WHEELING TOWNSHIP
1616 North Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WHEELING TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
AGENCY FUNDING HEARINGS

PAULA ULREICH MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026
6:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WHEELING TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OCTOBER 27, 2026

VI. AGENCY HEARINGS – HUMAN SERVICES

VII. ADJOURNMENT

WHEELING TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

CALL TO ORDER

The special 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 6:02 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 Trishia Chokshi, Trustee Sheri Williams and Clerk Joanna Gauza.

Also in attendance: Director of Finance and Administration Regina Stapleton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

This year, Human Service agencies were asked to appear before the Supervisor, Board of Trustees at a specified time. Agencies were each allotted ten minutes for a presentation, with questions and answers following. All agencies submitted an application prior to the presentations, which was used as a guideline during the question and answer period. Each application for funding provided detailed program and budgetary information.

Presentations were made as follows:

1) Beverly Worthington Executive Director of **Family Forward** requested $13,000. Family Forward provides rental assistance and counseling to low income persons in the Northwest suburbs. Family Forward provides rental assistance for up to 2 years while providing counseling to help individuals become self-sufficient. The goal is for the families to pay market rate rent and their bills on their own and on time. Rents are increasing and so is the demand for Family Forward's services. Customers from Wheeling Township vary year to year. For example, Family Forward helps with tuition for vocational training.

News/Questions and Answers – Family Forward has flexibility to still assist after 2 years. The mentor has resources and flexibility when working with families. Family Forward partners with the Township to access services such as General Assistance. Family Forward does require that persons have an apartment. Family Forward recruits mentors

from Churches and organizations. Family Forward is taking a more holistic approach to stabilizing families in areas other than just financial.

2) Chris Swope of **Hands On Suburban Chicago ("HOSC")** requested $8500 in funding. HOSC has worked for years with the township. HOSC is a community Volunteer Center that connects people who want to help with nonprofits that need help. Nonprofits have diminished funding is the last few years. HOSC has focused on getting volunteers to nonprofits so nonprofits can accomplish their missions. SNAP and Medicaid requiring 20 hours of work or volunteer hours will impact operations for nonprofits.

HOSC did a needs assessment and used an outside firm. The assessment helped HOSC focus on future needs.

3) Eliza Labelle, Executive Director, **Kindred Life Ministries ("KLM")** requested $8500 in funding. KLM's mission is to provide support to teenage parents and their families. KLM is not involved until after the child is born and the program serves a customer for up to 3 years. KLM teaches young mothers life skills including budgeting, parenting, and how to cope with their various roles from teen, to student, to employee, and parent. Social workers and counselors provide the counseling and mentorship to build successful lives. The goal is to help Teen parents develop the skills to thrive independently. In the last year, 84% of KLM young parents achieved education or employment goals. HOSC goal is 80%. HOSC also has literacy initiative where teen parents read regularly to their child. Studies show tremendous positive impact on the children from parents regularly reading to children. KLM has three locations, including one location in Wheeling.

News/Questions and Answers – Teen parents support is critical. KLM has noticed financial literacy is a challenge. The average age the parents KLM serves is 15-20 years of age. DCFS training is required every 3 years for counselors/mentors.

4) J.B. Max from **Life Span** requested $20,000 in funding. Life Span's mission is to empower survivors of domestic violence and ensure that the victims receive appropriate treatment. Life Span tries to change social attitudes toward domestic violence. Life Span provides counseling, legal representation, advocacy, education, and crisis intervention. Legal includes divorce, custody or parentage, and orders of protection. Life Span has representative in the Rolling Meadows courthouse. Life Span also has an immigration program that helps persons file for status. Life Span services are free to constituents.

News/Questions and Answers – Life Span has done know your rights workshops. Cases can take many years. Life Span helps with visas.

5) Bill the representative for **Northwest Community Hospital Foundation ("NCHF")** thanked Wheeling Township for its past support and requested $40,000

in funding or a $5000 increase. The NCHF Oral Health Program provides necessary dental care to persons that lack financial resources for dental care. Wheeling Township has been part of the mobile dental clinic with NCHF from the start in 2003. The mobile clinic serves five Townships and three high schools in Wheeling Township. Focus increasing for pediatric dental care. The Dental Clinic also hosts dental students from UIC. The clinic sees about 2000 patients in a year.

News/Questions and Answers – The dental clinic serves those that are on Medicaid. Typically, they try to have clients do regular oral health care rather than use a one-time visit.

MOTION #1: TO ADJOURN THE HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

Motion by Supervisor Zeller Brauer, seconded by Trustee Grainawi, to adjourn the Human Services Presentations.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: All Ayes.
NAYS: None.... Motion #1 Carried.

The Human Services Agency Presentations adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Township Clerk