not performing the Locate with Reasonable Accuracy.

1.21 **Mark(s)(ed)(ing)** means the use of stakes and flags, paint or other clearly identifiable materials at appropriately distanced intervals and at each divergence from a straight line in accordance with the current marking standards of the American Public Works Association.

1.22 **One Call Center or 811** means each state's Ticket issuing system for all excavation notices.

1.23 **Positive Response** is an 811 notification that communicates to facility owners and operators, and Excavators the status of dig/excavation notices issued by 811.

1.24 **Project Locate or Long Scope Ticket(s)** is any Locate that, for any reason, requires USIC technicians to spend more than thirty (30) minutes to execute the Locate Services requested by the subject Ticket. Project Locate or Long Scope Ticket(s) time is tracked using USIC's system thresholds and may include any Ticket type (including but not limited to Tickets designated as routine, normal, and/or emergency). Any portion or increment of work above a time threshold shall be rounded up to the next whole unit.

1.25 **Reasonable Accuracy** means the placement of appropriate Markings within the applicable state's tolerance zone.

1.26 **Repair Costs** means the actual costs incurred by Customer to repair Damage to Customer's Facilities arising from Locator At Fault Damages (so long as Customer's actual costs are reasonable and customary), subject to the exclusions below. "Repair Costs" is equal to only the reasonable and customary value of the actual labor, equipment, and material costs incurred by Customer to repair the Damage to Customer's Facilities as supported by actual invoice and/or receipts for work completed by each repair contractor. This shall include reasonable and customary costs incurred by Customer's in-house labor and third-party contractor(s), where an itemized breakdown for all parties included in the repair is submitted. Repair Costs specifically excludes, except where prohibited by law: administrative charges; third party administrative ("TPA") fees; overhead charges; costs arising from betterment of plant (which shall include, among other things, any upgrade, improvement, reinforcement, enlargement, replacement or extension of Customer's Facilities); invoice markups (whether percentage-based, fixed-amount, or otherwise-calculated; costs arising out of collection actions, whether incurred by the Customer or collection agencies; any other costs or expenses excluded by Section 7 of this Contract or any other provision of this Contract. USIC reserves the right to dispute the reasonableness of any of Customer's actual costs; in the event of such a dispute the parties shall attempt to resolve such dispute in accordance with Section 13.

1.27 **Site** means the premises where Locate Services are performed, and Customer has ownership or exercises control.

1.28 **Telecommunications Vault or Manhole Entry,** as stated 29 CFR 1910.269(x), is defined as an "enclosed space" or as a working space, such as a manhole, vault, tunnel, or shaft, that has limited means of egress or entry, that is designed for periodic employee entry under normal conditions, and that does not contain a hazardous atmosphere, but that may contain a hazardous atmosphere under abnormal conditions. "Manhole vaults" are confined spaces where a person's entire body can enter as opposed to "handhole vaults" where a person can reach in only.

1.29 **Third Party Claims** means any claims for losses, fines, penalties, damages, costs, fees, or expenses made by a person or entity not a party to this Contract arising from or related to Damages to Customer's Facilities, including but not limited to, claims as a result of (a) injury to or death of any person, or (b) damage to or loss or destruction of any property.

1.30 **Ticket(s)** means the document generated at and transmitted by the One Call Center to USIC containing each request for Locate. A Ticket may require more than one Locate.

1.31 **Unidentifiable Facilities** means Customer's Facilities that are not apparent at the Site as based on the records, facility prints, drawings, or maps provided by Customer.

1.32 **Unlocatable/Untonable Facilities,** means Customer's Facilities, including abandoned Facilities, whose general presence is known either from records provided by Customer or from a Visual Examination, but which cannot be Marked with Reasonable Accuracy by employing standard Locate Services, typically consisting of using one conductive hook up point on either side of the Facility being targeted for Locating.

1.33 **USIC Work Product** means all materials, data, works of authorship, concepts, presentation, inventions, discovery, processes, know-how, reduction of information, including without limitation, all intellectual property rights, including trade secrets, data, copyrights, and trademarks related to USIC's Locate Services, which is conceived or reduced to practice as a result of the performance of the Locate Services.

1.34 **Visual Examination** means an attempt to determine the existence of Customer's Facilities at an excavation site by a reasonable visual inspection of the dig site rather than from Customer's maps and records.

1.35 **Watch and Protect** means to oversee Customer's Facilities during unusual or extensive excavation projects (i.e. road widening projects, sewer projects, etc.) and providing appropriate Locate Services as may be dictated by the nature and scope of the excavations. Service requires preauthorization or prior agreement by the parties regarding criteria to be applied.

1.36 **White-Lining** means the Excavator designates the route and/or area to be excavated using white pre-marking either onsite or electronically (when available through the One Call Center), prior to or during the request for the Locate. The route of the excavation is marked with white paint, flags, stakes, lines, polygons, or a combination of these to outline the dig site prior to or during notification to the One Call Center and before the Locate technician arrives on the job.

1.37 **Work Zone Protection** means the activities necessary by USIC to achieve compliance with federal, state, county, and local laws for the safety of motorists and USIC workers alike. This includes but is not limited to following the rules prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and contracting services to achieve Temporary Traffic Control commonly referred to as "Flaggers."

2. Responsibilities of USIC

2.1 USIC shall furnish all labor, materials (except maps, prints, and records to be provided by Customer under Section 3), and equipment necessary to perform Locate Services including Locates, Project Locates or Long Scope Ticket(s), Emergency Normal Hours Locate, Watch and Protect, and Emergency After Hours Locate for Customer within the Contract service area detailed in Exhibit A. All Ticket transmittals to USIC shall come directly from each state's One Call Center for the service area detailed in Exhibit A.

2.2 Upon receipt of a request for a Locate, USIC will assess whether a conflict exists between the Customer's Facilities and the proposed excavation Site based on the maps, prints, and records provided by the Customer (commonly called Digital Locating). In its discretion, USIC may perform a Visual Inspection for any Locate request, but USIC is not required to do so if Customer's maps, prints, and records indicate that there is no conflict between Customer's Facilities and the excavation Site.

2.3 If USIC determines that Customer Facilities are present at the excavation Site, USIC will Mark Customer's Facilities at the Site, except for Unlocatable/Untonable Facilities and send Positive Response documentation that may consist of photographs, drawings, or notes. Photographs shall only be required in situations where taking photographs are permitted by law.

2.4 If USIC determines that Customer's Facilities are not present at the excavation Site, USIC will mark the site or note in the Ticket response that Customer's Facilities are not present or in conflict with the proposed excavation site.

2.5 Customer agrees that USIC will have the right to screen Tickets via maps, prints, records, and other technology which eliminates the requirement for a Visual Examination, or an in-person visit to the Site. Customer also agrees that USIC will not be liable for any damages that occur because of incomplete and/or inaccurate maps, prints, or records provided by Customer.

2.6 In the event USIC recognizes that there are Unlocatable/Untonable Facilities at the excavation site, Customer will be responsible for determining what course of action should be followed to assure that the Unlocatable/Untonable Facilities are not damaged by Excavator. USIC will not be liable for any damages associated with an Unlocatable/Untonable Facility. If any Atypical Condition (AC) is found at the excavation site and USIC is aware of the Atypical Condition, USIC shall notify Customer, and USIC shall employ Advanced Locate Services or other procedures described in Section 1.1 at direction of Customer and with additional pricing when necessary.

2.7 Any maps and records furnished by Customer as required by the Contract shall remain the property of Customer. USIC agrees to return or destroy all copies of such maps and records to Customer upon Customer's written request or at the termination of this Contract. This obligation of confidentiality shall survive the termination of this Contract for a period of five (5) years. All of Customer's maps and records shall be kept confidential by USIC unless 1) such maps and records were previously known to USIC free of any obligation to keep them confidential; 2) such maps and records are given to USIC by a third party not obligated to keep them confidential; 3) such maps and records become public without any act or omission of USIC; or 4) otherwise, as required by law.

2.8 USIC shall perform the Locate Services as an independent contractor and as such, USIC has the right to exercise control and supervision of the work and full control over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of all persons assisting it in performing the Locate Services. Further, USIC agrees that it will be solely responsible for the payment of its employees and for the payment of all federal, state, county and municipal taxes and contributions pertaining thereto.

2.9 USIC shall comply with the provisions of all applicable permits and licenses relative to the Locate Services to be performed hereunder.

3. Responsibilities of Customer

3.1 Customer shall not suppress or screen any Tickets in the areas where USIC will provide Locate Services as defined in Exhibit A that would otherwise come to USIC from the state One Call Center. All Customer Tickets shall be transmitted directly to USIC from the state One Call Center.

3.2 Customer shall not change existing Gridding such that the volume of Tickets received by USIC is reduced with the applicable state One Call Center on or after the Contract effective date.

3.3 Customer agrees to provide USIC with updates (at least monthly, or more often as needed) to its prints, maps, and any other Facility location records in a standard GIS/ESRI format (.shp, .mdb, or .gdb) with proposed Facility layers, if available, and One Call Center Ticket information (One Call Center format for the applicable state) via e-mail or web services to USIC's Ticket management system, so as to permit USIC to provide the Locate Services. Customer acknowledges that it is Customer's responsibility to keep all applicable maps, records, and prints up-to-date and provide such mapping and records to USIC in a timely manner via a secure customer portal provided by USIC or Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP). Customer acknowledges that USIC does rely in part on such records, and USIC bears no liability for Customer's failure to provide accurate maps, records, and/or prints, or any damage which arises from incomplete and/or inaccurate maps, records, and/or prints.

3.4 Customer agrees that it will reasonably cooperate with USIC regarding receipt and resolution of Third-Party Claims, which cooperation shall include but not be limited to reasonable information sharing.

3.5 Customer will pay USIC for the Locate Services in accordance with the charges set forth on Exhibit A. USIC shall bill for all Tickets received from each state's One Call Center, on behalf of Customer. USIC will not be responsible for the accuracy, updates to or the completeness of the definition of the Contract service area that Customer has provided to the state's One Call Center.

3.6 Customer agrees to provide USIC with all state-issued 811 codes ("CDC codes") and a comprehensive Customer point of contact list within twenty-four (24) hours of Contract execution.

3.7 Customer recognizes White-Lining as a best practice for safe excavations. Customer agrees to use its best efforts to promote proper "White-Lining" by Excavators.

3.8 For Locates involving subsurface electric transmission of voltages greater than 33kV: (1) Customer will provide a qualified electric worker to identify the utility locating equipment connection point(s), via Customer's transmission engineering and system expertise; (2) Customer will make the connection(s) safely without requiring entry inside the Minimum Approach Distance for such hazards; and (3) Markings will be provided outside the Minimum Approach Distance which shall be defined in OSHA's standard for Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution. The Locate may require the Customer to make multiple connections to safely reach the full scope of the Ticket. Customer will be notified via the Positive Response in the Ticket system of any Locates with an electric transmission line on the Site and once the Marking is complete.

4. Invoicing and Payment Terms

4.1 USIC will remit monthly invoices to Customer via an email address or uploaded to a required Customer portal specified by Customer. In the states of Maine, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington, and/or as otherwise may arise from state or federal taxing authorities from time to time, USIC shall invoice the Customer for the following applicable taxes levied on USIC:

4.1.1 Sales Tax
4.1.2 Use Tax
4.1.3 Services Provider Tax
4.1.4 Value Added Tax
4.1.5 Gross Receipts Tax
4.1.6 Commercial Activities Tax
4.1.7 Business Tax
4.1.8 Occupation Tax
4.1.9 Or similarly constructed state or local taxation

Where tax exempt status exists, Customer will provide USIC with the tax-exempt certificate or like document.

4.2 All amounts payable under this Contract shall be paid on a net thirty (30) days basis, following the date of invoice. In the event Customer disputes any portion of an invoice received from USIC, Customer shall provide written notice to USIC no less than fifteen (15) days before the invoice is due. If USIC cannot correct the invoice prior to the due date, Customer shall pay all undisputed charges in accordance with Section 4.2. If proper and sufficient notice of a dispute is not given to USIC, Customer shall pay the entire invoice and proceed with dispute resolution in Section 13.

4.3 For any payment that is not timely paid pursuant to Section 4.2: (a) an initial 3% late payment fee will be assessed; and (b) interest will accrue at a rate of 1.5% per month. Should USIC have to pursue collection actions or retain counsel to pursue payment, USIC will invoice Customer for all such costs and Customer is responsible for payment.

4.4 If Customer fails to pay any invoice pursuant to the payment terms set out in this section, USIC may give written notice describing such breach ("Notice of Default"). If the breach set forth in the Notice of Default is not curable or if the Customer fails to pay USIC's invoices within ten (10) days following receipt of the Notice of Default, USIC shall have the right and option to immediately terminate this Contract pursuant to Section 5, in addition to all the other rights and remedies available to the non-breaching party under this Contract and at law and in equity.

4.5 If Customer fails to pay any Invoice according to the provisions of this Contract and (a) such failure continues for a period of ten (10) days following Customer's receipt of a Notice of Default from USIC or (b) USIC has reasonable grounds for insecurity regarding the performance by Customer of any obligation under this Contract, then USIC, by delivery of written notice to Customer, may demand Adequate Assurance by Customer. "Adequate Assurance" means, at the option of Customer, (i) advance payment in cash by Customer to USIC for Locate Services or (ii) delivery to USIC by Customer of a letter of credit in an amount equal to not less than the aggregate amounts owed from Customer to USIC hereunder for the prior two-month period. If Customer fails to provide Adequate Assurance to USIC within 72 hours of USIC's request, USIC shall have the right to, at its sole option, (i) renegotiate payment terms under the Contract; (ii) terminate this Contract upon written notice to Customer, and/or (iii) suspend or reduce all Locate Services under this Contract without prior notice to Customer, in each case, without limiting any other rights or remedies available to USIC under this Contract or otherwise. If USIC exercises the right to terminate this Contract or suspend or reduce any Locate Services, then Customer shall not be entitled to take, or cause to be taken, any action hereunder or otherwise against USIC for such termination, suspension, or reduction.

4.6 In the event Customer claims to be owed money from USIC pursuant to Section 6 of this Contract or for any other reason, such disputes shall be handled independently in accordance with Section 13, and Customer shall have no right to withhold, setoff, or otherwise reduce the amounts due to USIC for Locate Services under Section 4.

5. Term, Termination, Changes and Exclusive Nature of Contract

5.1 This Contract shall be effective as of July 20, 2026, ("Effective Date") and continue for a period of 12, with automatic renewal for consecutive periods of one (1) year on each expiration date, unless sooner terminated pursuant to Section 5.3.

5.2 Customer shall use USIC as its exclusive provider of Locate Services within the service area as identified in Exhibit A.

5.3 5.3 Either party to this Contract may terminate this Contract for convenience upon sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the other. Upon such termination, Customer shall only be liable for payment for any tickets transmitted to USIC through the effective date of termination. If Customer fails to provide the required sixty (60) day notice under this provision, Customer will pay USIC an amount equal to 60 days average billing as calculated based on the twelve-month period immediately preceding the termination [or such shorter period if the Contract has been in effect for less than twelve (12) months], which the parties agree is a reasonable estimate of the damages to be incurred by USIC as a result of Customer's termination without notice. This provision is not intended to and shall not eliminate or reduce any other remedies to which USIC may be entitled, all of which are reserved.

5.4 Without prejudice to any other right or remedy USIC may have under this Contract, at law and/or in equity, USIC may terminate this Contract effective immediately upon providing written notice of such termination to Customer, in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:

5.4.1 insolvency of Customer;
5.4.2 filing of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy by Customer;
5.4.3 filing of an involuntary petition in bankruptcy against Customer;
5.4.4 appointment of a receiver or trustee for Customer;
5.4.5 execution by Customer of an assignment or any general assignment (other than an assignment undertaken in connection with a financing) for the benefit of creditors;
5.4.6 commencement of any legal proceeding against Customer that, in USIC's opinion, may interfere with USIC's ability to perform in accordance with the Contract;
5.4.7 Customer consolidates with, or merges with or into, or transfers all or substantially all of its assets to, another entity and/or sells, assigns or otherwise transfers the Contract; in each case without USIC's advance written consent; or
5.4.8 Failure by Customer to timely cure any breach for which Customer has received a Notice of Breach under Section 4.

6. Investigations of Damage to Customer's Facilities

6.1 Should Customer become aware of any Damage to Customer's Facilities that occurs after USIC has been asked to perform a Locate for Customer, the Customer shall as promptly as possible, and not later than twelve (12) hours from becoming aware of the damage, notify USIC. This notification must be made by calling USIC at 1-800-778-9140 or sending an email to USICDispatch@usicllc.com and should include the street address of the damage location, damage date and size/type of facility. Both parties to this Contract reserve the right and shall be entitled to investigate any reports of Damage to Customer's Facilities. Any such phone or email notification by Customer, Excavator, Third-Party Administrator, or any other party shall commence USIC's damage investigation process. Upon USIC's request, Customer will provide list of contacts by division for claims of Damage to Company's Facilities.

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6.2 USIC will investigate all incidents of Damage to Customer's Facilities for which it has been notified and provide, a written report of its findings to Customer via the Customer portal. Such report will contain USIC's determination as to whether the Damage to Customer's Facilities constitutes a Locator At Fault Damage or a Locator Not At Fault Damage. Customer shall have thirty (30) days after notification of USIC's completion of the investigation to contest USIC's conclusion. Unless Customer notifies USIC in writing within such time period that it disputes USIC's conclusion as to a fault determination,, USIC's conclusion with regard to that issue shall be deemed final and binding with respect to this Contract and any liability between Customer and USIC. If Customer disputes USIC's conclusion, the parties will make all reasonable efforts to mutually resolve such dispute and if they cannot, such dispute will be resolved in accordance with Section 13.

6.3 All potential Damage to Customer's Facilities shall be investigated, and USIC shall be entitled to collect a Damage Investigation Fee for each such investigation it performs unless: (1) it is determined by USIC's investigation that the damage was Locator At Fault Damage; or (2) the parties ultimately agree that the damage was Locator At Fault Damage. USIC shall be entitled to collect a Damage Investigation Fee from Customer regardless of how USIC receives notice of the Damage to Customer's Facilities.

6.4 Customer agrees that if: (1) Customer fails to timely notify USIC as required by Section 6 of any Damage to Customer's Facilities; or (2) if damage is repaired or site is covered before USIC can conduct a timely investigation with full access to damage site, then USIC shall not be liable to Customer for any Repair Costs or any other liabilities arising from that Damage to Customers' Facilities, and Customer shall indemnify USIC against Third Party Claims as applicable, in accordance with Section 7. In such situation, Customer hereby agrees that it is prohibited from asserting that any such Damage to Customer's Facilities constitutes a Locator At Fault Damage.

6.5 When damages are determined to be Locator At Fault Damage, Customer agrees that USIC will be invoiced for Repair Costs only with supporting documentation provided with the invoice.

6.6 USIC will be responsible for paying Customer's Repair Costs for any Damage to Customer's Facilities only if: (1) USIC received a request to provide Locate Services with respect to a Customer's Facilities at the location of the damage; (2) the Damage to Customer's Facilities constitutes a Locator At Fault Damage; and (3) Customer sends USIC an invoice as required herein.

6.7 Customer agrees to provide any supporting documentation and detail requested by USIC that relates to Damage to Customer's Facilities for which Customer submits an invoice to USIC. If Customer does not provide USIC with all requested documentation and detail within six (6) months of invoicing USIC for such damages, USIC shall have no further obligation to participate in the pre-litigation and/or pre-arbitration portions of the Dispute Resolution of Section 13. This provision does not preclude Customer from seeking remedies in arbitration or in a court of competent jurisdiction, as applicable.

6.8 If Customer fails to present an invoice to USIC for any Damage to Customer's Facilities within twelve (12) months of the date Customer notifies USIC of the damage pursuant to Section 6.1, Customer irrevocably waives and releases any right to seek or demand payment from USIC for such damages, whether in litigation, arbitration, mediation, or any other forum, formal or informal.

6.9 To the extent permitted by law and to the extent of and directly corresponding to the Locate Services and related to the accuracy or timeliness of Locate penalties, USIC shall be entitled to participate in any investigation or appeal by any administrative, regulatory, or other governing authority involving any Damage to Customer's Facilities, and Customer shall make any and all reasonable accommodations to allow USIC to do so. Should any administrative, regulatory, or other governing authority impose a penalty or fine, USIC shall reimburse the Customer to the proportion and extent of its fault for such penalties or fines upon receiving an invoice from the Customer.

7. <u>Limitation of Liability and Indemnification</u>

7.1 **REPAIR COSTS PAYABLE BY USIC SHALL NOT EXCEED $500 FOR ANY SINGLE INCIDENT OR OCCURRENCE OF DAMAGE TO CUSTOMER'S FACILITIES, REGARDLESS OF THE ALLEGED**

CAUSE OF THE DAMAGE, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF FACILITIES DAMAGED IN THE INCIDENT, AND REGARDLESS OF THE ALLEGED SCOPE OR AMOUNT OF THE DAMAGES. THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT THIS PROVISION IS NOT INTENDED TO EXPAND OR OTHERWISE IMPOSE LIABILITY ON USIC BUT, RATHER, IS INTENDED TO BE AN ABSOLUTE LIMIT ON USIC'S LIABILITY TO CUSTOMER FOR ANY INCIDENT INVOLVING DAMAGE TO CUSTOMER'S FACILITIES, REGARDLESS OF CAUSE.

7.2 **USIC'S TOTAL LIABILITY TO CUSTOMER UNDER THIS CONTRACT SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE TIMES THE ANNUAL CONTRACT VALUE DETERMINED BY THE TRAILING TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD.**

7.3 If Damage to Customer's Facilities is not Locator At Fault Damage or if Customer's Facilities are Unidentifiable Facilities or Unlocatable/Untonable Facilities, USIC's only responsibility will be to provide whatever support to Customer it can reasonably provide to establish whether the Excavator or another third party is liable for such Damage to Customer's Facilities. If USIC provides such support at the request of Customer or any representative of Customer (including but not limited to informal requests for assistance and formal litigation requests including document and testimony subpoenas from Customer's attorneys or third party claims administrators): (1) such support shall be provided by USIC at no additional cost if Customer has already paid a Damage Investigation Fee related to the incident; (2) Customer shall be invoiced for and agrees to pay a Damage Investigation Fee if one has not already been paid relating to the incident.

7.4 Customer agrees not to add USIC as a defendant or otherwise as a party to any litigation or arbitration Customer is pursuing against an Excavator or any other third party for any Damage to Customer's Facilities that was not, prior to initiation of such proceeding, determined to be a Locator At Fault Damage in accordance with this Contract. If Customer violates this provision and adds USIC in any such proceeding, Customer agrees that this provision gives USIC the right to the seek immediate dismissal from such proceeding and indemnification for any fees and expenses associated with seeking such dismissal.

7.5 To the fullest extent allowed under applicable law, USIC shall not be liable for loss of profit or revenues, loss of use of equipment or systems, Interruption of Service, cost of replacement power, cost of capital, downtime costs, increased operating costs, administrative costs including TPA fees, and any special, consequential, incidental, indirect or punitive damages.

7.6 Each Customer and USIC (as an "Indemnifying Party") shall defend and indemnify the other party (as an "Indemnified Party") from and against claims brought by a third party, on account of personal injury or damage to the third party's tangible property, only to the extent caused by the fault of the Indemnifying Party in connection with this Contract. In the event the injury or damage is caused by joint negligence, concurrent negligence, or otherwise by the fault of both Customer and USIC, the loss or expense shall be borne by each party in proportion to its degree of fault. The Indemnifying Party may retain counsel of its choosing, at its own expense. The Indemnified Party may retain separate or additional counsel as well, but the cost of such counsel shall be borne by the Indemnified Party. USIC has no obligation to defend or indemnify Customer for Third Party Claims resulting from Damages that are not caused by USIC's negligence fault nor shall USIC be required to defend or indemnify Customer for damages or Third Party Claims relating to Unidentifiable Facilities, Unlocatable/Untonable Facilities or Third Party Claims that arise from the sole or partial fault, negligence, or willful misconduct of Customer, its agents or employees. Any party seeking defense and/or indemnity under this Section must provide notice to the other party as promptly as possible upon becoming aware of the incident for which defense and/or indemnity is being sought; failure to provide prompt notice waives the party's right to be an Indemnified Party under this Contract.

8. <u>Price Revisions</u>

8.1 At the beginning of each Contract Year subsequent to the first Contract Year, the charges for Locate Services set forth on Exhibit A shall be increased annually by 3%.

8.2 Fuel Surcharge

8.2.1 USIC will assess and invoice a monthly fuel surcharge per the schedule below, measured each calendar month. The Average Fuel Price per Gallon will be based on "U.S. Regular All Formulations Retail Gasoline Prices" (Monthly View) at https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/hist/LeafHandler.ashx?n=PET&s=EMM_EPMR_PTE_NUS_DPG&f=M. The corresponding surcharge amount will be multiplied by the quantity of billed Tickets ("Initial Charges" only, defined hereinafter) in the month. For example, if the average fuel price per gallon for a given month warranted a fuel surcharge, USIC would invoice the respective fuel surcharge against billable Tickets for that same month (1,000 Billable Tickets X $0.30 Fuel Surcharge = $300 total).

Average Fuel Price per Gallon	**Fuel Surcharge per Billed Ticket (Initial Charges)**
<$3.000	No Surcharge
$3.000 - $3.499	$0.15
$3.500 - $3.999	$0.30
$4.000 - $4.499	$0.45
$4.500 - $4.999	$0.60
$5.000 - $5.499	$0.75
$5.500 - $5.999	$0.90
For each additional $0.50 tier	Add $0.15 from previous tier's surcharge amount

8.2.2 "Initial Charges" include but are not limited to Per Ticket, Emergency Normal Hours, Emergency After Hours, etc. Fuel surcharges will not be applied to incremental billed units that result from extended time spent on a Ticket.

8.2.3 If surcharges are assessed, USIC reserves the right to include the fuel surcharges on Customer's standard invoice or on a separate invoice in a period following the close of the month.

8.2.4 Standard payment terms apply to stand-alone fuel surcharge invoices.

8.3 Labor Escalation

8.3.1 USIC will assess supplemental annual price increases (combined with standard annual price increases) related to the cost of labor per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Cost Index: Total Compensation for Private Industry Workers in Service Occupations. If the annual percent change for the labor index reaches 3.5% (index average from 2018 – 2020 was 3.5%), then USIC will assess an additional price increase per the table below.

Average Change from Prior Year (%)	**Additional Price Increase**
<3.50%	No Additional Price Increase
3.50% - 4.49%	0.60%
4.50% - 5.49%	1.20%
5.50% - 6.49%	1.80%
6.50% - 7.49%	2.40%
7.50% - 8.49%	3.00%
8.50% - 9.49%	3.60%
For each additional 1% tier	Add 0.60% from previous tier's increase

8.3.2 USIC will use the most recent 4 quarters available at the contract renewal date.

8.3.3 To calculate the Average Change from Prior Year (%):

a. Go to https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/CIU2010000300000I

b. Click Edit Graph

c. Change Units to "Percent Change from a Year Ago"
d. Change Modify frequency to "Quarterly"
e. Close sidebar
f. Click Download and choose Excel
g. Average 4 most recent quarters
Example: 2021 Average = 5.48%
1. 2021 Q1: 3.94%
2. 2021 Q2: 4.82%
3. 2021 Q3: 6.10%
4. 2021 Q4: 7.07%

8.3.4 In the example where the labor index average increase was 5.48%, ABC Company would fall into the 4.50% - 5.49% tier. If they have a fixed annual price increase, the price increase would rise by 1.20% (annual price increase + 1.20% price increase for labor) for that year.

8.4 Notwithstanding Section 8.1, USIC may, following the first Contract Year, adjust the prices for Locate Services set forth on Exhibit A upon reasonable justification and thirty (30) days' written notice to Customer. Unless Customer contests, in writing within the thirty (30) day notice period, the price increase will become effective on the date identified in USIC's notice. If Customer contests the basis for the price increase as provided above, the parties shall either negotiate a mutually agreeable resolution or resolve the dispute as provided in Section 13.1.

8.5 Additionally, USIC shall notify Customer if USIC becomes aware of any regulatory, judicial, or 811 process-related changes that affects the amount of time it takes USIC to provide Locate Services in response to Ticket(s), including but not limited to adjustment of the Ticket parameters or make-up. Subsequent to notification, USIC shall make an equitable adjustment to the prices for Locate Services set forth on Exhibit A upon reasonable justification and thirty (30) days' written notice to Customer. Unless Customer contests, in writing within the thirty (30) day notice period, the price increase will become effective on the date identified in USIC's notice. If Customer contests the basis for the price increase as provided above, the parties shall either negotiate a mutually agreeable resolution or resolve the dispute as provided in section 13.1.

8.6 Significant Volume and Ticket Type Changes

8.6.1 The prices offered to Customer by USIC are based upon historical ticket volume data, and Customer acknowledges that USIC needs adequate time to adjust and re-allocate staffing and resources in the event of significant changes in total ticket volume and/or changes in ticket type. Thus, in the event of a Significant Ticket Volume Change and/or a Significant Ticket Type Change, Customer and USIC will renegotiate the pricing set forth in Exhibit A to mutually agreeable prices with an equitable adjustment in favor of USIC to reflect USIC's additional costs and revenue impacts. If USIC and Customer are unable to reach an agreement on renegotiated pricing, USIC will be permitted to decline to accept Excess Tickets and will not be responsible for Marking any declined Excess Tickets.

"Significant Ticket Volume Change" is defined as an increase or decrease of ten percent (10%) or more in total ticket volume for the territory being serviced by USIC, as compared to total ticket volume for the same month of the prior year (for example, July 2023 as compared to July 2022).

"Significant Ticket Type Change" is defined as an increase of ten percent (10%) or more in the percentage of tickets that require 30 minutes or more of Marking by as compared to the average percentage of such tickets for the trailing twelve (12) month period.

"Excess Tickets" is a percentage of Tickets equal to the percentage change that triggered the Significant Ticket Volume Change or the Significant Ticket Type Change. For example, in the event of a 20% change in total ticket volume as compared to the total ticket for the same month of the prior year or a 20% change in the percentage of tickets that require 30 minutes or more of Marking as compared to the average percentage of such tickets for the trailing twelve (12) month period, 20% of total ticket volume shall be considered Excess Tickets that may be declined by USIC until pricing is renegotiated.

9. Environmental Health and Safety Matters

9.1 Customer shall maintain safe working conditions at the Site, including, without limitation, implementing appropriate procedures regarding Hazardous Materials, confined space entry, and energization and de-energization of power systems (electrical, mechanical and hydraulic) using safe and effective lock-out/tag-out ("LOTO") procedures including physical LOTO or a mutually agreed upon alternative method.

9.2 Customer shall timely advise USIC, in writing, of all applicable Site-specific health, safety, security, and environmental requirements and procedures, which shall include any instructions to USIC's personnel regarding Customer's safety practices. Without limiting Customer's obligations pursuant to Article 3 USIC may, from time-to-time, review and inspect applicable health, safety, security and environmental documentation, requirements and/or procedures at the Site.

9.3 Customer shall procure upon USIC's request regarding any high speed and/or high-density roadways which will require underground Locate Services to be performed, Work Zone Protection and/or Lane Closures as defined in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) published by the Federal Highway Administration. These notifications shall result in specific joint Customer and USIC plans to achieve work zone protection. These situations may result in the Customer or USIC subcontracting such services in a timely manner such that USIC's workforce will be able to accomplish all other Statement of Work requirements for those notification Tickets, with no penalties for late completion. If USIC procures traffic control services, any such traffic services shall be billed as direct costs to the Customer.

9.4 Telecommunications Vault or Manhole Entry shall only be utilized for cable, fiber, and telecommunications Locating Services. USIC personnel are authorized to enter telecommunications manhole vaults only when a second person is onsite, but not inside the manhole vault, in a supporting safety role. No other type of Manhole Entry for any other utility shall be performed by USIC.

9.5 If, in USIC's reasonable opinion, the health, safety, or security of personnel at a Site may be imperiled by security risks, terrorist threats/acts, potential exposure to Hazardous Materials, or unsafe working conditions; USIC may: (1) evacuate some or all of its personnel from Site; (2) suspend performance of all or any part of the Contract; (3) remotely perform or supervise work; and/or (4) take any other action necessary to protect such personnel. Any such occurrence shall be considered an excusable event. Customer shall reasonably assist in any such evacuation.

9.6 Operation of Customer's equipment is the responsibility of Customer. Customer shall not require or permit USIC's personnel to operate Customer's equipment at Site.

9.7 Customer will make its Site medical facilities and resources available to USIC personnel who need medical attention.

9.8 USIC has no responsibility or liability for the pre-existing condition of Customer's equipment or the Site. Prior to USIC starting any work at Site, Customer will provide documentation that identifies the presence and condition of any Hazardous Materials existing in or about Customer's equipment or the Site that USIC may encounter while performing under this Contract. Customer shall disclose to USIC industrial hygiene and environmental monitoring data regarding conditions that may affect USIC's work or personnel at the Site. Customer shall keep USIC informed of changes in any such conditions.

9.9 USIC shall notify Customer if USIC becomes aware of: (i) conditions at the Site differing materially from those disclosed by Customer, (ii) previously unknown physical conditions at Site differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in the Contract. If any such conditions cause an increase in USIC's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under the Contract, an equitable adjustment in price and schedule shall be made by USIC, with thirty (30) days' written notification to Customer of such adjustment.

9.10 Information Transfer: As referenced in OSHA 1910.269(a)(3) and (a)(4), before work begins, the appropriate Customer's Representative shall provide USIC access to the following information:

9.10.1 Existing characteristics and conditions of the Customer's installations that are related to the safety of the work to be performed;

9.10.2 Information about the design and operation of the Customer's installations that USIC needs;

9.10.3 Arc flash studies;

9.10.4 Ground fault studies;

9.10.5 Hand hole, manhole, and utility vault details; and

9.10.6 Danger poles tagging

9.11 As referenced in OSHA 1910.269(a)(3), USIC shall ensure that each of its employees is instructed in hazardous conditions relevant to the work, and USIC shall advise the Customer of any hazardous conditions found before and during the work.

9.12 If USIC encounters Hazardous Materials in Customer's equipment or at the Site that require special handling or disposal, USIC is not obligated to continue work affected by the hazardous conditions. In such an event, Customer shall eliminate the hazardous conditions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations so that USIC's work under the Contract may safely proceed, and USIC shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment of the price and schedule to compensate for any increase in USIC's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the work. Customer shall properly store, transport and dispose of all Hazardous Materials introduced, produced or generated in the course of USIC's work at the Site.

9.13 Customer shall indemnify USIC for any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses arising out of or relating to any Hazardous Materials which are or were (i) present in or about Customer's equipment or the Site prior to the commencement of USIC's work, (ii) improperly handled or disposed of by Customer or Customer's employees, agents, contractors or subcontractors, or (iii) brought, generated, produced or released on Site by parties other than USIC.

10. Employment

10.1 USIC is an equal opportunity employer. USIC is committed to ensuring equal employment opportunities for all applicants and employees, and do not to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, age, disability, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions, genetic information, military service, citizenship, veteran status, or any other basis protected by applicable federal, state or local law.

11. Insurance

11.1 USIC provides the following insurance coverage:

INSURANCE COVERAGE		LIMITS
Workers Compensation		Statutory Limit
Employers' Liability		
	Each Accident	$1,000,000
	Disease, Policy Limit	$1,000,000
	Disease, Each Employee	$1,000,000
Comprehensive General Liability		
	Each Occurrence	$2,000,000
	(bodily injury, advertising injury, personal injury and advertising injury)	
	General Aggregate	$8,000,000
	Products Completed Operations Aggregate	$8,000,000

	Medical Limits	Not Covered
	Damages to Premises Rented to You Limit	$1,000,000
Automobile Liability CSL		$5,000,000
Cyber		$5,000,000

12. USIC Work Product

12.1 Notwithstanding any other clause of this Contract, Customer shall have no rights or interests in USIC Work Product. All right, title and interest in and to USIC Work Product shall be and shall remain the sole property of USIC or its third-party vendors or subcontractors.

13. Dispute Resolution

13.1 The parties agree that any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or related to this Contract, including any question regarding its existence or validity, shall be resolved in accordance with this Section 13.

13.2 Prior to initiating litigation or arbitration of a dispute under this Contract, the party will first informally attempt to resolve the dispute with the other party by seeking a meeting with the appropriate higher management representative(s) of the other party via written notice. Such meeting shall be held within twenty (20) business days after the giving of notice. All negotiations and resolutions pursuant to this Section 13.1 are confidential and shall be treated as compromise and settlement negotiations for purposes of the applicable rules of evidence. If the dispute is not resolved within thirty (30) business days after such meeting is requested, or such later date as may be mutually agreed, either party may pursue formal resolution as set forth below.

13.3 If a dispute has not been resolved by negotiation pursuant to Section 13.2 or if the Parties failed to meet for the first time within twenty (20) days of a party requesting a negotiation meeting pursuant to Section 13.2, then either Party may initiate: (1) arbitration or litigation for disputes of $250,000 or less, including costs; or (2) litigation for disputes over $250,000. Any matter initiated in arbitration: (1) shall be filed with the American Arbitration Association (AAA); and (2) shall be heard by a panel of three arbitrators, notwithstanding any AAA rules to the contrary. Either Party shall have the right, in its discretion, to include by joinder persons or entities substantially involved in a common question of law or fact whose presence is required if complete relief is to be accorded in any litigation.

14. Non-Solicitation

14.1 Customer agrees that during the term of this Contract and for a period of twelve (12) months thereafter, Customer will not hire or solicit for hire any employee of USIC who has been employed by USIC within the last six (6) months. The only exception to this provision shall be a publicly posted position by Customer, to which a USIC employee responds seeking employment without first having been solicited by Customer.

15. Force Majeure

15.1 Neither party shall be deemed to be in default of this Contract to the extent that any failure, delay, or substantial hindrance to perform its obligations, other than the payment of money, results from any cause beyond its reasonable control and without its fault or negligence, such as:

15.1.1 strikes, lock-outs or other industrial disputes at a national level or by labor not employed by the affected party, its subcontractors or its suppliers and which affect an essential portion of the works;

15.1.2 embargoes, riot, war, hostilities, acts of terrorism, civil war, rebellion, requisition or compulsory acquisition by any governmental or competent authority;

15.1.3 pressure waves caused by aircraft or other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds;

15.1.4 acts of God, earthquakes, flood, storm, hurricane, fire, sinkholes, unusually severe weather conditions or strikes or other physical natural disaster;

15.1.5 pandemics, epidemics and quarantine or governmental action related to such;

15.1.6 compliance with any law or governmental order, rule, regulation or direction;

15.1.7 theft, burglary or malicious acts of third parties; and

15.1.8 any other events including emergencies and non-emergencies that meet the above-stated standards or force majeure as defined by applicable state law.

15.2 If USIC claims that it is prevented, delayed, or substantially hindered from performing its obligations delayed by such a cause, it shall promptly notify Customer, and Customer shall be entitled to obtain replacement Locate Services from any other person until such cause terminates as evidenced by a notice from USIC that such cause has ended.

16. Contract Choice of Law, Modification, and Assignment

16.1 With respect to any dispute regarding liability for or the scope of Repair Costs associated with a Damage to Customer's Facilities, both parties agree to utilize the laws and venue of the state where the Locate Services are performed.

16.2 With respect to any dispute regarding the interpretation or enforceability of this Agreement or any provision(s) of this Agreement, the parties agree that: (1) Indiana law shall apply, regardless of any state's law on choice of law; and (2) such disputes shall be litigated exclusively in state court in Marion County, Indiana or, if jurisdiction permits, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, and the parties waive any objection to litigating in such venues.

16.3 This Contract may only be modified or amended by a written instrument signed by an authorized representative of USIC and Customer. The term "Contract" shall include any such future amendments or modifications.

16.4 Customer may not assign, delegate, or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under this Contract, voluntarily or involuntarily, whether by merger, consolidation, dissolution, affiliation, operation of law, or any other manner, without at least sixty (60) days' advance notice and the prior written consent of USIC.

17. Contract Entirety

17.1 This Contract shall constitute the entire contract between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Contract. Customer and USIC each represent that it has read this Contract, agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions contained in this Contract, and acknowledge receipt of a signed, true exact copy of this Contract.

18. Severability Clause

18.1 The parties expressly agree that if any provision of this Contract is held unenforceable, then such provision will be modified to reflect the parties' intention. All remaining provisions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

19. Acknowledgement of Understanding

19.1 Customer and USIC each hereby certify and represent that they have carefully read and fully understand all of the provisions and effects of this Contract, and that they each have consulted or had the opportunity to consult with an attorney with respect to all aspects of this Contract and the meaning and effect hereof. Customer and USIC each acknowledge that they are entering into this Contract knowingly and voluntarily, and that the other party has not made any representations concerning the terms and effects of this Contract other than those contained herein.

19.2 In any construction of the Contract, the provisions shall be considered joint work product and shall not be construed for, or against, any party, but shall be construed according to their plain meaning without any presumptions against a drafter in the event of any ambiguity. Each party represents and warrants that is has such knowledge, sophistication, and experience in business and financial matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of, and protecting such party's own interests in connection with, the transactions contemplated by this Contract.

20. Counterparts

20.1 This Contract may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and facsimile/pdf as against any party that signed it, and all of which shall constitute one and the same document. Further, a facsimile and/or pdf shall be an original as and against any party that signed it.

21. Contract Notification

21.1 Any notice, consent or other communication given under this Contract shall be in writing (unless otherwise specified in this Contract as permitting oral or verbal communication) and delivered to the below authorized representative of each party, specifying the subject matter and any other persons at USIC or Customer who should be notified of the notice, consent, or other communication. Notice shall be effective on the date when sent via email or, if delivered via certified mail, such notice shall be effective five (5) days after the date of mailing thereof.

21.1.1 USIC authorized representative:
USIC Locating Services, LLC
Attn: Contracts
9045 River Road, Suite 200
Indianapolis, IN 46240
contracts@usicllc.com

21.1.2 Customer authorized representative:
Attn:

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be executed by their duly authorized officers or representatives.

Wheeling Township	USIC Locating Services, LLC.
By:	By:
Name:	Name:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date:

Exhibit A

USIC Locating Servies, LLC shall provide Storm Sewer Locating Services:

In the State(s) of IL
Member Codes (state One Call CDC or Customer Description Codes): **WHEL0A**

- $ 30.00 Per Ticket Received from the One Call
- $ 20.00 Per Quarter Hour for Tickets Exceeding 30 Minutes of Locating Time
- $ 50.00 Per Emergency After Hours Locate Ticket
- $ 75.00 Per Emergency Normal Hours Locate Ticket
- $ 300.00 Damage Investigation Fee

Wheeling Township
2027-2028 Funding Application

General Information

- Agency Name
- Address
- Contact Person
    - name
    - email address
    - phone number

Funding Request

- Amount
- Please provide a brief description of the agency's purpose
- Please provide a brief description of the purpose for the requested funds.
- If you are already receiving funds from Wheeling Township and are asking for an increase, please explain your reasoning for an increase.
- If you asked for funds from the Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board, explain how this request for funds is different.

In-Kind Funding

- Please include any in-kind funding you receive.

Program/Service

- Please provide a detailed description of the programs and services that will be supported by the requested funds. Also include the unit of service per program.
- Define who is eligible for this service and describe your screening process.
- Do you serve all of Wheeling Township? If not, why?
- What is your waitlist for this program for Wheeling Township residents? How does the fund you are requesting help reduce the waitlist?
- Are the services you provide available at a location in Wheeling Township? If not, please explain how residents access them.
- (Chart) For each program requesting funds for March – February 26/27 and 27/28.
    - Anticipated # of residents beginning help.
    - Anticipated # of Wheeling Township residents beginning help
    - Current Year same information

    - 25/26 same information
- How do you measure the success of your service or program? What outcomes do you expect to achieve with the funds you are requesting?
- What changes have you made to help you achieve your goals?
- Please explain whether any fees are charged for this program, including the use of a sliding-scale fee. Attach the schedule.
- Is anyone else in the community providing this service? If so, who?
- Explain why you are best suited for this program?

Budgeting and Funding

- What is the total budgeted amount for this program? What percentage of your overall budget does this program represent?
- What percentage of your total budget comes from fundraising?
- Do you use a professional fundraiser? If yes, total amount raised and fees paid to the professional fundraiser.
- Chart for funding sources current year and previous year
    - How much of the sources goes to the program you are requesting funds for?
- Please list the top three positions (chart)
- % of all administration costs to total budget.

Agency Certification

- Agency maintains a personnel policy manual
- Agency has Audited Financial Statements by an independent CPA
- Agency has a non-discrimination policy
- Agency has a sexual harassment policy.
- Agency has a grievance procedure.
- Agency has an ethics policy
- Agency has a whistleblower policy
- Agency has a conflict-of-interest policy
- Agency has an effective fiscal management system in place
- Agency maintains liability insurance coverage
    - If yes, amount of coverage
    - Name of Agency
- Agency pays all federal and state required payroll taxes
- Agency maintains fidelity bond coverage for employees handling agency accounts
    - If yes, amount of coverage
    - Name of insurance Company

- Agency has bylaws in place
  - Date accepted
  - Date last amended
- Required Attachments
  - 26/27 Budget
  - 25/26 Budget
  - June 30, 2026, Financial Statement
  - Organizational Chart
  - Most recent Balance Sheet
  - Certification of Insurance
  - Most recent Agency audit
  - Copy of 990 and AG990Il
  - Fee Schedule