

**Wheatland Township Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 12th, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Crowner at 7:37 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Crowner led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board Members: Trustee Frances and Tyson were present. Trustees Klein and Glowiak were absent.

Board Officers: Supervisor Crowner, Clerk Jones, Highway Commissioner Benton, & Assessor Katzberg attended the meeting. Tax Collector (Cemetery) Scriven-Young was absent.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jan'ee the commercial deputy spoke about how her feelings with regard to raises and pay for the township employees. She spoke about comparisons to the closest townships and stated some weren't included in the Supervisor's data presented to the board. She stated her concerns regarding the budget and morale in the Assessor's office.
Brenda, resident, asked where the comment policy is located. The supervisor offered to get a full policy to the resident and asked the resident to call the office to have that provided. Brenda asked about postings for meetings and when/where they are posted along with how long public comment period is. She stated she had some concerns about the highway commissioner and resolution up for vote on this meeting's agenda. The resident also added they had concerns about new employee at the Township.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 May 8th 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

- Supervisor Crowner requested the approval of minutes be tabled for approval at the next regular scheduled board meeting. Supervisor Crowner stated he would make sure all trustees have a copy of the meeting video prior to the vote on approval of the meeting minutes. Supervisor Crowner made the motion to table the approval and Trustee Frances seconded the motion. Roll call was done and the motion passed 3-0.

5.2 May 22nd 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

- Supervisor Crowner made a request to table these minutes as well. Trustee Frances motioned for approval and Supervisor Crowner seconded. The reason the Supervisor requested tabling was there were not enough trustees present who attended that meeting to approve the minutes. A roll call was performed and the motion to table the meeting minutes were passed 3-0.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion of Ordinance #25-2-0 Town Budget

- Supervisor Crowner opened the discussion and made 1 comment about the assessor's office salaries and stated surrounding townships did not all reply in time or provide all information to be included in the data regarding the assessor's office salaries. No additional comments.

6.2 Discussion of Ordinance #25-3-0 Highway Budget

- Supervisor Crowner opened the discussion and no additional comments were made regarding this budget.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Presentation of GoGov

- Kevin Strauss of GoGov presented to board and members of the community attending in person or watching meeting through YouTube (can be found here: @williamgreen5729).
- Supervisor Crowner asked if anyone had questions.
- Trustee Tyson asked about reporting but GoGov already provided info. Trustee thanks Kevin from GoGov.
- Supervisor Crowner asked about FOIAs and exporting of data. Unlimited storage for life as long as Township is using system. Data can also be imported.
- Clerk Jones asked about pricing and if it included all departments under Wheatland Township, i.e. Highway, Township, Assessor. GoGov representative stated it did.
- Trustee Frances asked about the cost and Supervisor Crowner stated we did not have that info at this time.
- Resident asked if they could ask questions and Supervisor Crowner stated it was not open for public comment.
- Administrator Green stated it would have been helpful that day for example, when he and the Highway dept had an issue earlier that day.
- Highway Commissioner Benton agreed with Bill and said he had some other ideas in mind for software like this as well.
- Supervisor Crowner thanked GoGov representative and stated Clerk Jones would follow up with board and GoGov to present any further information requested and/or provided.

7.2 Approval of Resolution #25-09-R IGA with DuPage Township for Food Pantry

- Supervisor Crowner requested discussion on the resolution be opened. Trustee Frances made the motion to open discussion and Trustee Tyson seconded.
- Supervisor Crowner explained this resolution was to extend the existing IGA with Dupage Township with no changes made to it. No comments or questions regarding the IGA were made. Roll call was performed and the Resolution passed 3-0.

7.3 Approval of Resolution #25-10-R IGA with DuPage Township for General Assistance Management

- Supervisor Crowner requested the motion to approve the resolution.
- Trustee Tyson asked about cost per person and what the insurance coverage was needed for.
- Supervisor Crowner explained why the cost was \$50 and what was necessary for case management. He explained the costs/benefits were in our favor. He also stated the insurance was necessary and we're just making sure Dupage is listed as an insured on the policies we already have.
- Motion to approve by Trustee Tyson.
- Roll call vote and passage of the resolution was done by vote of 3-0.

7.4 Approval of Resolution #25-11-R Appointment of Deputy Supervisor

- Supervisor made motion to table due to new legislation making most senior Trustee a Deputy Supervisor until one is set up for replacement by established process. Supervisor Crowner made Trustee Tyson aware she is the most senior Trustee at this moment.

7.5 Approval of Ordinance #25-04-0 Highway Commissioner Salary Payments

- Supervisor Crowner asked for discussion on Ordinance to be opened. Motion made by Trustee Tyson and seconded by Trustee Frances.
- Supervisor Crowner explained what new legislation entailed and how funds are used to pay for the salary of the Highway Commissioner. Previously, the Township paid 100% of the salary and under new law the salary will be split 50/50 between the Highway Dept. and the Township.
- Trustee Tyson made a comment about the Highway Funds balance.
- Supervisor Crowner asked for roll call. The ordinance passed 3-0 after roll call vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

8.1 Town & Road District Fund Bills and Claims

- Supervisor Crowner requested we open discussion. Motion to approve by Frances and seconded by Trustee Tyson.
- Supervisor Crowner made a comment about HRGreen bill stating the bill was for resurfacing Normantown and Higgs roads.
- Roll call vote done and bills approved 3-0. Supervisor Crowner reminded everyone we need their signature on approval of the bills.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Township Administrator: Bill Green

- Bill let everyone know we are members of Shorewood-Plainfield Chamber of Commerce. He stated we finally got approval from the Passport office and will soon be a Passport facility. This approval will allow us to generate revenue for the Township by issuing passports. Bill mentioned that other facilities are not doing the process in a safe and thorough way. He also expressed he is excited we will be able to do it soon.
- Trustee Tyson remarked on her experience at other facilities.
- Trustee Frances also made a comment about her experience and asked where the process would take place. Bill stated probably his office is where they would do it.
- Assessor Katzberg asked how residents would access the office and Bill addressed it.
- Supervisor Crowner thanked Bill for his diligence in getting this approval and what a great addition this service would be for the residents.
- Bill mentioned some more suggestions for the process and other Trustees did as well.

9.2 Assessor: Mary Katzberg

- Mary mentioned the audio portion of the recorded meeting on May 22nd was not present. Stated she knew we did the best we could with recording of minutes despite the technology error. Mary thanked the board for consideration of budget and stated that the Supervisor changed her requested budget. She stated some concerns she had with amendments Supervisor Crowner made and the timeliness from when she gave her budget to the Supervisor and when the board received the revised copy from the Supervisor. Mary also mentioned the budgets of other departments within the Township. She expressed some concerns with pay of her employees and differences between us and other Townships. She mentioned a Township in Kendall County and how they were most like us. Mary stated we have 32448 parcels currently and more than 1000 to come within our Township soon. She stated according to TOI that the Assessor is responsible for her budget and the Supervisor should not make amendments.

9.3 Highway Commissioner: Harry Benton

- Harry made a mention and congratulated Paul Marquardt on 30 years of service. He also addressed a resident's concerns made earlier in public comment about being on his phone. He stated he had been communicating with highway department personnel about an issue regarding an accident cleanup as well as assessment of a property issue that a resident had brought up to them earlier. The Highway Commissioner mentioned the Heggs & Normantown Rd project came in \$100,000 less than expected. He also mentioned while working on the state budget he expects the township to see funds coming to the highway department.

9.4 Trustees:

9.4a Trustee Frances

Township - Has been busy getting oriented. Took several training courses offered through the and TOI. She also stated she had been working with new employee Contreras on the environmental committee recently established.

9.4b Trustee Tyson

- Trustee recognized she saw minutes of Special meeting that took place May 22nd 2025 where she was confirmed the Chair of the Senior Committee. She also acknowledged resident Boni's help on the senior committee. Trustee Tyson stated the next meeting is on the 18th of June at Wheatland Salem and AARP will present on fraud prevention. Next month the luncheon will be at Alleluia Luthern church on 104th and Book Rd. This will be the new location going forward for luncheons.

- Assessor made comment about fraud alert system in place through County Recorder. Harry Benton stated that he is working with the State on bringing senior mobile ID spot to Plainfield and would see if he could get it at one the senior committee meetings as well.

9.5 Clerk Jones:

- The Clerk mentioned there were 3 FOIAs and 1 outstanding.

9.6 Tax Collector:

- One casket burial

9.7 Supervisor Crowner:

- Michael mentioned several training courses are coming up. Spoke about timing of budget and why the previous board made the decision to let the new board make the budget which is why it was later than usual. Michael thanked Bill again for getting the Passport designation

- Harry Benton mentioned some of the training he is attending as did Trustee Frances.

- Michael reminded everyone of Budget meeting coming up on June 26th. Next regular meeting is July 10th. Asked if someone could make motion to adjourn.

- Trustee Tyson asked about the projector used and asked if we could find one for the Senior Committee. Michael mentioned the library may have one for use.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Supervisor Crowner motioned to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Tyson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. via voice vote with no objections.

**Next Regular Township Board Meeting:
July 10th, 2025, at 7:30 PM**

Approved by: Terry Jones

Clerk, Wheatland Township