

**Wheatland Township Board of Directors
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 22nd, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Jones at 7:42 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Jones led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board Members: Trustees Klein, Glowiak, & Frances attended the meeting. Trustee Tyson was absent.

Board Officers: Supervisor Crowner, Clerk Jones, & Assessor Katzberg attended the meeting. Tax Collector/Cemetery David Scriven-Young and Highway Commissioner Benton were absent.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Todd Morse, resident, had questions about One Fair Wage Act and pay raises for elected officials that passed during last administration. Additionally, they asked about Pace contract and how many riders use the program.
- Brenda, resident, asked about assessor's office employee raises requested by Assessor.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1. Approval of Resolution 25-02-R Naperville Easement

- Trustee Glowiak motioned to open discussion/approval of the Resolution, Frances seconded the motion.
- Supervisor Crowner explained what the easement resolution was for as well as potential concerns for the project. The resolution was so that he would have the ability to approve the easement should the need arise before the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Essentially giving the Supervisor the ability to approve the Resolution on the Board's behalf.
- All Trustees present approved the Resolution in 4-0 vote (3 Trustees and Supervisor).

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Approval of Ordinance 25-1-O Establishing Advisory Committees

- Trustee Glowiak motioned to open discussion/approval of the Resolution and Trustee Frances seconded the motion.
- Supervisor Crowner explained what Ordinance was for and why/how Committees came about.
- The Resolution was approved by roll call 4-0 (Supervisor and 3 Trustees).

6.4 Approval of Resolution 25-3-R Establishing Bank Signatories

- Trustee Klein motioned to open discussion/approval of Resolution and Trustee Frances seconded the motion.
- Supervisor Crowner explained Resolution purpose and why he recommends Trustee Tyson as Signatory on bank account.
- The Resolution was approved by roll call 4-0 (all Trustees present and Supervisor).

6.5 Approval of Resolution 25-4-R Appointing Deputy Clerk

- Trustee Glowiak motioned to open discussion/approval of the Resolution and Trustee Frances seconded the motion.

- The Resolution was approved by roll call vote 4-0 (Supervisor & all Trustees present).

6.6 Approval of Resolution 25-5-R Appointing Chair of Senior Committee

- Trustee Frances motioned to open discussion/approval of the Resolution and Trustee Glowiak seconded the motion.

- Trustee Tyson was nominated to Chair the Committee as she is currently serving as Committee Chair.

- The Resolution was approved by roll call vote 4-0 (Trustees present & Supervisor).

6.7 Approval of Resolution 25-6-R Appointing Chair of Environmental Committee

- Trustee Glowiak motioned to open discussion/approval of the Resolution and Trustee Klein seconded the motion.

- Trustee Frances was nominated to Chair the Committee.

- The Resolution was approved by roll call vote unanimously 4-0.

6.8 Approval of Resolution 25-7-R Appointing Chair of Mental Health Committee

- Trustee Frances motioned to open discussion/approval of the Resolution and Trustee Klein seconded the motion.

- Trustee Glowiak was nominated to the position of Chair and briefly discussed his excitement for the role and what the Township could do to better lives of our residents.

- The Resolution was approved by roll call vote 4-0.

6.9 Approval of Resolution 25-8-R Resolution in Support of One Fair Wage

- Trustee Frances motioned to open discussion/approval of the Resolution and Trustee Klein seconded the motion.

- Supervisor Crowner discussed the bill's passing in other levels of government and why he thought it was good to show solidarity in the movement.

- The Resolution was approved by roll call vote unanimously.

6.2 Approval of Ordinance 25-2-O Town Budget

- Trustee Glowiak motioned to open discussion/approval of Ordinance and Trustee Klein seconded the motion.

- Supervisor gave a breakdown the budget proposal and asked to move \$20,000 from Town Fund to General Fund to support the growing need of the community for general and emergency assistance.

- Trustee Frances asked if the need was related to a growing need or more awareness of the help available.

- Supervisor addressed Trustee Frances questions by stating it was a little bit of both.

- Assessor Katzberg addressed the board regarding her request for \$330,000 and asked why she hadn't received her request in the budget. Assessor Katzberg added details regarding other Townships and their budgets.

- Supervisor Crowner explained why the budget was amended further adding how comparable Townships stack up and how their departments are set-up versus Wheatland Township.

- Trustee Glowiak asked if bonuses could be handed out later in the year should more revenue come in and if budget allows.

- Supervisor Crowner stated that would be a possibility.

- Trustee Klein seconded Trustee Glowiak's inquiry and Supervisor Crowner's response adding that he would like to see something like this as well if possible.

- Trustee Frances inquired what raises all at once would look like to the budget and how it would affect the Township.

- Assessor Katzberg stated we would never catch up to other Townships at the rate we have given raises and/or bonuses.

- Supervisor Crowner stated the ways the Township could help employees in regard to raises/bonuses should we receive grant money to cover costs of other projects within the Township.

- Trustee Klein asked if those grants would be for Highway projects.

- Supervisor Crowner explained that's what most of the grant money would go towards, but could also be for other Township needs as well.

- Township Administrator Green stated how the approval process for grants work and how they are progressing.

- The Ordinance was approved for hanging by roll call vote 4-0.

6.3 Approval of Ordinance 25-3-O Budget & Appropriation

- Trustee Glowiak motioned to open discussion/approval of Ordinance and Trustee Frances seconded the motion.

- Supervisor Crowner explained what was included in proposed budget.

- Trustee Frances asked what vehicle acquisition was for.

- Supervisor Crowner explained he wasn't 100% sure but that the fleet at the Township was aging so likely for replacement of current equipment.

The Ordinance was approved to post in news publications and hang at the Township by roll call vote 4-0.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Supervisor Crowner motioned to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Frances seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. via voice vote.

**Next Regular Township Board Meeting:
June 12th, 2025, at 7:30 PM**

Approved by: Terry Jones
Clerk, Wheatland Township