

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for March 22, 2022 was held in the Paula Ulreich Meeting Room, in the Township of Wheeling, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Supervisor Penner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Gauza called the roll and the following members were present: Supervisor Kathleen Penner, Trustee Jeanne Hamilton, Trustee Patricia Kozicki, Trustee Joseph Murglin, Trustee Darrel Talken and Clerk Joanna Gauza.

Also in attendance: Wheeling Township Assessor Ken Jochum, Wheeling Township Attorney Kenneth Florey, and Wheeling Township Director of Finance and Administration Regina Stapleton.

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Penner led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #1: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022

Motion by Trustee Hamilton, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Hamilton, Murglin, Kozicki, Talken, Penner
NAYS: None....Motion #1 Carried.

AUDIT

MOTION #2: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #2/25/22, #2/28/22, #3/1/22, #3/10/22, #3/18/22 and #3/22/22 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$188,428.62 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Kozicki, Murglin, Hamilton, Talken, Penner
NAYS: None....Motion #2 Carried.

MOTION #3: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Murglin, to approve batch #2/25/22 and #3/22/22 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$1,958.82 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Kozicki, Murglin, Hamilton, Talken, Penner
NAYS: None....Motion #3 Carried.

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Talken, to approve batch #2/25/22, 3/1/22 and #3/22/22 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$11,981.76 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Kozicki, Talken, Murglin, Hamilton, Penner
NAYS: None....Motion #4 Carried.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None.

OFFICIALS' REPORT

ASSESSOR: Assessor Jochum reported:

- TAX BILLS
- A Board of Review representative has informed us that the second installment of the (2021) tax bills will likely be mailed in December. As a result, taxpayers will pay in January. Then taxpayers, after paying the second installment of the (2021) taxes will immediately receive a bill for the February 1st installment of the (2022) tax bill to be paid by March 2023. In addition to hardship for taxpayers, this could cause a significant funding issue for some taxing bodies.
- APPEALS AND ASSESSMENTS
- There is still no word about when the County Assessor will complete the Wheeling Township assessment hence no information on appeals availability.
- However, the County Assessor's office has informed us that next year's reassessment for the Northern Tri will likely be up 24%-36%. They apparently know this about 2022 taxes before completing the 2021 tax year.
- With upcoming primary election in June, there may be considerable turmoil in both the Cook County Assessor's office and the Board of Review. This may affect the Township's outreach activities with Cook County. Consequently, we are looking into the Township conducting its own outreach events to taxpayers.
- Our performance review for tax year 2019 (Last Tri) is complete. The Wheeling Township Assessor's staff helped Wheeling taxpayers avoid overpayment in

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excess of \$2.8 million dollars. Case success rate was 65%. We should be proud of our excellent staff and their continuing service to our residents.

- EXEMPTIONS: This key form was finally approved and exemptions for Wheeling Township have been filed.
- NEW WHEELING TOWNSHIP HOMEOWNERS: We have begun the process of mailing information packets to new homeowners informing them of the Township Assessor resources.
- OTHER ACTIVITY: Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas has agreed to cosponsor a seminar with officials from Wheeling Township to review her study regarding the impact of debt on property taxes. The initial meeting will focus on municipalities and school boards. Details are being worked on and more information will be provided when available.

Case Activity Summary

	Case Activity 2022			
	Jan	Feb	Mar(mtd)	YTD
Senior Exemption	417	566	607	1590
Home Owners	44	60	74	178
Tax Bill	26	111	39	176
Assessed Value	32	68	43	143
Disability	15	32	32	79
Misc.	89	93	41	223
Total Cases	623	930	836	2389

CLERK’S REPORT: Clerk Gauza reported:

- Clerk Gauza hosted the Clerks’ Dinner Meeting on March 3, for all the Cook County Township Clerks. Administrator Stapleton and Trustee Murglin joined us. It was a great turn out and everyone had a great time.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- All Board members should have received an email to complete the Statement of Economic Interests. We are waiting on further instructions from the Secretary of State on how to complete the new form.
- Reminder: The Annual Town Meeting is on April 12 at 8 pm.
- Statistics for February 2022:
 - 1,411 rides – 579 non-medical, 832 medical
 - 1,067 meals delivered
 - 334 visits to the Food Pantry – 642 people fed

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #5: APPROVAL OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Penner, Kozicki, Murglin, Hamilton, Talken
NAYS: None....Motion #5 Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

2022-23 AGENCY FUNDING DISCUSSION:

Catholic Charities decided not to apply for funding and was not included in the Agency funding. Escorted Transportation funding was kept the same. Faith Community Homes was reduced to \$10,000. Hands on Suburban Chicago was reduced to \$2000. Journeys funding was kept the same. Kindred Life Ministry funding was kept the same. Life Span funding was kept the same. The Mobile Dental Clinic funding was kept at \$35,000. Northwest Compass funding was increased from \$29,000 to \$31,500. Resources for Community Living funding was kept the same. St. Mary had a slight increase of \$1000. Access to Care funding was raised to \$18,000 because it is used a lot. No new agencies were added for funding.

Alexian Brothers funding will increase to \$100,000 to help meet mental health needs. The township will also contact Northwest Community Behavioral Health to consider if can work with them. Avenues to Independence funding was increased \$2,000. Center for Enriched Living funding was increased \$1,000. Clearbrook funding was kept the same. Countryside funding was kept the same. The Jocelynn Center needs to assist AMITA and funding was increased to \$22,000. Those are only changes. In total, the agency budget increased less than \$5,000.

2022-23 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

No further discussion of the 2022-2023 budget.

MOTION #6: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Penner seconded by Trustee Talken to adjourn.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes....Motion #6 Carried.

The meeting for Tuesday, March 22, 2022, was declared adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk