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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TUESDAY, November 17, 2026
7:00 PM

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86504769986?pwd=lgydDhadmB71ImLggS08dVzGpZ6YdV.1

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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 OCTOBER 27, 2026

VI. AUDIT

VII. REPORTS

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/Approval – 2026 Tentative Levy and Collection of Taxes for the General Town Fund, General Assistance Fund and Mental Health Board Fund for the Tax Year 2026, Collectible in 2027.
b. Discussion/Approval - 2026 Tentative Levy and Collection of Taxes for the Road and Bridge Purposes for the Tax Year 2026, Collectible in 2027.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. December 9, 2026 – Holiday Lights Tour, 5 pm for registered riders

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)
a. Approval – cost of living and performance salary increases and one-time payments for Township Employees in the amounts to be determined by the Township Supervisor in accordance with Township policies and applicable laws.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING-December 8, 2026-7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for October 27, 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 Lorri Grainawi, Trustee Trisha Chokshi, Trustee Sheri Williams and Clerk Joanna Gauza.

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Dorothy B- expressed concern about an abandoned house in unincorporated Forest River. The grass is about 6 feet tall, neighbors are complaining, and the house has been abandoned for 15 years. The Supervisor will look into it.

Leslie B- The roads are falling apart and some of the roads have sunk. There are huge chunks of asphalt. The board indicated patching and repaving is being scheduled.

Joan H- is a resident of Forest River. The constituent is concerned about a residence that houses autistic people and is concerned about safety of children.

MOTION #1: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

Motion by Supervisor Zeller Brauer, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve the minutes of September 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Zeller Brauer, Williams, Geier, Chokshi, Grainawi
NAYS: None.... Motion #1 Carried.

AUDIT

MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Trustee Grainawi, seconded by Trustee Chokshi, to approve batch #9/25/26, #10/19/26 and #10/27/26 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of $7,994.59 to be paid.

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

MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Grainawi, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve batch #102726 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of $2,726.78 to be paid.

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

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Grainawi, seconded by Trustee Geier, to approve batch #9/25/26, #9/30/26, #10/9/26, #10/16/26, #10/19/26 and #10/27/26 against the Town Fund in the amount of $251,333.86 to be paid.

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

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Zeller Brauer reported:

- On September 29 attended MTA symposium
- Met with company to discuss new phone system with minimal cost.
- On October 13 attended meeting at Northwest Community Hospital that has formed a community advisory board. This is a group of non-profits to discuss the healthcare crisis.
- Met with Indian Trails Library
- The e Newsletter has a 71% open rate. Social media engagement rate is up again. Pictures of events is popular.

CLERK: Clerk Gauza reported:

- Early Voting has started.
- The closest early voting locations are Arlington Heights Village Hall and Rolling Meadows Courthouse.
- Election Day is on November 3, from 6am – 7pm.
- Wheeling Township will have Precinct 40

ASSESSOR: Assessor Jochum reported:

- TAX YEAR 2026
- We opened for Cook County Assessor Appeals on September 12 and closed on October 22. Tax bills were due in October.
- During this tax bill and appeals season we had the following office visits:
  - September 1,027
  - October thru 22nd 459
- We reviewed, identified comparable evidence and submitted 1,120 appeals.
- We already have 1,100 pre-filed appeals awaiting data, review and submission when the Board of Review opens for appeals. We anticipate the Board opening in mid to late November.
- As a result of tax bill errors and tax payer oversight we analyzed 418 cases and submitted Certificates of Error during the Sept/Oct period. The breakdown is as follows;
- Senior Exemptions 166
- Senior freeze 119
- Homeowners 106
- Disabled person 22
- Disabled Veteran 5
- PERMITS
- We have evaluated and submitted to the Cook County Assessor permits thru the end of June 2026. All municipalities appear to be up to date on their submissions. Through June 30 we have evaluated and submitted 3,259 permits valued at $229,040,222. We will estimate total assessed value at year end.

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD: Trustee Grainawi reported:

- October 14 the Mental Health Board met and approved 2027 board meeting schedule.
- Jack Vrett officially resigned from the board. He has been on the board since its start in 2023. A press release and social media will announce the opening and application process.
- The Mental Health Board approved a 2026 $1,605,000 levy request.
- The board is doing site visits.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- Thanksgiving Distribution is on November 21, 2026, 9 am till Noon. If any Board Members would like to participate, please let me know.
- As always, and much appreciated, we closed donations for Thanksgiving Baskets. But we are still looking for people for our Adopt a Family program.

- We received notification from PACE at the end of September that the loaner Bus #34 has now been added to our fleet.
- LIHEAP, Thanksgiving, and Adopt A Family programs began on October 1st; staff is doing a great job keeping up with calls and seeing residents.
- Frank Murphy, our new Food Pantry/Custodian Asst., is doing a great job. He and Todd are working great together.
- September 2026 had the highest number of Food Pantry visits. We had 700 visits.
- Stats for September 2026:
  1,972 rides - 952 non-medical, 1,020 Medical, (Disabled: 304 rides)
  908 - meals delivered
  700 visits to the Food Pantry - 1,398 people, 340 Children, and 663 Seniors

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #5: APPROVAL-2026-2027 BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY VEHICLE INSURANCE RENEWAL

Motion by Supervisor Zeller Brauer, seconded by Trustee Williams, to approve the 2026-2027 Berkshire Hathaway Vehicle Insurance Renewal.

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

MOTION #6: APPROVAL OF 2026 -2027 HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Motion by Supervisor Zeller Brauer, seconded by Trustee Grainawi, to approve the 2026-2027 Health Insurance Renewal.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Zeller Brauer, Grainawi, Chokshi. Williams, Geier
NAYS: None.... Motion #6 Carried.

MOTION #7: APPROVAL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK SNOW AND ICE CONTROL AGREEMENT 2026-2027 FOR UNINCORPORATED FOREST VIEW DRIVE, NORTHBROOK

Motion by Supervisor Zeller Brauer seconded by Trustee Geier, to approve the Village of Northbrook Snow and Ice Control Agreement 2026-2027 for Unincorporated Forest View Drive, Northbrook.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Zeller Brauer, Geier, Grainawi, Chokshi, Williams
NAYS: None.... Motion #7 Carried.

DISCUSSION – Mental Health Board 2026 Levy

Trustee Grainawi presented the Mental Health Levy. After the board discussion, the Mental Health Levy increase proposal is either a 4% or 7% tax levy. A 4% increase is a $60,000 increase compared to a 7% increase is a $106,000 increase. The board will vote in December after it will be shown how the money will be used.

DISCUSSION – 2026 Levy – Town, General Assistance and Road

Supervisor Zeller Brauer discussed with the board the 2026 Town, GA and Road Levies. She proposed a Town Fund tax levy increase of 2.7% (the CPI); that the GA tax levy remain flat at $417,174; and the Road Fund tax levy remain flat at $723,109. The Administrator will work on tentative budget.

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Williams met with Julie and Todd and had a tour of our Food Pantry. Talked about social media and about the good changes that are happening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 4, 2026 – Aging Life Care Professional – How Might They Help You, 10 am, via Zoom
- November 30 and December 1- AARP Smart Driver Course, 4:30 pm, call to register.

MOTION #8: ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting for Tuesday, October 27, 2026, was declared adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FUND
4% Tax Levy

	Amount to be Raised by Taxation	
I. ADMINISTRATION DIVISION:		
TOTAL FOR ADMINISTRATION	260,441	
II. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/I/DD		
TOTAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/I/DD	1,054,378	
TOTAL OTHER PROJECTS	233,181	
III. CONTINGENCIES:		
TOTAL CONTINGENCIES	12,000	
TOTAL FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FUND		1,560,000

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FUND
7% Tax Levy

	Amount to be Raised by Taxation	
I. ADMINISTRATION DIVISION:		
TOTAL FOR ADMINISTRATION	260,554	
II. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/I/DD		
TOTAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/I/DD	1,054,378	
TOTAL OTHER PROJECTS	278,068	
TOTAL CONTINGENCIES	12,000	
TOTAL FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FUND		1,605,000

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

ANNUAL SINGLE TOWNSHIP TENTATIVE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE 2026
TOWN, GENERAL ASSISTANCE, AND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FU

To be filed with County Clerk, County of Cook for Wheeling Township.

To the County Clerk of Said County:

I, Joanna M. Gauza, do hereby certify that I am the Township Clerk duly elected, qualified, and acting in and for the said Township; and that in pursuance of authority vested in them by "An Act to revise the law in relation to township organization," approved March 4, 1874, as amended, the Board of Trustees in a meting assembled on December 8, 2026, did direct that there be raised by general taxation for the year 2027 the amounts herein set down, to be levied upon all the taxable property in said Township, in order to meet and defray all the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Township as required by statute or voted by the people in accordance with law, and the amounts so required are itemized and needed for uses and purposes as follows, as appears from the record of the proceedings of said Board of Town Trustees meeting, on file in my office, to-wit:

For necessary expenses for the general uses and purposes of the Township -

TOWN, GENERAL ASSISTANCE and COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FUNDS

GENERAL TOWN FUND

	Amount to be Raised by Taxation
I. ADMINISTRATION DIVISION:	
Salary (Supervisor)	30,000
Salary (Clerk)	15,000
Salary (Assessor)	20,000
Salaries (Board of Trustees)	15,000
Salaries (Additional Personnel)	316,000
FICA	24,500
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	23,000
U/C Insurance	1,000
Medical Insurance	68,272
Worker's Compensation Insurance	1,600
Building Grounds Maintenance	65,000
Equipment Maintenance	20,000
General Insurance	90,000
Telephone	2,000
Utilities	20,000
Travel Expense	500
Printing & Publishing	1,200
Legal	30,000
Audit	15,000
Bonding Insurance	10,000
Professional Devel. & Training	4,000
Dues & Subscriptions	7,500
Office Supplies	5,000
Postage	1,100
Supplies	8,000
Software Purchase/Maintenance	15,000
Public Information	85,000
Social Services	5,000
Contract Services	7,500
Equipment/Furniture Purchases	20,000
Building & Permanent Improvement	17,000
Capital Improvements	10,000
Miscellaneous	3,600
Employee Appreciation	1,200
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	$957,972

	Amount to be Raised by Taxation	
II. CLERK'S EXPENSE:		
Clerical	5,000	
FICA	390	
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	300	
U/C Insurance	30	
Workers Compensation Insurance	5	
Travel & Incidentals	170	
Dues & Fees	210	
Postage	255	
Equipment	400	
Supplies	400	
Printing & Publishing	100	
Training	100	
Election Expense	500	
Miscellaneous Expense	340	
TOTAL FOR CLERK'S EXPENSE		$8,200

II. ASSESSOR'S EXPENSE:	Amount to be Raised by Taxation	
Salaries (Personnel)	160,000	
FICA	13,000	
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	10,000	
Workers Comp	400	
Medical Insurance	20,000	
U/C Insurance	150	
Equipment Maintenance	3,600	
Telephone	1,000	
Travel	500	
Training	800	
Postage	300	
Dues	300	
Office Supplies	800	
Equipment/Furniture	1,200	
Assessment Materials	300	
Miscellaneous	200	
TOTAL FOR ASSESSOR'S EXPENSE		$212,550

	Amount to be Raised by Taxation	
IV. SENIOR SERVICES:		
Salaries	200,000	
FICA	15,000	
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	13,300	
U/C Insurance	400	
Medical Insurance	22,000	
Worker's Compensation Insurance	850	
Office Supplies	1,000	
Printing & Publishing	500	
Dues & Subscriptions	100	
Training & Workshops	700	
Travel (Meals On Wheels)	500	
Travel (Staff)	1,000	
Postage	1,000	
Telephone	500	
Equipment, Furniture & Fixtures	1,550	
Volunteer Background Checks	1,600	
Volunteer Insurance	1,000	
Miscellaneous	500	
TOTAL FOR SENIOR SERVICES		**$261,500**

	Amount to be Raised by Taxation	
V. SENIOR BUS SERVICES:		
Bus Salaries-Dispatcher & Drivers	395,000	
Bus FICA	30,000	
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	22,000	
Bus U/C Insurance	3,800	
Bus Medical Insurance	40,000	
Bus Worker's Comp. Insurance	6,000	
Bus Office Supplies	680	
Bus Postage	200	
Bus Office Equip, Furniture, Fixtures	5,000	
Bus Telephone	1,360	
Bus Vehicle Purchase/Lease	8,000	
Bus Equipment Maintenance	40,000	
Bus Insurance	110,000	
Bus Fuel	40,000	
Bus Printing & Publishing	400	
Bus Uniforms	350	
Bus Physicals & Training	1,750	
Bus Push to Talk Cells	3,000	
Bus Miscellaneous	350	
TOTAL FOR SENIOR BUS		$707,890

	Amount to be Raised by Taxation	
VI. CEMETERY:		
Salaries (Trustees)	1,130	
Payroll Taxes	113	
Workers Compensation Insurance	75	
Travel	1,130	
Grounds-Caretaker/Landscape	19,606	
Grounds-Tree Maintenance	753	
Grounds-New Trees	753	
Office Supplies	75	
Publishing Bid Notices	150	
Grounds-Fence Maintenance	5,544	
Grounds-Roadway Maintenance/Snow & Ice Control	2,500	
Grounds-Sign Maintenance	378	
Insurance	113	
Foundation Repair	3,000	
Grave Repurchase	1,000	
Miscellaneous	227	
Legal	75	
Computerization	378	
TOTAL FOR CEMETERY		$37,000

	Amount to be Raised by Taxation
VII. YOUTH SERVICES:	
TOTAL FOR YOUTH SERVICES	$39,700
VIII. HUMAN SERVICES:	
TOTAL FOR HUMAN SERVICES	$147,000
TOTAL FOR GENERAL TOWN FUND	$2,371,812

For necessary expenses of the Township GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

	Amount to be Raised by Taxation	
I. ADMINISTRATION DIVISION:		
Staff Salaries	160,000	
FICA	10,751	
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	16,000	
U/C Insurance	300	
Medical Insurance	18,000	
Worker's Compensation	100	
Telephone	1,350	
Utilities	1,000	
Travel	250	
Professional Development & Training	2,300	
Office Supplies	1,000	
Postage	900	
Equipment/Maintenance	5,500	
Legal	600	
Audit	600	
Miscellaneous	410	
TOTAL FOR ADMINISTRATION		**$219,061**

	Amount to be Raised by Taxation	
II. HOME RELIEF:		
Medical Care	750	
Utilities (Inc. Heat/Light/Water)	7,000	
Shelter	54,800	
Shelter with Utilities	5,100	
Transportation	9,115	
Food	18,515	
Personal Essentials	4,860	
Burial Expense	875	
Institutional Care/Private Hospital	20,000	
Catastrophic Insurance	3,800	
Miscellaneous	550	
TOTAL HOME RELIEF		$125,365
III. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:		
Medical Care	220	
Utilities	11,000	
Shelter	54,290	
Food	300	
Work Related Expenditures	1,100	
Miscellaneous	720	
TOTAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE		$67,630
IV. CONTINGENCIES:		
Contingencies	7,118	
TOTAL CONTINGENCIES		$7,118
TOTAL FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND		$419,174

Making the amount to be raised by taxation and levied on all taxable property in said Township for uses and purposes aforesaid, for the GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND the sum of $419,174

For necessary expenses of the Township COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FUND.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FUND

	Amount to be Raised by Taxation
I. ADMINISTRATION DIVISION:	
TOTAL FOR ADMINISTRATION	260,554

II. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/I/DD			
TOTAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/I/DD		1,332,446	
III. CONTINGENCIES:			
Contingencies	12,000		
TOTAL CONTINGENCIES		12,000	
TOTAL FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FUND			1,605,000

RECAPITULATION

General Town Fund Tax Levy	$2,371,812
General Assistance Tax Levy	$419,174
Mental Health Board Tax Levy	$1,605,000
	$4,395,986

Making the aggregate sum of Four Million, Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Eigthy-six Dollars (4,395,986) to be raised by taxation and levied on all the taxable property in said Township, in order to meet and defray all the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Township as required by statute or voted by the people in accordance with law.

And it is hereby directed that the aforesaid sum to be raised by taxation, in the manner provided by law.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07

ANNUAL SINGLE TOWNSHIP ROAD FUND TENTATIVE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE 2026

To be filed with County Clerk, County of Cook for Wheeling Township.

To the County Clerk of Said County:

I, Joanna M. Gauza, do hereby certify that I am the Township Clerk duly elected, qualified, and acting in and for the said Township; and that in pursuance of authority vested in them by "an Act to revise the law in relation to township organization," approved March 4, 1874, as amended, the Board of Trustees in a meeting assembled on December 8, 2026, did direct that there be raised by general taxation for the year 2027 the amounts herein set down, to be levied upon all the taxable property in said Township, in order to meet and defray all the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Township as required by statute or voted by the people in accordance with law, and the amounts so required are itemized and needed for uses and purposes as follows, as appears from the record of the proceedings of said Board of Town Trustees meeting, on file in my office, to-wit:

For necessary expenses for the general uses and purposes of the Township -

ROAD FUND

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	Amount to be Raised by Taxation
Salaries	44,000
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	1,500
FICA	3,500
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	250
Medical Insurance	1,600
Worker's Comp. Insurance	1,200
Telephone	500
Travel	700
Professional Devel. & Training	100
Office Supplies	200
Printing & Publishing	200
General Insurance	1,000
Legal	1,000
Audit	2,000
Dues & Subscriptions	400
Office Equipment, Furn. & Fixtures	500
Contract Work-Road Construction Maintenance	266,929
Contract Work-Snow & Ice Control	32,000
Machine Rental	400
Engineering	2,145
Permit Expenses	1,000
Supplies	400
Postage	285
Street Lighting	200
Municipalities	359,700
Miscellaneous Expenses	300
Property Maintenance	100
Contingencies	1,000
TOTAL FOR GENERAL ROAD FUND	**723,109**

Making the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand, One Hundred Nine Dollars (723,109) to be raised by taxation and levied on all the taxable property in said Township, in order to meet and defray all the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Township as required by statute or voted by the people in accordance with law.

And it is hereby directed that the aforesaid sum to be raised by taxation, in the manner provided by law.

Approved by the board of Township Trustees, in meeting assembled on DECEMBER 8, 2026

AYES:

Nays:

ABSENT:

_____
Township Supervisor

_____
Township Clerk

Filed this_____ day of _____, 2026

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County Clerk (SEAL)