

Wheatland Township Board Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Crowner at 7:35 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Liskey 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, Assessor Kern, Highway Commissioner Wieser, Cemetery/Tax Collector Scriven-Young and Clerk Liskey attended the meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 n/a

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Approve January 12, 2023 – Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes

-Trustee Bansal moved to open discussion and approval of the Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes. Trustee Hickey seconded. Minutes for the January 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Open Session were approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

5.2 Approval of January 26, 2023, Budget Workshop Open Session Minutes

- Trustee Hickey moved to open discussion and approval of the Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes. Trustee Jones seconded. Minutes for the January 26, 2023, Special Budget Workshop Open Session Meeting were approved 5-0 per roll call vote.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 n/a

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Discussion/Approval of Ordinance #23-01-O 2023-2024 Town Budget

-Supervisor Crowner motioned to open discussion of the 2023 Budget Timeline. Trustee Rotkis seconded the motion.

- Supervisor Crowner noted there were a few small changes to the budget since the Board workshop discussion on Jan 26, including revisions to the following line items: (1) a slight increase to the Senior Committee (2) Grants revised to include anticipated ARPA funds (3) Park utilities which will be eliminated due to intergovernmental agreement with the Plainfield Park District. He also noted there could be additional costs associated with the Township Government Efficiency mandates and will know more after next month's webinar detailing potential impacts. He also explained any of those potential costs could possibly be covered via the contingency funds already included in the 2023 budget proposal.

- Supervisor Crowner requested an amendment be added to the budget proposal to cover disbursement of STEPS grants for workforce development programs.

- The Board unanimously approved adding the amendment to the 2023 Town budget 5-0 via roll call vote.

7.2 Discussion/Approval of Ordinance #23-02-O 2023-2024 Road District Budget

-Supervisor Crowner motioned to table discussion of the 2023 Road District Budget to the March Board meeting. Trustee Rotkis seconded the motion. The Board approved tabling further discussions until its March meeting 5-0 via roll call vote.

7.3 Discussion/Approval of IGA with Will County re Fire Extinguisher Recycling

- Supervisor Crowner motioned to open discussions/approve a new intergovernmental agreement with Will County which would enable Wheatland Township to begin providing fire extinguisher collection services to residents. Under the agreement, Wheatland Township will store fire extinguishers needing to be recycled and Will County's vendor will pick up as our storage container gets full. Providing this new community service would be done at no cost to Wheatland Township, while also generating awareness of Wheatland Township and elevating perceptions of its value as a service provider.
- The Board unanimously approved introducing the Fire Extinguisher Recycling IGA 5-0 in a roll call vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

8.1 01/12/23-02/09/23 Town and Road District Fund Bills & Claims:

- Trustee Hickey moved to open discussion to approve the Town, Park, Assessor, Road & Bridge, Special Hard Road and Cemetery Fund bills, and Supervisor Crowner seconded the motion.
- Bills in the amount of \$221,438.75 were approved by the Board 5-0 in a roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1. ASSESSOR (CHUCK KERN)

- Confirmed the Quadrennial Assessment Review, an Illinois State mandate requiring all properties be assessed for assessment accuracy every four years, had begun and was scheduled to be completed by early June 2023. He noted that following the Quadrennial Review public interactions, including appeals, would begin.

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (TOM WIESER)

- Reported that January had been a very busy time for the road crew.
-Updated on an introductory meeting with the developer Gorman and the City of Naperville regarding the property adjacent to the Wheatland Township office building. Previewed preliminary plans to reconfigure the entryway to Wheatland offices and the new housing facility to accommodate additional traffic. Noted Gorman plans would cover costs for new landscaping for the joint entryway and would also work with Wheatland Township to place security cameras in a way that would improve security for WT offices as well. Committed to email construction plans to the Board for review.
- Confirmed the EPA inspection had been completed and went well. He will be finalizing and submitting paperwork.

9.3 TRUSTEES:

TRUSTEE (MEGHNA BANSAL)

- Confirmed that the 2023 Senior Luncheons will begin in March.

TRUSTEE (KELLY HICKEY)

- Noted that a new student had been assigned to Wheatland Township through the Neuqua Valley High School Transition Program.

TRUSTEE (COLLEEN ROTKIS)

- Asked if final paperwork for the Intragovernmental Agreement with the Plainfield Park District to provide ongoing park service and maintenance had been received. Supervisor Crowner explained the contract had been delayed as so many of the Plainfield Park officials were attending a conference in January, and confirmed he would ask the Wheatland Township attorney to follow up.

TRUSTEE (TERRY JONES)

- n/a

9.4 TOWNSHIP CLERK (ANITA LISKEY)

- Updated that two FOIA inquiries had been received and responded to during January.
- Confirmed efforts to store files in the new shared file site were ongoing.

TAX COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (DAVID SCRIVEN-YOUNG)

- Reported that three grave sites were sold and two burials were completed in January.
- Noted that a cemetery helper had resigned and that anyone interested in volunteering should contact him.

9.5 SUPERVISOR (MICHAEL CROWNER)

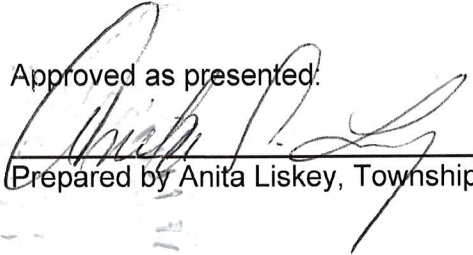
- Updated the first issue of the redesigned Wheatland Township newsletter was nearing completion and would be distributed via mail and posted online in March. He shared draft copies with the Board and asked for input and feedback.
- Informed he was looking into state-compliant bank offerings that could provide a better return (interest rate) on Township funds held on deposit. Noted he would update the Board on potential options at a future meeting.
- Administrator/Deputy Clerk Green provided additional project updates, including:
 - Reiterated the Q1 issue of the redesigned newsletter would be mailed to approximately 1,900 households soon. Noted three bids for publishing had been obtained and confirmed the project would be awarded to the lowest-cost provider. Noted a feature about the Job Club would be included in the first issue.
 - Updated that Compass Church had agreed to allow Wheatland Township to use its parking lot to host a food distribution/collection event for residents.
 - Informed that he is investigating the possibility of a car care clinic offering and would provide a potential proposal for the Board consideration.
 - Informed on an transportation initiative Lisle Township offered in lieu of the PACE partnership in which the township purchased two buses and used its own staff to drive residents to appointments within its jurisdiction.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

- Supervisor Crowner moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Jones seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned on a voice vote at 8:20 PM.

Next meeting March 9, 2023

Approved as presented:



Prepared by Anita Liskey, Township Clerk