

Wheatland Township Board Meeting
Thursday March 12th 2026
7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Michael Crowner at 7:33p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Michael Crowner led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

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

Board Officers: Supervisor Crowner, Assessor Darata, Tax Collector Kopchok, and Clerk Jones were present. Highway Commissioner Benton was absent.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

* Prior to public comment Supervisor Crowner addressed the recently cancelled special meeting and why it was cancelled *

- Charles Maher spoke to his concerns regarding the cancellation of the special meeting, the reason for the special meeting, the spending of Township funds toward mental health and how they should be redirected to truancy concerns instead.

- Brenda Morse spoke to her concerns regarding the special meeting that was cancelled. She spoke to her concerns about the mental health committee and the transparency of the board.

- Todd Morse spoke to the Clerk directly regarding FOIA requests specifically concerns regarding timeliness of responses.

- Richard Steral commented about concerns related to taxes.

- Resident (name not given or unclear) spoke about concerns surrounding the cancelled meeting March 9th.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 - Approval of February 12, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

- Supervisor Crowner asked for motion to approve minutes. Motion made by Mueller and seconded by Glowiak. Roll Call: the Supervisor and all Trustees present voted in favor of approving the minutes.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 – Approval of Annual Town Meeting Agenda

- Michael requested a motion to approve Agenda for Annual Town meeting. Motion made by Glowiak and seconded by Mueller. Supervisor Crowner described the Agenda to the board and recognized that there were some errors on the Agenda but clarified they would be corrected. Michael made a motion to address the changes in the Agenda. Motion seconded by Trustee Mueller. Roll Call for amendments to Agenda: Supervisor and all Trustees present voted in favor. Roll Call for approval of Agenda: All Trustees present and Supervisor voted in favor of the Agenda.

7.2 – Discussion of FY27 Budget

- Supervisor Crowner spoke to some of the issues addressed in the upcoming Budget including the Assessor's office needs and the Mental Health Committee. Michael noted the Mental Health Committee funding including office space and counselor would come from grants. He stated the Budget would be discussed during the next regular board meeting April 14th 2026.
- Trustee Tyson asked about future money for the Mental Health Committee. Michael explained future money would hopefully come from more grants as they will continue to look for grant opportunities. He explained if the money doesn't come from more grants the board would not need to seek additional leases for space.
- Assessor Darata asked about hiring another employee full time. Michael explained they would talk about that after the meeting to avoid speaking about specific employee names.

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. Mueller made the motion and Glowiak seconded the motion. No comments. Roll call: All Trustees present and Supervisor Crowner voted to approve bills and claims.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Bill Green Senior - Township Administrator

- Bill Green stated Passport applications were going well and that he was even doing them Saturday when the Township office was closed.

9.2 Bruce Darata - Assessor

- Assessor Darata provided information on what the Assessor's office has been working on since last month.
- Michael asked about the status of the assessment backlog and whether they would meet the June Deadline. Bruce stated they would.

9.3 Jim Kopchok - Tax Collector

- Tax Collector Kopchok stated they have had 2 burials and 3 sales since last month. He stated they did \$9600 in revenue last month. There are 3 upcoming burials. Jim stated he has been working with the Highway Dept and getting quotes on how to handle the improvements needed to the roads within the Cemetery. He confirmed they have raised pricing and simplified the price list.

9.4 Harry Benton - Highway Commissioner

- Absent. No written report.

9.5 Trustees

- **Trustee Glowiak** extended apologies for cancellation of meeting March 9th. He thanked Michael for speaking about the Mental Health Committee. Matt stated they are working with several schools in the community including focus groups before school lets out for the year. Glowiak mentioned schools such as JFK, Indian Trail Middle School, Plainfield Academy, and Plainfield East High School. He stated District 202 is conducting a family needs assessment as well. Proposals to the 708 Board for a grant have been submitted. Matt stated there would be a Mental Health Committee Meeting March 18th.
- **Trustee Klein** absent.
- **Trustee Mueller** mentioned she has been letting people know that getting Passports at the Township is available. She mentioned she wants to be a part of the Mental Health Committee.

- **Trustee Tyson** mentioned the Senior committee is meeting the 1st Wednesday of April and the first official meeting is April 15th.

9.6 Terry Jones Clerk

- Three FOIAs since last meeting with 2 open and 1 closed.

9.7 Michael Crowner Supervisor

- Michael reminded folks of Primary election day coming up. Reminded the board of the meeting times April 14th.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Michael requested a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Glowiak and seconded by Mueller.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:12p.m.

11. NEXT MEETING

- Scheduled for April 14th 2026, at 7:30pm or after the Annual Town Meeting is concluded.

Approved as presented:
