

**Wheatland Township Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 8, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVED 9/12/2024**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Crowner at 7:34 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Crowner led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

Board Officers: Supervisor Crowner, Highway Commissioner Wieser, Clerk Liskey and Tax Collector/Cemetery David Scriven-Young were in attendance. Assessor Katzberg was absent but submitted a written report.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5.1. Approval of July 18, 2024 – Special Meeting Open Session Minutes**

- Due to an error, Supervisor Crowner requested the Board defer approval of July 18 minutes the September Board meeting. Trustee Rotkis motioned to postpone approval of the minutes for the July 18, 2024, Special Meeting Open Session. Trustee Jones seconded.
- The vote deferral of the July 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Open Session was approved 5-0 via roll-call vote.

**5.2 Approval of July 18, 2024 – Executive Session Minutes**

- Trustee Jones motioned to open discussion/approval of the minutes from the July 18, 2024, Executive Session, and Trustee Rotkis seconded the motion.
- July 18, 2024, Executive Session minutes were approved 4-0 via roll-call vote, with Trustee Michael Krzywinski, who was yet a member of the Board in July, abstaining.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1. Approval of Rideshare Access Reinvestment Program**

- Supervisor Crowner provided an overview to explain the program that provides subsidized rides for seniors and residents with disabilities was amending its service contract to add Uber as a preferred subcontractor. Due to the change, the amended agreement required the approval of all program participants, including Wheatland Township.
- Trustee Jones motioned to open discussion/approval of the Rideshare Access Reinvestment Program and Trustee Hickey seconded the motion.
- The Board unanimously approved the amended contract for the Rideshare Access Reinvestment Program 5-0 via roll call vote.

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

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

- Supervisor Crowner motioned to open discussion/approval of the August 2024 Town and Road District Fund Bills and Claims, and Trustee Hickey seconded the motion.
- Monthly bills and claims of \$204,913.21 were unanimously approved by the Board 5-0 via roll-call vote.

## **8. REPORTS**

### **8.1 Administrator/Deputy Clerk Green**

- Reported he had attended two webinars from the Department of Commerce and an Illinois Association of Township Administrator's (IADA) meeting, noting the September meeting would be co-hosted with DuPage Township.
- Updated one pending grant will soon be released.
- Informed the Wheatland Township staff had a potluck lunch during the month and that PATCH Recovery would be hosting an Overdose Awareness Night at Knock Park on August 28.

### **8.2 Assessor Katzberg**

- Via written report (read by Supervisor Crowner), Assessor Katzberg updated that the appeals process had begun.

### **8.3 Road Commissioner Wieser**

- Reported the Road Crew storm clean-up initiatives had declined, with a final special branch pick up to take place in mid-August. Noted Board members should remind residents about branch/clipping disposal available as part of the regular garbage collections services.
- Confirmed completing drainage work remained a key priority for the road crew, noting approximately 1,000 feet of drainage had been installed to date.

### **8.4 Trustees Reports:**

#### **Trustee Hickey**

- Reported that 27 seniors attended the July Senior Luncheon, held on National Hot Dog Day, and updated the next Senior Lunch would be held on August 21 featuring a pizza meal and bingo games as entertainment. Informed about staffing issues at the Wheatland Salem Church where the lunches were being held was making it difficult to access the facility to host the program and noted the need to research possible new locations. Tax Collector/Cemetery Scriven Young suggested other churches as possible locations and volunteered to provide a contact at Holy Spirit.
- Updated on her participation at the National Night out in Aurora, held at Wheatland Park on August 8.

#### **Trustee Jones**

- Reported that DuPage Township provides information to its residents about how to appeal property taxes and suggested the Board consider introducing a similar program in Wheatland Township.

**Trustee Krzywinski**

-No report, but noted he is looking forward to working with the Trustees on behalf of Wheatland Township residents.

**Trustee Rotkis**

-No Report

**8.5 Clerk Liskey**

- Confirmed no new FOIAs had been received during the month of July while updating that a response to one received in June was in still process.

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

-Submitted a written report confirming one grave site had been sold during the month of July.

-Thanked the Board for approving the cemetery's license renewal fees, confirming public display signage would be updated accordingly.

**8.7 Supervisor Crowner**

- Informed he was reviewing vendor agreement and contract status to identify pending and near-term renewals, with the goal of identifying and leveraging potential cost-savings opportunities with potential new vendors or new contract negotiations.

- Encouraged the Board to attend the upcoming Naperville India Day Parade.

- Updated on efforts to improve operations within Wheatland Township through staff training programs and ongoing networking efforts with other government entities to identify and implement improved processes, noting a recent meeting with Joliet Township in July.

-Thanked Administrator/Deputy Clerk Bill Green for his leadership in navigating the ongoing grant submission process and his success in securing a new grant for the road program.

-Noting the Wheatland Township tax levy remains lower than other townships within Will County, thanked the Trustees and Road Commissioner for continued efforts to contain costs for our residents.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

- Trustee Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Hickey seconded; and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 via voice vote.

**Next Regular Township Board Meeting:  
September 12, 2024, at 7:30 PM**

Approved by:       Anita Liskey        
*Clerk, Wheatland Township*