

**Wheatland Township Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 12, 2024**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Crowner at 7:30 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, Rotkis and Krzywinski attended the meeting.

Board Officers: Supervisor Crowner, Highway Commissioner Wieser, attended the meeting. Clerk Liskey and Tax Collector/Cemetery Scriven-Young were absent

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:       None**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- Trustee Hickey motioned to approve **Approval of July 18, 2024, Special Meeting Open Session Minutes**. Trustee Jones seconded. **July 18, 2024, Special Meeting Open Session Minutes** passed 4-0 via roll call vote, with Trustee Krzywinski abstaining.

**5.2 Approval of August 8, 2024, Board Meeting Open Session Minutes**

- Trustee Jones motioned to approve the **August 8, 2024, Board Meeting Open Session Minutes, and** Trustee Hickey seconded. **August 8, 2024, Board Meeting Open Session Minutes** passed 5-0 via roll call vote.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Approval of the 2023-2024 Township Audit**

- CPA Ed Tracy, Selden Fox Auditors, reviewed the Wheatland Township audit. The audit is a reasonable assessment of the financial statement and a review of the controls. Noting no issues with controls, confirmed all balances reconciled. Pointed out that only one minor adjustment had been made to correct one item in the investment account. He further reported on the IMRF balance and noted that Wheatland Township was well-funded at 90 percent. Highlighted the hard road budget came in over by \$225,000, but confirmed this overage would be offset by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grant.

- Trustee Rotkis motioned to approve the 2023-2024 Township Audit, and Trustee Krzywinski, seconded the motion. The Board unanimously passed the 2023-2024 Township Audit 5-0 via roll call vote.

**6.2 Presentation by Nania Energy Advisors**

- Mr. Michael DeCaluwe, president, Nania Energy Advisors, presented on residential aggregation on the costs of electrical supply. He states that 60 to 70 percent of township residents have taken advantage of the savings, which has resulted in an average savings of saved \$200 per household. . Stated a large uptick in electricity usage is anticipated in the future due to data centers and the loss of other energy sources. Added that the upcoming El-Nino weather season would also affect electrical usage.

-Supervisor Crowner reiterated that he would be getting more information before November to review with the Board and make an educated decision for possible changes in the future.

**6.3 Approval of Resolution #24-08-R Resolution Honoring Pamela Bishop's Retirement**

Supervisor Crowner read **Resolution #24-08-R Resolution Honoring Pamela Bishop's Retirement**, which is attached as an addendum to these minutes.

Trustee Jones motioned to approve the resolution and Trustee Rotkis seconded the motion., The Board unanimously passed Resolution #24-08-R Resolution Honoring Pamela Bishop's Retirement 5-0 via roll call vote.

**6.4 Approval of Resolution #24-09-R Resolution Honoring Brandolyn Pocius's 20 years of service.**

Supervisor Crowner read the resolution honoring Ms. Pocius's 20 years of service.

Trustee Rotkis made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Jones, Passed 5-0

**7. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

**7.1 Town and Road District Fund Bills & Claims - September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

- Trustee Rotkis motioned to open discussion/approval of the Town and Road District Fund Bills and Claims, and Trustee Jones seconded the motion.

- Monthly bills and claims of \$377,282.06 were approved by the Board 5-0 via roll-call vote.

**8. REPORTS**

**8.1 Sr. Administrator/Deputy Clerk - Bill Green**

- Updated that fire extinguishers are being dropped off at Wheatland Township for recycling and confirmed the zero-cost program been well received since it began in partnership with the County over a year ago. - Announced the **2025** Northern Illinois Food Bank food distribution was beginning with an exact date to be announced soon.

- Bill brought up the grant from Department Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the issues with the rules of the grant. We have been approved and are waiting for payment.

Thanked the Board for support of the efforts outlined above.

**8.2. ASSESSOR (Mary Katzberg)**

Confirmed new part-time employee, Jan Roedel had been onboarded and was already contributing to the reviews.

- Reported the Assessor's office had already received 172 formal appeals in the first week of the process.

**8.3. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (Tom Wieser)**

- Highway Commissioner Wieser updated that he is working on a new ordinance for parking in one of the township industrial parks. He has requested no parking instructions be placed in the loading area of businesses to improve business operations and emergency services access.

**8.4. TRUSTEES:**

**TRUSTEE (Kelly Hickey)**

- Trustee Hickey asked Administrator/Deputy Clerk Green to comment on the most recent Sr Luncheon. Bill reported he attended the senior luncheon held at Wheatland Church on Wednesday, August 21st, 2024. Pizza was served and bingo was the entertainment. A carnival was being held outside the meeting place and a few seniors mentioned a ride on the Ferris wheel might be fun. The next senior lunch will be held on Wednesday Sept 18. Details are still being finalized. Senator Ellman is a possible speaker at the November luncheon.

**TRUSTEE (Terry Jones)**

- No report

**TRUSTEE (Michael Krzywinski)**

- No Report

**TRUSTEE (Colleen Rotkis)**

- No Report

**8.5. TOWNSHIP CLERK (Anita Liskey)**

- Due to absence, Clerk Liskey submitted the following via written report:

We completed five FOIA responses during August. Four were received and responded to during the month and one was a follow-up to additional questions on an inquiry received in July. It is worth noting that not only has the volume of incoming FOIAs increased, but the amount of information being requested has also increased dramatically.

-To that end, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Carolyn Rominger for all the work she has been doing to help track down records, make copies as needed as well as to provide overall assistance and guidance in preparing these responses. These requests significantly added to her workload during the past month. I also want to thank Bill, Kevin, Tom and our attorney Ed Mullen for their assistance over the last several weeks too. It has truly taken a village lately, and I greatly appreciate the support.

-The Clerks' Office is currently up to date with no open inquiries outstanding.

**8.6. TAX COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (David Scriven-Young)**

- It was reported to Supervisor Crowner that 2 graves were sold.

**8.7. SUPERVISOR (Michael Crowner)**

- Clarke environmental would like to invite anyone to tour their facility and learn about the helicopter program and the mosquito prevention program.

- NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT AND TREASURER'S REPORT OF WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP Wheatland Township hereby provides public notice that an audit of its funds for the period April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, has been made, and that a report of such audit dated September 18, 2024, performed by Selden Fox, Ltd., has been filed with the County Clerk of Will County of Illinois, in accordance with 30 ILCS 15/0.01 et seq. Wheatland Township Treasurer's Report for 2024 has also been completed. Both reports can be viewed on the Wheatland Township website at: [www.wheatlandtownship.com](http://www.wheatlandtownship.com). The full reports are also available for public inspection at 4232 Tower Road, Naperville, Illinois, during regular business hours 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except for holidays

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Trustee Jones moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Rotkis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned on a voice vote at 8:20 p.m.

**Next meeting Thursday, October 10, 2024**

Approved as presented:

Bill Green, Deputy Clerk