

**Wheatland Township Special Board Meeting  
Budget Workshop  
Thursday, January 26, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Crowner at 7:33 PM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Crowner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

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

Board Officers: Supervisor Crowner, Clerk Liskey and Cemetery/Tax Collector Scriven-Young attended the meeting. Assessor Kern and Highway Commissioner Wieser were absent.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

4.1 n/a

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1 n/a

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

6.1 n/a

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 Discussion of 2023-2024 Township & Road Budget**

- Supervisor Crowner opened discussions on the Township budget proposal by highlighting the following points: Wheatland Township is in a strong fiscal position going into 2023, with a projected surplus of 36k and significantly reduced expenses on track to come in under budget by 170k. There are no anticipated contingencies expected to significantly impact year end results.
- the PACE relationship and finances are not only on track but much more favorable to Wheatland Township due to successfully renegotiated contract, which will allow this expense to come in under budget in 2023.
- Due to delays in hiring for an open position, payroll will also be under for the year.
- The Park budget will be reduced to zero given the recently approved agreement which transferred management and maintenance of the facility to the Plainfield Park District, resulting in significant savings for Wheatland Township.
- the ARPA funding is approved, with projects to include a step program and building air upgrades. Approval for stormwater repair funding is in process awaiting approval.
- Trustee Hickey requested a summary of ending balances.
- Cemetery / Tax Collector Scriven-Young raised the fact that cemetery usage had significantly increased during the past two years, resulting in pressing need to paving the cemetery roads. He updated on collaborations with the road district to

budget for and manage this project. A question was asked how much of the cemetery's revenues are deposited into the care fund. DSY confirmed that 15% of cemetery revenues are diverted to the perpetual care fund and 85% into the operating fund- Supervisor Crouner shared detailed calculations and proposed budget allocations with the Board.

- Road Commissioner Weiser confirmed the road district budget for 2023 has not yet been completed but noted that the ARPA funding will positively impact the final number.

- Supervisor Crouner noted funding for general assistance would remain in the budget to ensure funds would be available to provide resident assistance, while confirming there had not been any distributions during the last year.

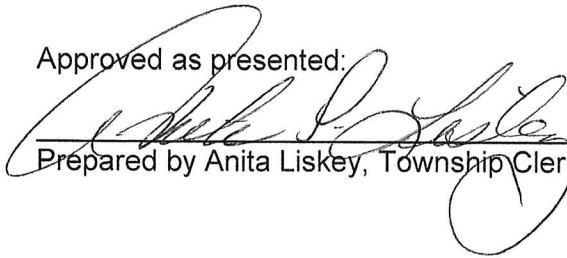
**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Supervisor Crouner moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Hickey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned on a voice vote at 8:07 PM.

**Next meeting regular Board Meeting February 9, 2023**

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Approved as presented:



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Prepared by Anita Liskey, Township Clerk