

**Wheatland Township Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 18, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Crowner at 7:32 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Crowner led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Board Members: Trustees, Jones, Hickey attended the meeting in person and Trustee Rotkis participated remotely via Zoom link.

Board Officers: Supervisor Crowner, Highway Commissioner Wieser, Clerk Liskey were in attendance. Assessor Katzberg attended via Zoom link and Tax Collector/Cemetery David Scriven-Young was absent.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5.1. Approval of June 13, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

- Trustee Jones motioned to open discussion/approval of the minutes for the June 13, 2024, Regular Meeting Open Session. Trustee K. Hickey seconded.
- The minutes for the June 13, 2024, Regular Meeting Open Session were approved 4-0 via roll-call vote, with one recusal due to absence.

**5.2 Approval of June 18, 2024 – Special Meeting Minutes**

- Trustee Jones motioned to open discussion/approval of the minutes for the June 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Open Session. Trustee K. Hickey seconded.
- The minutes for the June 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Open Session were approved 3-0 via roll-call vote, with one recusal due to absence at the June meeting.

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**6.1. Trustee Vacancy Interviews**

- Supervisor Crowner motioned for the Board to move into executive session to interview candidates for the open Trustee position. Trustee Hickey seconded the motion, and the Board approved a pause of the regular open Board meeting session to move into executive session 4-0 via roll call vote.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1. Approval of Resolution #24-07-R Warrant of Appointment**

- Supervisor Crowner motioned to open discussion/approval of Resolution #24-07-R, Warrant of Appointment, naming Michael Krzywinski Trustee of the Wheatland Township Board. Trustee Jones seconded the motion.
- The Board approved #24-07-R Warrant of Appointment 4-0 via roll call vote.

## **8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

### **8.1 Town and Road District Fund Bills & Claims**

- Supervisor Crowner motioned to open discussion/approval of the June 2024 Town and Road District Fund Bills and Claims, and Trustee Hickey seconded the motion.
- Trustee Rotkis inquired about a \$1,500 for [metro membership]. Supervisor Crowner explained the organization was an alternative to TOI and that he wanted to do a one-year trial and then evaluate which organization TOI or Metropolitan Township Association would be more useful to Wheatland Township going forward. He confirmed the Township would still have access to TOIs calendar of obligations and website either way.
- Monthly bills and claims of \$280,807.54 were approved by the Board 4-0 via roll-call vote.

## **9. REPORTS**

### **9.1 Assessor/Deputy Clerk Green**

- Reported grants totally \$250k have been awarded to Wheatland Township for various initiatives that would be received in the coming weeks, highlighting that the process is slow and also informed Wheatland Township will be receiving another \$75k grant with funds expected to be received this fall.
- Updated the Wheatland Township team had been responding to a large volume of phone calls following the recent storms and read a note of recognition/thanks from resident (see attached).

### **9.2 Assessor Katzberg**

- Provided a written report (read by Sup Crowner) that 368 home improvements had been done in Wheatland Township during June and 275 exemptions had been given to Will County residents. Updated the assessment appeals process would begin on August 7, 2024.

### **9.3 Road Commissioner Wieser**

- Discussed the storm clean-up efforts following the storms that hit the area on Wednesday, July 16, noting resident calls were continuing. Informed the road crew was helping with storm recovery including removing debris and branches. Encouraged all residents to reach out to RLS (environmental service) to pick up and compost branches and other yard waste. Noted he was considering another special pick up run the following week.

### **9.4 Trustees Reports:**

#### **Trustee Hickey**

- Thanked the Road Crew for their hard work with post storm clean up. Noted the monthly Senior Luncheon took place on July 17 with a hot dog meal in honor of National Hot Dog Day. Mary Gibson, President, Naperville Park District, was the guest speaker who provided information about how Wheatland Township residents could access Naperville services.

-Informed about an issue with PACE in which one senior attendee did not receive their scheduled pick up. Noted she had informed PACE of the issue, and their staff was following up. Thanked Bill Green for his assistance.

**Trustee Jones**

No Report

**Trustee Rotkis**

No Report

**9.5 Clerk Liskey**

- Updated two FOIAs were received during the month of June.

**9.6 Tax Collector/Cemetery David Scriven-Young**

-Submitted a written report confirming one grave site had been sold and one casket burial and two cremations had taken place during the month of June.

**9.7 Supervisor Crouner**

- Reiterated his practice of looking for best practice opportunities to ensure Wheatland Township continues to perform as strongly and efficiently as possible, with a specific focus on identifying new training programs, collaborating/networking with other elected officials and government entities, such as the MTA membership discussed previously in the meeting and updated that he had met with Joliet Township during June.

-Thanked Administrator/Deputy Clerk Bill Green for his leadership and success in securing a grant for the road program and for helping Wheatland Township navigate the grant processes ongoing.

-Reiterated that Wheatland Township tax levy is lower than others and thanked the Trustees and Road Commissioner for efforts to contain costs for our residents.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

-Supervisor Crouner motioned to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Jones seconded; and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 via voice vote.

**Next Regular Township Board Meeting:**

**August 8, 2024, at 7:30 PM**

Approved by: Anita Liskey  
*Clerk, Wheatland Township*