

Wheatland Township Board Meeting
Thursday January 8th 2026
7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Michael Crowner at 7:34p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bill Green led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board Members: Trustees Mueller, Glowiak, and Klein were present. Trustee Tyson was absent.

Board Officers: Supervisor Crowner (via Zoom), Assessor Darata, Tax Collector Kopchok, and Clerk Jones present. Highway Commissioner Benton Absent.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 - Approval of December 11, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes

- Michael made a motion to table all minutes on the agenda due to quorum shortfalls. Trustee Glowiak seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present, and Supervisor Crowner voted in favor of the motion.

5.2 - Approval of October 9, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

- See above.

5.3 - Approval of November 13, 2025 – Executive Session Meeting Minutes

- See above.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 - Assessor's Budget Presentation

- Assessor Darata made a budget presentation including the history behind the need for a budget increase. His presentation included a need for a full-time field agent and a part-time one. They are currently behind on assessment of approximately 400 homes that are due to be assessed by June 11, 2026. Without assessment, this will affect homeowners potentially creating a tax bill for part of 2025, 2026, and 2027 in the next year's tax bill, 2028. The assessor would like to add \$339,000 for the additional payroll for the 2 employees he would like to hire, plus pay increases for current employees.

- The Supervisor provided some history on the budgets and how they got into the predicament the Assessor's office is in and asked Bruce Darata to share the budget with the Board proposal. Bruce agreed that he would.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS & CLAIMS

8.1 Town and Road District Funds: Bills and Claims

- Michael asked for a motion to approve bills and claims. Glowiak made a motion to approve, and Klein seconded the motion.
- Tax Collector Kopchok asked for the location of the bills for the Cemetery in the bill summaries report. The location was found and shown to Jim Kopchok.
- Roll Call: Trustees Klein, Mueller, Glowiak, as well as Supervisor Crowner voted to approve the bills. The motion was approved 4-0.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Bill Green Senior Township Administrator

- Bill Green provided details and the total of monies received from Passport applications/pictures since the Township began offering this service.

9.2 Bruce Darata Assessor

- No report.

9.3 Jim Kopchok Tax Collector

- Jim Kopchok talked about the help he has received in his on-boarding to Tax Collector. He stated he has updated the database, and it is in Excel now. He stated he has updated the Cemetery plot maps. He has developed a new accounting system to replace the old carbon copy system of agreements/receipts. Jim stated he has currently 900 interments at the Cemetery and approximately space for 700 more.
- Supervisor Crowner asked how many Cemetery board members there are. Jim stated there were 3 currently, but he is looking for more volunteers for the board. Jim stated they do not have a record of Board Meetings over the past 4 years. He stated he is working to rectify this to meet requirements.
- Jim stated he is also working on developing or purchasing some sort of digital mapping system for the Cemetery.

9.4 Harry Benton Highway Commissioner

- Absent. No report.

9.5 Trustees

- **Trustee Mueller** No report.
- **Trustee Glowiak** stated he has nothing new to report but is keeping an eye on all the Mental Health Committee items. Also, he mentioned he is ok with an appointment to Precinct Committeeperson that he and Michael discussed previously (offline).
- **Trustee Klein** No report.
- **Trustee Tyson** Absent, no report.

9.6 Terry Jones Clerk

- One FOIA and 1 still outstanding.
- Jim asked what FOIAs usually consist of. Terry explained what they usually are and whom they come from.

9.7 Michael Crowner Supervisor

- Michael recently attended the Senior Luncheon (Holiday party) and spoke to the group. He stated that the Seniors were happy to hear about the passports and handicapped placards. He stated the next Senior Luncheon would be in March or April; he wasn't sure though exactly when.

- He mentioned the mental health grant that was recently awarded to the Township and said an employee visited a local school to see how the new Mental Health Committee could work/partner there.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Michael requested a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Glowiak and seconded by Klein.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

11. NEXT MEETING

- Scheduled for February 12th 2026, at 7:30pm

Approved as presented:
