

**Township Board Meeting
Thursday, August 12, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Liskey at 7:48 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Kelly Hickey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board Members: Supervisor Crouner, Trustees Hickey, Jones, and Rotkis, attended the meeting. Trustee Bansal was absent.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Approval of July 8, 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 July 8, 2021 were approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1. Discussion of Senior Committee

- Finalized plan for Trustees Bansal and Hickey to co-chair the senior committee.
- Due to resurgence of Covid, the start date for reinstating senior lunches will begin in October (vs Sept) 2021.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Discussion of Approved Amended Township Budget

- Supervisor Crouner noted that the Wheatland Township 2021 budget had been approved in the Public Hearing held on August 12, 2021, prior to this Wheatland Township Board meeting.

7.2 Discussion of extension of Attorney RFP

- Trustee Bansal motioned to open discussion re extension of search for legal services. Trustee Hickey seconded the motion.
- Supervisor Crouner informed the Board the RFP had been finalized the search/review of legal services had begun. However, he requested more time to complete search and select a candidate.
- The extension of the Attorney RFP was approved 4-0 per roll call vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

8.1 Approval of 7/8/21 – 8/12/21 Town and Road District Fund Bills & Claims:

- Trustee Rotkis 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 \$176,422.56 were approved 4-0 per roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (TOM WIESER)

- Provided an update on the work that was being done on drainage and ditch improvements. He also noted that brush pick up had significantly increased during the month due to many summer storms.

**9.3 TRUSTEES:
TRUSTEE (COLLEEN ROTKIS)**

- No updates

TRUSTEE (KELLY HICKEY)

- Discussed the possibility of having Wheatland Township participate in a "Be the Match" event to increase registry of potential bone marrow donors to a constituent in need in Plainfield.

TRUSTEE (TERRY JONES)

- No updates

TRUSTEE (MEGHNA BANSAL)

- No updates

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (ANITA LISKEY)

- Provided a brief update on the status of FOIA requests, noting there had been no new inquiries but some continued data collection and correspondence had been conducted for two FOIA responses still in progress.

9.5 COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (BEN PETERSON)

- Informed that there had been two donations to projects, totally \$525.
- Updated that two affidavits had been received to claim graves for an heir.
- Reported that two graves were sold, four funerals were held during the month. Additionally, two request for future ash burials had been received.
- Submitted a resolution to affirm continued support of the 2001 Agreement between Township and Wheatland Cemetery Association regarding care and management of the cemetery to the Board.

9.6 SUPERVISOR (MICHAEL CROWNER)

- Provided closing comments noting that a resident had expressed interest in Wheatland Township's sustainability efforts and strategy. He noted the topic would be added to a future agenda for broader discussion.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

- Supervisor Crowner moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Hickey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned on a voice vote at 8:15 PM.

Next meeting September 9, 2021

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Anita Liskey, Township Clerk