

**Wheatland Township Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 13, 2025**

-Amended April 2025-

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, Kryzwinski, Rotkis and Tyson attended the meeting.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Bill Novack, Director of Transportation, City of Naperville, appeared during public comment to review the proposed easement plans to facilitate traffic flow between the Wheatland Township offices and the soon-to-be constructed Lifetime Fitness and elderly housing facility to open on the lot adjacent to Wheatland offices.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1. Approval of February 13, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

- Trustee Rotkis motioned to open discussion/approval of the minutes from the February 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, and Trustee Jones seconded the motion.
- The minutes from the February 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting were approved 5-0 via roll-call vote.

5.2 Approval of January 9, 2025 – Executive Session Board Meeting Minutes

- Supervisor Crowner motioned to open discussion/approval of the January 9, 2025, Executive Session meeting minutes which had been deferred from the February Board Meeting. Trustee Rotkis seconded the motion.
- Minutes from the Jan 9 Executive Session Meeting were approved 5-0 via roll call vote.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Approve Annual Towns Meeting Agenda (Tuesday, April 8, 2025)

- Trustee Rotkis motioned to open discussion/approval of the minutes from the February 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, and Trustee Jones seconded the motion.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS & CLAIMS

7.1 Town and Road District Fund Bills & Claims

- Trustee Rotkis motioned to open discussion/approval of the March 2025 Town and Road District Fund Bills and Claims and Trustee Jones seconded the motion.
- Trustee Krzywinski asked for clarification of a ComEd bill included in the bill that was an overcharge due to previous billing issue.

- Monthly bills and claims of \$139,461.20 were unanimously approved by the Board 5-0 via roll-call vote.

9 REPORTS

9.1 Administrator/Deputy Clerk Green

- Reported he attended training through the Department of Public Administration & the Center for Governmental Studies School of Public and Global Affairs at Northern Illinois University on February 15. - Hosted the Aurora/Wheatland Township primary at Wheatland Township; 52 voters showed up.
- Hearings with county clerk's office
- Spoke at Wheatland Salem Church congregation re the opioid crisis and informing about availability of Narcan via Wheatland Township.
- Attended open house for the Wheatland Chamber of Commerce

a \$75k grant had been completed and submitted. Confirmed approximately \$325k in grants monies had been secured for Wheatland Township during the past 12 months.

- Reported he was participating in training through the Department of Public Administration & the Center for Governmental Studies School of Public and Global Affairs at Northern Illinois University on February 15.

9.2 Assessor Katzberg

- Updated she is working on getting assistance to help with measurement and possibly a candidate who could be hired as a full-time field agent.

Presented the Assessor's 2025 budget proposal, beginning with a review of the past 20 years, detailing dramatic increases in the scope of work and reduction in staffing levels that have occurred during that time. Discussed additional challenges including pay discrepancies with other neighboring townships and noted that the final budget would include a request for pay increases for the assessor deputies.

- Reported the assessor's staff was currently focused on processing general homestead exemptions which would continue during the month of February.

9.3 Road Commissioner Wieser

- Informed there was an impromptu meeting re the new construction for the Lifetime Fitness at the property near Wheatland Township Offices.

that the road crew was preparing for predicted snowstorms expected later in the week, and noting resident feedback on snow removal this year to date had been positive.

- Supervisor Crowner requested an update on the easement proposal for Tower Court, and Road Commissioner Wieser noted concerns had been addressed and confirmed he would submit blueprint drawings for Board review in the coming weeks and in advance of the groundbreaking scheduled for spring 2025.

9.4 Trustees Reports:

Trustee Jones

- No report

Trustee Krzywinski

-No report

Trustee Rotkis

-As amended per Board approval at the April 8, 2025, meeting:

Trustee Rotkis reported that candidates of the 2025 Republican slate provided her security camera footage that had been obtained via FOIA regarding the filing of an Objector's petition on Dec. 23, 2024. They had concerns that the timestamp on the documentation was improperly applied, calling into question that the deadline for filing was met. She watched the footage tracking the time and movements of Supervisor Crowner and Administrator Bill Green to finalize the filing. The tape showed Crowner arrived at the township building at 3:27 pm and did not Green's office until 3:32 p.m., which was already past the deadline. Also of concern, the time stamp was handwritten when most township documents are officially marked via the machine located in front of the building. Green claimed the machine was broken justifying his handwritten notation. Rotkis noted this reflected poorly on the honesty of a township employee and referred others to watch the footage for themselves.

Trustee Tyson

-No report

9.5 Clerk Liskey

- Reported eight FOIAs were received during January, noting a significant increase in requests was experienced during the month and continuing into February. Confirmed the Clerk's office was up to date in responding to the requests received to date, with one response still in process.
- Noted that she, along with Supervisor Crowner and Trustee Rotkis would be serving on a second electoral board panel on Friday, February 14, 2025, to consider a second objection submitted to Wheatland Township regarding an assessor candidate for the consolidated election on April 1, 2025.
- Confirmed the names of Wheatland Township elected officials had been verified with Will County for the 2025 Statements of Economic Interest submissions, noting she would follow up to add newly appointed Trustee Margaret Tyson.

9.6 Tax Collector/Cemetery David Scriven-Young

- Via written report, detailed 8 gravesites were sold and 2 burials took place during the month of February.

9.7 Supervisor Crowner

- Asked Bill Green how many cans of Narcan have been used by township residents who responded three boxes of 18 cans had been used. As finance director of the Will Grundy Medical Clinic, Supervisor Crowner reviewed the clinic's homeless services including free medical services, referrals and mental health services.
- Recommended Trustees attend March 19 metro township association's capital day in Springfield
- Reported on DuPage Food Pantry visits by Wheatland Township residents: 902 visits in 2023; and 3,010 in 2024. Added the rise in food pantry visits was accompanied by an

increase in emergency assistance requests as well, noting the \$50 monthly fee was serving many Wheatland Township residents.

- Informed the supervisor of DuPage Township passed away and commended the resource sharing agreements put in place during his tenure.

- Reminded the Board that a replacement for Trustee Hickey (who resigned in January) would need to be appointed to serve on the Senior Committee at the March meeting, in advance of the luncheons which are scheduled to resume in April.

- Reported he was continuing outreach efforts with other Townships to network and identify best practices for consideration by Wheatland Township.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Trustee Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Trustee Rotkis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. via voice vote.

**Next Regular Township Board Meeting:
April 8, 2025, at 7:30 PM**

Approved by: Anita Liskey
Clerk, Wheatland Township