Wheatland Township Board Meeting Thursday, December 12, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Michael Crowner at 7:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Crowner lead the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board Members: Trustees Terry Jones, Michael Krzywinski and Colleen Rotkis attended the meeting in person.

Board Officers: Supervisor Crowner and Highway Commissioner Wieser attended the meeting in person. Clerk Liskey, Tax Collector Scriven-Young and Assessor Katzberg were absent.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT None

 Approval of the November 14, 2024 – Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes
5.1- Trustee Rotkis motioned to open discussion/approval of the minutes for the November 14, 2024, Regular Meeting Open Session. Trustee Jones second, Trustee Rotkis requested that the word adjournment be corrected as it was misspelled.
The minutes for November 14, 2024, Regular Meeting Open Session were unanimously approved 4-0 per roll call vote.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Approval of Ordinance #24-04-O – Tax Levy for Truth in Taxation Law for Town Fund

- Supervisor Crowner reported there were no changes this year. Keeping the tax flat. No further discussion.

- Trustee Rotkis motioned to approve Ordinance #24-04-O and Trustee Krzywinski seconded. Ordinance #24-04-O was approved 4-0 via roll call vote.

6.2 Approval of Ordinance #24-05-O – Tax Levy for Truth in Taxation Law for Road District

- Supervisor Crowner stated that we are going with a lower level and at the suggestion of the Township accountant an increase of 3.6% is suggested. No further discussion.

-Trustee Rotkis motioned to approve Ordinance #24-05-O and Trustee Krzywinski seconded. Ordinance #24-05-O was approved 4-0 via roll call vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Approval of Ordinance #24-06-O – Parking Ban

- Supervisor Crowner asked and verified that the Trustees all received the requested parking ban modifications from last month. All present verified they had. A motion was made to accept the parking ban ordinance by Trustee Krzywinski, Trustee Jones seconded. Ordinance #24-06-O was approved 4-0 via roll call vote.

7.2 Approval of Resolution #24-15-R – Trustee Vacancy

- Supervisor Crowner stated that he will be using the same language from recent Trustee openings and will be posting said opening on 12/13/2024 on our web page and Facebook. We will be interviewing for the opening in January 2025.

- A motion was made to accept the resolution by Trustee Rotkis, seconded by Trustee Jones. Resolution #24-15-R was approved 4-0 via a roll call vote.

7.3 Approval of Paratransit Local Share Agreement – Ride DuPage

- Supervisor Crowner informed the board that Pace is working on its geo-fencing of the Uber program but otherwise, the agreement is like previous years.

- A motion was made to approve the agreement by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Krzywinski. The motion was approved passed 4-0 via roll call vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

8.1 Town and Road District Fund Bills & Claims:

- Discussion took place on differences between the Town Fund bills and the Road funds' operations. Road Commissioner Wieser discussed how some of the processes change between departments as a learning opportunity for Trustee Krzywinski and anyone else.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Rotkis. The motion was approved 4-0 via roll call vote.

Bills of \$370,099.39 were unanimously approved 4-0 in a roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Administrator and Deputy Clerk Bill Green

- Reported that the annual Holiday Senior Lunch was held this week at Vai's restaurant. Green commended Carolyn Rominger for her efforts to manage the luncheon. Noted senior attendees enjoyed themselves

- Updated Wheatland Township missed the deadline to participate in Toys for Tots program but would investigate possible other charitable organizations to contribute to for the holidays.

9.2. ASSESSOR (Mary Katzberg)

No Report Submitted

9.3. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER (Tom Wieser)

Pointed out that the Township has a new truck. The last truck that was purchased was bought on payments and had over \$26,000 in interest paid. By having it delivered, it will be kept inside, clean, and ready and then finished on site for its service beginning in winter 2026. We are ready for snowplowing. Brine is ready, Thumbs up!

9.4. TRUSTEES:

TRUSTEE (Terry Jones) - No Report

TRUSTEE (Michael Krzywinski) - No Report

TRUSTEE (Colleen Rotkis) – No Report. As the meeting closed, Trustee Rotkis questioned questions about the proposal to add insurance coverage for the supervisor position. Supervisor Crowner confirmed coverage would be added for this position beginning in 2025.

9.5. TOWNSHIP CLERK (Anita Liskey)

- In a written submission-, Clerk Liskey reported three FOIAs had been received and responded to during the month, with an additional one in process to be completed in early December.

9.6. TAX COLLECTOR/CEMETERY (David Scriven-Young)

A written report was submitted; four graves were sold during the month, and one casket burial was completed.

9.7. SUPERVISOR (Michael Crowner)

Supervisor Crowner mentioned the trustee vacancy that will be advertised so we can welcome a new board member.

10. ADJOURNMENT- Trustee Jones moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Rotkis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 7:51 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday, January 9, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

Approved as presented:

Prepared by Bill Green, Deputy Township Clerk Reviewed by Anita Liskey, Clerk