

**Wheatland Township Board Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Crowner at 8:00 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 and Rotkis attended the meeting. Trustee Bansal was absent.

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 March 9, 2023 – Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes

-Trustee Jones moved to open discussion and approval of the Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes. Trustee Hickey seconded. Minutes for the March 9, 2023, Regular Meeting Open Session were approved 4-0 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

-Trustee Rotkis motioned to open discussion of Ordinance #23-01-O 2023/2024 Town Budget. Trustee Hickey seconded the motion.

- Supervisor Crowner reminded the Board this topic was for discussion only and that the budget would not be approved until the May meeting, after final numbers would be included for hanging. As there were no additional questions/comments, Supervisor Crowner tabled approval until the next Board meeting on May 11, 2023.

- The Board agreed to vote to approve the Town Budget at the May Board meeting 4-0 via roll call vote.

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

-Supervisor Crowner motioned to open discussion of Ordinance #23-02-O 2023/2024 Road District Budget, noting this budget would also be finalized before and approved at the May Board meeting. Trustee Rotkis seconded the motion.

- Road Commissioner Wieser noted that final numbers would be included in the tables for Board review by the May 11 Board meeting.

- The Board agreed to vote to approve the Road District budget at the May Board meeting 4-0 via roll call vote.

7.3 Acknowledgement Employee Recognition of Years of Service

-Supervisor Crouner motioned to open discussion of employee recognition, and Trustee Hickey seconded. Administrator/Deputy Clerk Bill Green explained a new plaque would be placed in the Wheatland Township office to recognize longstanding employees. He then read out the staff who would be presented awards for serving Wheatland Township for 20 years and for one who had been employed by the Wheatland for more than 30 years. Employees recognized for years of service included:

- Kevin Martinich for 30 years
- Paul Marquardt for 20 years
- Amber Markham for 20 years

-Supervisor Crouner thanked each employee and confirmed their recognition would be included in the Board meeting minutes.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

8.1 03/09/23 – 04/11.23 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 Trustee Jones seconded the motion.
- Trustee Rotkis requested an explanation of overtime charges. Assessor Kern explained that due to the Assessor's Office being down one headcount, one employee had logged in a modest amount of overtime to cover the workload. Road Commissioner Wieser explained that weather-related incidents had resulted in overtime as his team came in on the weekend to cover snow removal.
- Bills in the amount of \$197,640.07 were unanimously approved 4-0 in a roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1. ASSESSOR (CHUCK KERN)

- n/a

9.2 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (TOM WIESER)

- Noted the road program, which would be kicking off in approximately five weeks was expected to come in about \$17k below estimates. He emphasized that he was extremely pleased with the pricing. He also detailed that he expected to hear about the award of MFT funds to assist with road improvements through county engineering in July.

9.3 TRUSTEES:

TRUSTEE (MEGHNA BANSAL)

- n/a

TRUSTEE (KELLY HICKEY)

- Informed that the Diaper Drive to benefit Wheatland Township residents held on Sunday, March 12 from 1 – 4 p.m. had resulted in a collection of more than 200 diapers and other baby supplies which would be contributed to and available through the DuPage Township Food Pantry. She thanked everyone for their contributions.

TRUSTEE (COLLEEN ROTKIS)

-Updated on plans to form a Decennial Committee to review and complete a report on efficiencies within the Township for submission to the State. She noted the first meeting would be scheduled on June 8 and would consist of committee member appointments. She also noted that one unincorporated township resident had already volunteered and others were considering.

-Confirmed plans to finalize Wheatland Park PR and recognizing employees were underway, following the completion of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Wheatland Township and the Plainfield Park District. Supervisor Crowner reported that the park now belonged to Plainfield as would maintenance and upkeep responsibilities. He noted that Wheatland Township would get a reimbursement from its insurance company now that the transfer was complete.

TRUSTEE (TERRY JONES)

- n/a

TOWNSHIP CLERK (ANITA LISKEY)

- n/a

TAX COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (DAVID SCRIVEN-YOUNG)

- Reported that two burials and one cremation had been completed in March.

SUPERVISOR (MICHAEL CROWNER)

- Updated that over the next 6-8 weeks he would be meeting with technology consultants to explore potential offerings that could improve Wheatland Townships communications with and programs for residents. He noted an example of a tool that could provide a map of the community that would show road work areas and inform residents about brush pick up and more. He will report findings and possible recommendations to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

- Trustee Rotkis moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Hickey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned on a voice vote at 8:23 PM.

Next meeting May 11, 2023

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Anita Liskey, Township Clerk

