

**Township Board Meeting
Thursday, June 10, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Liskey at 7:31 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Road Commissioner Wieser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board Members: Supervisor Crowner, Trustees Bansal, Hickey, Jones, and Rotkis, attended the meeting.

Board Officers: Assessor Kern and Clerk Liskey, Highway Commissioner Wieser and Collector Peterson were present at the meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Approval of March 11, 2021 – Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes

Trustee Rotkis moved to approve Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes and Trustee Hickey seconded. Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes for May 13, 2021 were approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Discussion of establishment of Planning Commission

- Supervisor Crowner motioned to open discussion re the establishment of a planning commission to consider zoning and other planning issues within Wheatland Township to provide another level of review and input. Trustee Jones seconded.
- Supervisor Crowner informed the Board of a need to determine whether or not the Township can form a formal commission or would need to create an informal advisory council.
- Staff to determine those specifics and a formal plan or response policy will be presented at the July Board meeting.
- Further discussion was tabled and approved to be addressed at next meeting by 5-0 per roll call vote.

7.2 Discussion on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Township Attorney

- Supervisor Crowner motioned to open discussions re plans to initiate an RFQ to evaluate attorneys to provide legal services to Wheatland Township for the new Administration. Trustee Hickey seconded. Crowner noted the current attorney had done a good job and would be included in the search process.

7.3 Discussion/Approval 2021-2022 Town Budget Re-filing

- Supervisor Crowner informed the Board that there are some discrepancies in the 2021-2022 budget which need to be clarified and corrected before the budget can be

approved. As examples, he noted issues with the legal fee line item as well as missing budget for building maintenance.

- Trustee Hickey moved to approve motion to hang the budget for 30 days after which it will be resubmitted for approval. Trustee Rotkis seconded. The decision to hang the budget for 30 days was approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

8.1 Approval of 5/13/21 – 6/10/21 Town and Road District Fund Bills & Claims:

Supervisor Crouner moved to approve the Town, Park, Assessor, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road and Cemetery Funds bills and Trustee Hickey seconded. Bills in the amount of \$148,479.67 were approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 ASSESSOR (CHUCK KERN)

- Extended an offer to present an educational session on the workings of the Assessor's Office, including an overview of how they assess properties, the state laws governing their work, etc., for the benefit of new Board members. This presentation will be scheduled into a future meeting.

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (TOM WIESER)

- Provided update on pipe installations, 12 culvert replacements and Ridge and Alago projects that were completed during the month.

- Reviewed service requests – 3 on pothole, deer and tree, respectively; 3 on culvert and drainage; 8 calls for updates on old requests

- Noted there were issues with three trucks, including one that required an engine replacement.

- Issued 24 permits and recommended a review of permit pricing to align fees with other townships

- Updated on a service agreement for Springbrook Parkway reached between the Road Commission and the Park District.

- Informed of plans to open bid process, including evaluation of potential piggyback bids, for residential paving aprons with nine projects currently in the queue and more coming in.

9.3 TRUSTEES:

TRUSTEE (COLLEEN ROTKIS)

- Noted efforts to spruce up the park are underway but she plans to withhold bill payment to contractor until a few issues were resolved to her specifications.

TRUSTEE (KELLY HICKEY)

- No updates

TRUSTEE (TERRY JONES)

- No updates

TRUSTEE (MEGHNA BANSAL)

- No updates

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (ANITA LISKEY)

- 4 FOIAs this month; provided requested information

9.5 COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (BEN PETERSON)

- Noted Trustee Hickey had participated in a cemetery tour.
- Informed that one funeral had been conducted on 6/4/21 and three graves were marked for monuments.
- 18 unmarked graves have been identified.
- Estimates are being received for fence-replacement and granite sign installation projections.
- Provided update on maturation of Certificate of Deposit at First Midwest Bank

9.6 SUPERVISOR (MICHAEL CROWNER)

- Provided closing comments thanking staff and new Administration officials.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Hickey moved to adjourn the meeting and Supervisor Crowner seconded; the meeting was adjourned on a voice vote at 8:16 PM.

Next meeting July 8, 2021

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Anita Liskey, Township Clerk