

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Liskey at 7:33 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Liskey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board Members: Trustees Bansal, Jones and Rotkis attended the meeting. Trustee Hickey 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 April 11, 2023 – Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes

-Trustee Jones moved to open discussion and approval of the Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes. Trustee Rotkis seconded the motion. Minutes for the April 11, 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 Jones motioned to open discussions and approval of Ordinance #23-01-O 2023/2024 Town Budget. Trustee Bansal seconded the motion.

- Supervisor Crowner informed the Board that final numbers had been provided by the Wheatland Township accountant, with minimal, non-material adjustments to the budget amounts previously discussed. In response to a question by Trustee Jones, Supervisor Crowner explained the primary budget changes included a slight increase to payroll and a minimal decrease to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMFR) as well as a small adjustment to the workman compensation line item. He also detailed that building improvements increased slightly and a change of \$25k was included in the income section due to the Wintrust CD investment.

- Ordinance #23-01-O 2023/2024 Town Budget was approved 4-0 via roll call vote.

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

-Trustee Jones motioned to open discussions and approval of Ordinance #23-02-O 2023/2024 Road District Budget, and Trustee Bansal seconded the motion.

- Road Commissioner Wieser noted there were no significant changes to point out from past versions of the Road budget that had been reviewed by the Board in previous meetings.

- Trustee Bansal inquired about the elimination of funds for mileage reimbursement from the previous year. Road Commissioner Wieser explained that Road District

employees were encouraged to use Wheatland Road District-owned vehicles when driving for business. As a result, no funds would be required to reimburse mileage from personal vehicle use. He also noted this line item had always been extremely low in past years.

- In response to a question from Trustee Bansal on the vehicle purchase line item, Road Commissioner Wieser explained that he did not anticipate a need to purchase large equipment in 2023/2024, confirming that the Township vehicles were only 4-5 years old and not expected to require replacement in the next year.

-Supervisor Crowner then confirmed the Road District budget had been completed in conjunction and signed off by the Wheatland Township accountant.

- The Board then approved the Road District budget 4-0 via roll call vote.

7.3 Discussion/Establishment of Joint Decennial Committee on Local Government

Trustee Rotkis motioned to open discussion of the Joint Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act to meet compliance for Public Act 102-1088.

Trustee Jones seconded the motion. Supervisor Crowner explained a Decennial Committee would be appointed to study and create a report of local efficiencies. He explained it would be a joint committee representing both the Township and Road District and that the first meeting would be on Thursday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m.- in advance of the regular Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. that evening. Following the initial meeting, two additional committee meetings will be held before Dec 2024 (within 18 months of the first meeting).

7.4 Discussion/Appointment of Decennial Committee members

-Trustee Bansal motioned to open discussions to appoint Decennial Committee members, and Trustee Jones seconded the motion.

-Reiterating that the establishment of a Decennial Committee to study and create a report on local efficiencies was required by the State of Illinois to comply with Public Act 102-1088, Supervisor Crowner proposed the following individuals to serve as committee members:

- ***Wheatland Township Officials:*** Supervisor Crowner; Highway Commissioner Wieser; Wheatland Township Board Trustees Rotkis, Bansal, Hickey and Jones; Cemetery/Tax Collector David Scriven Young; Township Administrators Bill Green and Carolyn Rominger as well as Township Clerk Anita Liskey who has agreed to serve as the committee's secretary and FOIA administrator.
- ***Township Residents:*** Juan Carolos Villamontes, Tyler Boecker, Jennifer Dylik and Zachary Crowner.

-The Board approved the appointment of Wheatland Township Decennial Committee members (as listed above) 4-0 via roll call vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

8.1 04/11/23 – 05/11/23 Town and Road District Fund Bills & Claims:

- Supervisor Crowner 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.

- Bills in the amount of \$236,807.52 were unanimously approved 4-0 in a roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1. Administrator Bill Green

- Reported on the success of the food distribution event, confirming more than 60 needy families had received groceries. Thanked Wheatland Township officials for support and participation. Cemetery/Tax Collector Scriven-Young also commended the food-drive initiative and participation.
- Updated that he and Trustee Jones had visited Lisle Township's Car Care Clinic to consider providing a similar offering for senior residents in Wheatland Township.
- Noted exploratory efforts to determine feasibility of hosting a community health mobile dental unit at Wheatland Township that could provide basic dental services (cleanings, etc.) to qualified low-income, uninsured residents. On June 1, he will test the service with volunteers from the senior luncheon participants.
- Reviewed and provided Board members with copies of new bills passed in the State of Illinois.

9.2. ASSESSOR (CHUCK KERN) –

- Noted that his team was managing an increased amount of in-office traffic by residents with questions, seeking renewals, or wishing to identify exemptions following receipt of new tax bills.
- Confirmed his team would complete the quadrennial reassessment in the next 30 days (by June 15) with new assessments scheduled to go out at the beginning of August.

9.3. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (TOM WIESER) –

- Informed Wheatland Township had been served with a summons regarding issues with a sidewalk on Heggs Road (south of 127th Street). Explained that the sidewalk in question is in Wheatland Township, but under the jurisdiction of Plainfield Township. Confirmed Legal was reviewing and would respond to the suit within 30 days.
- Confirmed a preconstruction meeting to address issues on Carls Drive in Plainfield and in the subdivision behind Ace Hardware in Naperville had been completed with construction scheduled to begin in early June and finished by the end of the month.

9.4 TRUSTEES:

TRUSTEE (MEGHNA BANSAL)

- Reported that 22 senior residents attended the monthly senior luncheon held on April 19. A meal of Italian beef was served, and bingo was the entertainment. Total cost for the lunch was \$311.99, which was offset by \$5.00 contributions collected from each attendee totaling \$110.00 – reducing Wheatland Township costs to \$201.99.
- Noted the next senior lunch was scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 featuring a speaker from Will County Senior Services and food from Panda Express.

TRUSTEE (KELLY HICKEY)

- n/a

TRUSTEE (COLLEEN ROTKIS)

- Confirmed she would assist in leading the Decennial Committee which will be chaired by Supervisor Crowner.

TRUSTEE (TERRY JONES)

- n/a

9.5. TOWNSHIP CLERK (ANITA LISKEY)

- Noted that three FOIAs had been submitted and responded to during April.
- Notified the Board and staff of an increased number of email scams coming into Wheatland Township. Administrator Green pointed out Wheatland Township as well as other neighboring Townships also had been receiving an influx of telephone scams.

9.6. TAX COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (DAVID SCRIVEN-YOUNG)

- Informed that two graves had been sold and one ash burial had taken place during April.

9.7. SUPERVISOR (MICHAEL CROWNER)

- Noted the past few weeks had been extremely busy and confirmed the transition of Wheatland Park to Plainfield Park District was complete.
- Noted that with the annual budgets now finalized, focus would turn to completing the decennial report and ensuring Wheatland Township continued to operate as efficiently as possible, making the best and prudent use of funds for the benefit of its residents.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Next meeting June 8, 2023

Approved as presented:

Anita Liskey

Prepared by Anita Liskey, Township Clerk