

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, for April 27, 2021 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 Ken Jochum, Trustee Patricia Kozicki, Trustee Ruth O'Connell, Trustee JoAnne Schultz, and Clerk Joanna Gauza.

Also in attendance: Wheeling Township Assessor Jerry Sadler, 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.

2021-22 TOWN AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET ORDINANCE

No members of the public wished to comment on the Town and General Assistance Budget.

MOTION #1: TO CLOSE TOWN AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Schultz, to close the Town and General Assistance public hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Penner, Schultz, Kozicki, O'Connell, Jochum
NAYS: None....Motion #1 Carried.

2021-22 ROAD MANAGEMENT BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

No members of the public wished to comment on the Road Management Budget.

MOTION #2: TO CLOSE ROAD MANAGEMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Schultz, to close the Road Management public hearing.

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ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Penner, Schultz, Kozicki, O'Connell, Jochum
NAYS: None....Motion #2 Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 23, 2021

Motion by Trustee Jochum, seconded by Trustee Kozicki, to approve the minutes of March 23, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Jochum, Kozicki, Schultz, O'Connell, Penner
NAYS: None....Motion #1 Carried.

AUDIT

MOTION #4: AUDIT FOR TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Schultz, to approve batch #3/31/21, #4/08/21, #4/16/21, #4/21/21 and #4/27/21 against the Town Fund in the amount of \$139,162.53 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Kozicki, Schultz, Jochum, O'Connell, Penner
NAYS: None....Motion #4 Carried.

MOTION #5: AUDIT FOR CEMETERY FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee O'Connell, to approve batch #042721 against the Cemetery Fund, in the amount of \$300.00 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Kozicki, O'Connell, Jochum, Schultz, Penner
NAYS: None....Motion #5 Carried.

MOTION #6: AUDIT FOR ROAD MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Trustee Kozicki, seconded by Trustee Jochum, to approve batch #3/31/21, #4/22/21 and #4/27/21 against the Road Management Fund, in the amount of \$4,981.66 to be paid.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Kozicki, Jochum, O'Connell, Schultz, Penner
NAYS: None....Motion #6 Carried.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None.

OFFICIALS' REPORT

ASSESSOR: Assessor Sadler reported:

- **EXEMPTIONS**
- The deadline to file online exemptions was extended to April 19th. The online process is now closed; however, we can email the applications through our usual procedures to the County until we are notified of a cutoff date. This will ensure the exemption is on the 2nd installment tax bill. We entered about 150 exemptions through DocuSign for taxpayers who don't have access to a computer or had difficulty with the electronic application.
- Most 2020 exemptions automatically renewed, including the Senior Freeze, Persons with Disabilities and Veterans with Disabilities. The regular Senior began an automatic renewal last year. The County made this decision to minimize COVID exposure to seniors and those with disabilities. This auto-renewal is only for this year. 2021 tax year will require a renewal.
- **COOK COUNTY TREASURER**
- 2020 first installment tax bills were mailed February 1st. and due by May 3rd with no penalty. There is a possibility the 2nd installment bill may be delayed a month; this has not been confirmed.
- **COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR**
- The 2021 appeal schedule has been posted on the Assessor's website for April and May. Wheeling township date is to be determined. We are on track to be one of the last townships to open.
- **STATISTICS**
- Phone calls: 524 Office visits: 206 Exemptions: 343

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Stapleton reported:

- Swearing-In Ceremony of the Wheeling Township's Officials is Monday May, 17 at 8:00 PM. All the Elected Officials need to be sworn in.
- We are excited to have Tom Anderson back to work on May 3. The to-do lists are endless.
- Van 46 was retired by PACE last week. We received a new van today under the same program where PACE pays for the maintenance of the van. Jeff Dillon, the bus driver, is thrilled!
- Wheeling Township is seeing increase in people seeking straight General Assistance.
- Statistics for March 2021:
1,274 rides-422dial-a-ride, 852 medical
1,314 meals delivered
321 visits to the Food Pantry-624 people fed

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #7: APPROVAL OF VETERANS DAY AS AN ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY FOR STAFF

Motion by Trustee Jochum, seconded by Trustee O'Connell to approve the Veterans Day as an Additional Holiday for Staff.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Jochum, O'Connell, Schultz, Kozicki, Penner
NAYS: None....Motion #7 Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION #8: ADOPT 2021-22 TOWN AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 2021-01

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki, to adopt 2021-22 Town and General Assistance Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-01.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Penner, Kozicki, Schultz, O'Connell, Jochum
NAYS: None....Motion #8 Carried.

MOTION #9: ADOPT 2021-22 ROAD MANAGEMENT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 2021-02

Motion by Trustee Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Kozicki, to adopt 2021-22 Road Management Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-02.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Jochum, Kozicki, Schultz, O'Connell, Penner
NAYS: None....Motion #9 carried.

MOTION #10: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Penner, seconded by Trustee Jochum to adjourn.

VOICE CALL VOTE: All Ayes....Motion #10 Carried.

The meeting for Tuesday, April 27, 2021, was declared adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next scheduled regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk