

WHEELING TOWNSHIP ANNUAL REPORTS



MARCH 1, 2025-FEBRUARY 28, 2026

WHEELING TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

1616 N. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60004

PAULA ULREICH MEETING ROOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026
7:00 P.M.

ZOOM LINK:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

IV. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. 2025-2026

V. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

VI. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 8, 2025

VII. OFFICIALS' REPORTS

- A. Clerk
- B. Assessor
- C. Trustee Grainawi

D. Supervisor Zeller Brauer

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Set Time of 2027 Annual Town Meeting**
- B. Authorize Social Services Funding**
- C. Authorize the Township Board to Purchase Liability Insurance**
- D. Delegate Authority to the Township Board to Purchase, Sell, or Lease Property**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

21,561

Rides provided to Seniors and Disabled

290

Disabled Persons and Veterans Exemptions Filed

435

Residents' Taxes filed by AARP Tax-Aide Volunteers

161

New Voters Registered

420

Families Fed at Thanksgiving

762

Residents Received Medicare & Benefit Access Counseling

195

Temporary Handicap Placards Provided

132

Families Adopted at Christmas

304

Home Delivered Meals Program Volunteers

13,691

Residents fed via Food Pantry; 3,377 were children, 6,088 were Senior Citizens

600

Senior Exemptions Filed

83

Reduced Fare RTA Applications Filed

16

SNAP Applications Processed

102,556

Pounds of Food Received From the Greater Chicago Food Depository

45

Visually Impaired Support Group (VIP) Members

78

Eligible Resident Visits to Mobile Dental Clinic

2,676

Property Tax Exemptions Filed

1,414

Senior Freeze Exemptions filed

11,470

Meals delivered to Homebound Seniors and Disabled Residents through Home Delivered Meal Program

989

TRIP Rides provided to Medical Appointments across Township lines

3,536

Property Tax Appeals Filed

332

Volunteers for Senior & Disability Services

6,558

Number of visits Residents made to Food Pantry

738

LIHEAP Applications Processed

5,641

Volunteer hours Donated in Food Pantry

10

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group Members



2025-2026 STATS

WHEELING TOWNSHIP
 ANNUAL REPORT OF REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
 February 28, 2026

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF COOK)

**WHEELING TOWNSHIP
 OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
TOWN FUND**

I, MARIA ZELLER BRAUER, Treasurer of the Town Fund for the Township and said county aforesaid, State of Illinois, being first duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement by me is a correct statement of the amount of funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year above stated; the amount of funds received; the sources from which received; and the amount expended and to whom expended as set forth in said statement.



 Maria Zeller Brauer, Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to me the 28th day of March, 2026



 Joanna M. Gauza, Clerk

FUND BALANCE, March 1, 2025	\$	4,208,917.75
REVENUES		
Property Taxes	\$ 2,026,405.28	
Personal Property Replacement Tax	125,688.03	
Interest Earned	115,195.60	
Room Rental	760.00	
Bus Donations	34,466.50	
Donations	1,200.00	
Tenant Reimbursements-Utilities	4,968.20	
Tenant Reimbursements-Bldg. Maintenance	20,453.67	
Tenant Reimbursements-Property Insurance	2,365.97	
Grants	2,787.33	
Miscellaneous Income	91.70	
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 \$	 2,334,382.28
DISBURSEMENTS-details attached		(3,091,269.34)
 FUND BALANCE, February 28, 2026	 \$	 <u>3,452,030.69</u>

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TOWN FUND

RECAP OF CASH

Sweep Account, Village Bank & Trust	\$	170,162.97
Checking Account, Village Bank & Trust		5,344.00
Huntington MMAX Money Market		827,239.74
Certificate of Deposit, Village Bank & Trust		500,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, Village Bank & Trust		617,528.83
MAXSAFE Certificate of Deposit Village Bank & Trust		319,727.65
Money Market, Busey Bank		623,299.12
Certificate of Deposit, Busey Bank		394,314.93
Money Market, Village Bank & Trust, MAXSAFE		28,120.15
Petty Cash		25.00
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	\$	3,485,762.39
2025-26 Accounts Payable		(33,731.70)
FUND BALANCE, February 28, 2026	\$	<u>3,452,030.69</u>

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TOWN FUND
DISBURSEMENTS BY VENDOR

AB Sanchez, Inc.	\$	7,250.00
Access to Care		18,000.00
Ace Hardware Stores		91.31
ACMHAI		500.00
ADP		3,067.24
Allegra Marketing Print & Mail		2,487.00
Amruss Inc. Home Improvement		754.30
Arlington Heights Ford		5,147.29
Ascension		145,433.33
ATA Group, LLP		19,100.00
Avenues to Independence		35,000.00
Benny's Service Center		629.00
Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies		115,368.06
Best Bus Sales		143.10
Bill's Auto & Truck Repair		17,459.96
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois		184,034.34
Bond Conway Law Firm LTD		11,040.00
Bradish Associates		16,229.00
Center for Enriched Living		15,000.00
Center of Concern		5,000.00
Chamber of Commerce-Arlington Heights		360.00
Chamber of Commerce-BG/L:incolnshire		275.00
Children's Advocacy Center		12,000.00
Cintas		2,069.45
Clarity Technology Group, Inc.		31,511.08
Clearbrook		100,000.00
Colley Elevator Company		3,627.00
Comcast		2,555.54
ComEd		16,680.94
Compsych Corporation		2,300.00
Connections to Care		18,500.00
Cook County Township Assessors' Association		475.00
Page Sub-Total	\$	792,087.94

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TOWN FUND
DISBURSEMENTS BY VENDOR

Darin Hilliard	\$	140.00
Director Employment Security		4,570.99
Door Systems		464.00
Ecolane USA, Inc.		49,340.00
FamilyForward		10,000.00
First Bankcard		25,158.25
Fox Valley Fire & Safety		2,046.80
Gambino Landscaping & Brick Paving, Inc.		2,565.00
Garvey's Office Products		9,199.25
Gen Digital, Inc.		1,856.14
Great American Electric, Inc.		687.00
GreatAmerica Financial Svcs.		6,549.54
Greater Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce		300.00
Groot		8,333.69
HandsOn Suburban Chicago		4,000.00
Harbour		1,999.98
HCCA		1,169.00
Helga Genders		45.41
Hillside Service		575.00
Hombre Darby		174.23
Ibbotson Heating Company		3,080.00
Illinois Public Risk Fund		10,874.00
IMRF		74,652.62
International Fire Equip. Corp.		828.86
ITSSA		75.00
J & R Lock & Safe, Inc.		543.00
J & S Plumbing, Inc.		2,185.00
Joanna Gauza		14.29
John Geier		40.66
Journal & Topics		54.00
JOURNEYS The Road Home		20,000.00
Julia Lipka		721.34
KAN-WIN		3,000.00
Karin Frisk		136.60
Katherine Ferguson		129.54
Kathy Lewiston		35.70
Page Sub-Total	\$	245,544.89

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DISBURSEMENTS BY VENDOR

Ken Jochum	\$	1,415.03
Kenneth Young Center		20,000.00
Kim Saunchgrow		187.09
Kindred Life Ministries		7,000.00
Life Span		15,300.00
Linda Lahey		655.20
Little City Foundation		30,000.00
Lutheran Home and Services		4,715.50
Maria Zeller Brauer		344.11
MetLife-Group Benefits		11,826.61
Metropolitan Township Association		3,000.00
Michael Sprague		166.80
Midcity Plumbing, Inc.		2,000.00
Next Day Plus		1,078.55
NICOR		4,385.08
Northwest Comm. Hospital		1,546.00
Northwest Community Hospital Foundation		35,000.00
Northwest Compass-Housing		37,000.00
OMFM		18,442.00
Omni Youth Services		153,000.00
P.F. Pettibone & Co.		337.15
Pace Van Pool		7,200.00
Paddock Publications Inc.		863.10
Payroll Account		1,177,905.70
Perfekt Cleaning LLC		37,250.00
Pete Feyerherd		550.00
Premier Vending Inc.		1,540.61
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. & Quadient Inc.		2,169.31
R & B Body		1,230.50
Raupp Fency Company		175.00
Regina Stapleton		760.73
Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lift		16,280.90
Robert Saflarski		142.80
Rose Pest Solutions		508.00
Roy's Tree Service		1,650.00
Safeguard Bus. Sys., Inc.		800.04
Schwaab, INC		114.00
Search Inc.		7,500.00

Page Sub-Total

\$

1,604,039.81

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DISBURSEMENTS BY VENDOR

Selective Insurance Company of America	\$	98,769.00
Sentry Security Inc.		489.78
Service Master Restore		2,100.00
Shelter, Inc.		36,000.00
Sidwell Company		220.00
Stephen Bertok		140.00
Submittable Holdings, Inc.		12,910.00
Sweet Services		850.50
Sylvia's Flowers		135.88
The Davey Tree Expert Company		866.00
The Hanover Insurance Group		1,572.00
The Josselyn Center		25,000.00
Township Clerks Association of Cook County		250.00
Township Clerks of Illinois		30.00
Township Officials of Cook County		2,000.00
Township Officials of Illinois		1,603.04
Township Supervisors of Illinois		30.00
Tru Green		550.15
U.S. Postal Service (Neopost)		2,024.64
VERIFY		360.00
Verizon Wireless		6,342.05
Vestis		744.45
Vian Construction Co., Inc.		15,000.00
Vicarious Productions		12,000.00
Village Bank & Trust		92,606.20
Village of Arlington Heights		33,296.12
Village of Arlington Hts-Water		1,727.30
Village of Mount Prospect		1,487.72
Warehouse Direct		5,220.00
Wheeling Auto		6,510.74
Wheeling Township Report, Inc.		82,761.13
WINGS		6,000.00
Page Sub-Total	\$	449,596.70
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$	<u>3,091,269.34</u>

WHEELING TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT OF REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS
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CEMETERY FUND

RECAP OF CASH

Checking Account, Village Bank and Trust, Arlington Heights, IL	\$ 12,048.40
2025-26 Accounts Payables	(920.00)
CASH BALANCE, February 28, 2026	<u>\$ 11,128.40</u>

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CEMETERY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY VENDOR

AB Sanchez	\$ 4,600.00
Brothers Landscaping	8,600.00
Cemetery Management, Inc.	500.00
CMAS	900.00
Director of Employment Security	12.89
Illinois Public Risk Fund	74.00
J & S Plumbing	180.00
Jonathan Friedrichs	250.00
Kolssak, Jon	500.00
Philip Flores, Jr.	500.00
Roy's Tree Service	3,250.00
Tru Green	3,575.77
Village Bank and Trust	102.90
Wheeling Township Payroll Fund	1,250.00
Wheeling Township Town Fund	656.81

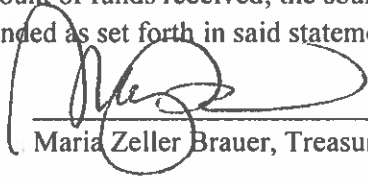
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$ 24,952.37**

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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 COUNTY OF COOK)

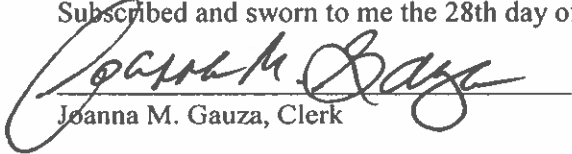
**WHEELING TOWNSHIP
 OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
WHEELING TOWNSHIP REPORT, INC.**

I, MARIA ZELLER BRAUER, Officer of the Wheeling Township Report, Inc., a 501 c (3) not-for-profit organization, for the Town and County aforesaid, State of Illinois, being first duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement by me is a correct statement of the amount of funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year above stated; the amount of funds received; the sources from which received; and the amount expended and to whom expended as set forth in said statement.



 Maria Zeller Brauer, Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to me the 28th day of March, 2026



 Joanna M. Gauza, Clerk

FUND BALANCE, March 1, 2025		\$ 5.40
REVENUE		
Wheeling Township Town Fund	\$ 82,761.13	
		\$ 82,766.53
DISBURSEMENTS		
Visualedge Creative/Production	\$ 59,473.13	
The Mailhouse/Postage	22,328.00	
Secretary of State	10.00	
ATA Group, LLP	950.00	
		\$ (82,761.13)
FUND BALANCE, February 28, 2026		<u>\$ 5.40</u>

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REPORT FUND INC.

RECAP OF CASH

Checking Account, Village Bank and Trust	\$ 5.40
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CASH BALANCE, February 28, 2026	<u>\$ 5.40</u>
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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 COUNTY OF COOK)

**WHEELING TOWNSHIP
 OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND**

I, MARIA ZELLER BRAUER, Treasurer of the General Assistance fund for the Township and County aforesaid, State of Illinois, being first duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement by me is a correct statement of the amount of funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year above stated; the amount of funds received; the sources for which received; and the amount expended and to whom expended as set forth in said statement.



 Maria Zeller Brauer, Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to me the 28th day of March, 2026



 Joanna M. Gauza, Clerk

CASH BALANCE, March 1, 2025		\$ 1,053,473.18
REVENUE		
Property Taxes	\$ 326,808.16	
Interest Earned	30,221.37	
LIHEAP Processing Income	14,474.00	
SSI Reimbursements	19,446.37	
		\$ 390,949.90
 DISBURSEMENTS-Detail Attached		 (432,518.73)
 CASH BALANCE, February 28, 2026		 <u>\$ 1,011,904.35</u>

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GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

RECAP OF CASH

Certificate of Deposit, Village Bank & Trust	\$ 188,562.88
Huntington-MMAX Money Market	368,671.19
MAX SAFE Money Market, Village Bank & Trust	213,741.04
Sweep Account, Village Bank & Trust	233,480.01
Checking Account, Village Bank & Trust	7,449.23
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	\$ 1,011,904.35
CASH BALANCE, February 28, 2026	<u>\$ 1,011,904.35</u>

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GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

ADMINISTRATION

Allegra Marketing Print & Mail	389.25
Allison Galvan	100.80
ATA Group, LLP	1,000.00
Clarity Technology Group, Inc.	5,339.68
Director Employment Security	988.27
Gabriela Aguilera	95.20
Garvey's Office Products	37.39
Great America Financial Services	1,264.03
Illinois Public Risk Fund	222.00
Illinois Township Assoc. of General Assistance	90.00
IMRF	18,800.53
ITAGAC	75.00
Julie Villarreal	1,339.45
MetLife Group Benefits	3,490.31
Nathaniel Posadas	4.20
Next Day Plus	959.05
OMFM	43.00
Payroll Account	256,588.12
Petty Cash	9.80
Regina Stapleton	40.00
Robbins, Schwartz	1,792.50
Safeguard Business Systems	563.50
TOCC Caseworkers Division	48.00
Township Officials of Illinois	75.00
Verify	18.00
Verizon Wireless	293.61
Village Bank & Trust	18,986.77
Warehouse Direct	564.00
Wheeling Twp-Town Fund	<u>29,684.58</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **342,902.04**

Due to the confidential nature of this fund, General Assistance and Emergency Assistance expenditures are reported by budget line item rather than by vendor.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Utilities	\$ 1,216.74
Shelter	35,349.20
Transportation	2,700.00
Personal Essentials	800.00
	\$ 40,065.94

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Shelter	\$ 46,572.12
Utilities	2,128.63
Miscellaneous	850.00
	\$ 49,550.75

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 432,518.73</u>
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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 COUNTY OF COOK)

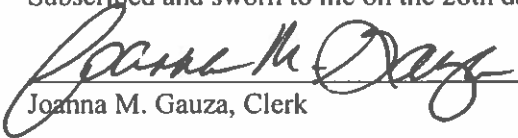
**WHEELING TOWNSHIP
 OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
ROAD MAINTENANCE**

I, MARIA ZELLER BRAUER, Treasurer of the Road Maintenance for the Township and said county aforesaid, State of Illinois, being first duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement by me is a correct statement of the amount of funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year above stated; the amount of funds received; and the amount expended and to whom expended as set forth in said statement.



 Maria Zeller Brauer, Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to me on the 28th day of March, 2026


 Joanna M. Gauza, Clerk

FUND BALANCE, March 1, 2025		\$ 1,070,198.03
REVENUE		
Property Taxes	\$ 791,264.12	
Grants	5,921.52	
Personal Property Replacement Tax	99,136.89	
Interest Earned	32,495.74	
Miscellaneous Income	781.50	
		\$ 929,599.77
DISBURSEMENTS		
Expenditures-detail attached	\$ 142,142.08	
Municipalities Share-PPRT	32,624.46	
		(174,766.54)
FUND BALANCE, February 28, 2026		<u>\$ 1,825,031.26</u>

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ROAD MAINTENANCE

RECAP OF CASH

Sweep Account, Village Bank and Trust	\$ 959,872.22
Checking Account, Village Bank and Trust	5,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, Village Bank and Trust	250,942.97
Certificate of Deposit, Busey Bank	119,073.29
MAX SAFE Money Market, Village Bank and Trust	514,427.86
Petty Cash	25.00
TOTAL CASH	<u>\$ 1,849,341.34</u>
2025-26 Accounts Payable	(23,110.08)
2025-26 Inspection Fee Deposits	(1,200.00)
FUND BALANCE, February 28, 2026	<u>\$ 1,825,031.26</u>

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ROAD MAINTENANCE

DISBURSEMENTS BY VENDOR

ATA Group, LLP	2,000.00
City of Des Plaines	115.99
City of Prospect Heights	910.08
Clarity Technology Group, Inc.	178.00
Commonwealth Edison	225.69
Director-Employment Security	37.68
Great America Financial Services	300.00
Illinois Public Risk Fund	1,965.00
IMRF	1,818.28
Julie, Inc.	2.10
MetLife-Group Benefits	177.60
Northfield Township Road Dist.	63,405.71
Roy's Tree Service	20,805.00
Safeguard Business Systems, Inc.	246.50
Spaceco	20,651.50
Village Bank & Trust	1,832.78
Village of Arlington Heights	12,803.53
Village of Buffalo Grove	901.15
Village of Mt. Prospect	8,297.76
Village of Wheeling	9,595.95
Wheeling Twp-Town Fund	4,221.24
Wheeling Twp Payroll Acct	24,275.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$ 174,766.54**


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STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF COOK)

**WHEELING TOWNSHIP
 OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
WHEELING TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY FUND INC.**

I, MARIA ZELLER BRAUER, Officer of the Wheeling Township Emergency Fund, Inc., a 501 c (3) not-for-profit organization for the Town and County aforesaid, State of Illinois, being first duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement by me is a correct statement of the amount of funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year above stated; the amount of funds received; the sources from which received; and the amount expended and categories expended as set forth in in said statement.



 Maria Zeller Brauer, Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to me the 28th day of March, 2026


 Joanna M. Gauza, Clerk

FUND BALANCE, March 1, 2025 \$ 925,187.83

REVENUES:

Community Cash Donations	\$84,642.16	
Community Cash Donations-Food Pantry	153,955.34	
Community Cash-Adopt-A-Family	3,350.00	
Community Cash-Ready-4-Success	300.00	
Community Cash-Thanksgiving	700.00	
Interest Earned	29,678.09	
		\$272,625.59

Due to the confidential nature of this fund, expenditures are reported by budget line item rather than by vendor.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Adopt-A-Family	\$ 1,236.80	
Personal Essentials	8,799.86	
Shelter	6,200.00	
Transportation	379.07	
Utilities	750.00	
Food Purchased	40,785.82	
Food Pantry Postage	452.23	
Food Pantry Supplies	629.10	
Food Pantry Equipment/Maint	8,630.21	
Food Pantry Travel	30.45	
Thanksgiving Postage	62.16	
Miscellaneous	4,909.94	
		\$ (72,865.64)

FUND BALANCE, February 28, 2026

\$ 1,124,947.78

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EMERGENCY FUND INC.

RECAP OF CASH

Checking Account, Village Bank and Trust, Arlington Heights	\$ 23,464.00
Village Bank & Trust, MAX SAFE Money Market	718,126.32
Village Bank & Trust Money Market	383,357.46
2025-26 Accounts Payable	0.00
CASH BALANCE, February 28, 2026	<u>\$ 1,124,947.78</u>

Wheeling Township
Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER The 173rd Annual Township meeting, held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the Wheeling Township Hall, Paula Ulreich Meeting Room, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois, was called to order by Clerk Joanna Gauza at 8:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Clerk Gauza led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. She then introduced the Wheeling Township Officials and the new Board Members that will start in May.

MEETING PROCEDURES Clerk Gauza asked the audience if Wheeling Township residents had signed the “Voters Affidavit” and if guests had signed in on the official “Guest List”. Upon signing in, each Wheeling Township resident received an official blue card to use when voting on any issue brought up at the meeting. It was also pointed out that agendas, Wheeling Township Officials Reports, and Wheeling Township Annual Reports, including the Financial Reports for 2024-2025, were available in the back of the room.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT Because of State law, the Clerk did not have to read the Wheeling Township Annual Report. A hard copy of the Annual Township Financial Statement as part of the Annual Township Report was available for each elector to review.

NOMINATION OF A MODERATOR Clerk Gauza asked for nominations from the floor, to elect a moderator. A motion was made by Tom Gauza, seconded by Kathy Penner, to nominate Susan Hayes as moderator. Clerk Gauza then asked “Are there any other nominations for moderator?” A motion was made by Maria Zeller Brauer and seconded to nominate Linda Waycie as moderator. A vote was held and Linda Waycie won 19 votes to 9 votes. Clerk Gauza sworn Linda Waycie in as the moderator. Linda Waycie then led the meeting.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 9, 2024; APRIL 11, 2023; and APRIL 12, 2022

A motion and a second was made. The motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting Minutes passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS were presented at this time. Moderator Waycie asked for presentation of three resolutions.

RESOLUTION 2025-02 SETTING THE TIME OF THE NEXT ANNUAL TOWN

MEETING A resolution was read by Patty Kozicki and seconded to set the time for the next annual town meeting, as follows: “It is hereby resolved and ordered by the electors present at the Annual Town Meeting of Wheeling Township held this 8th day of April, 2025, that the time of the next Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of April, 2026, at 8:00 p.m., at a place to be designated by the Wheeling Township Board of Trustees.”

A motion was then made by John Geier to amend the start time of the next Town Meeting to 7 pm. The motion was seconded by Denice Dirkes. The electors passed the motion to amend the start time. The motion as amended with a start time of 7:00 pm was then passed.

The next resolution brought before the electors for approval was for the Township to provide social services.

RESOLUTION 2025-03 TO FUND SOCIAL SERVICES: A resolution was read by Ken Jochum and seconded stating: “Whereas, the electors assembled at this Year 2025 Annual Town Meeting of Wheeling Township believe it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents that the Township contract with for-profit, not-for-profit or non-sectarian organizations to provide services for children, teens, seniors, disabled and low-income families. Now therefore, be it hereby resolved, by the electors present at this Annual Town Meeting of Wheeling Township that the Wheeling Township Board of Trustees is authorized to contract with for-profit, not-for-profit, or non-sectarian organizations to provide funds for services for children, teens, seniors, disabled and low-income families during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.”

The resolution includes funding for mental health services.

VOICE VOTE TO PASS RESOLUTION 2025-03. A voice vote was held to adopt the Resolution 2025-03 as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Moderator Waycie then asked for a resolution to be brought before the electors authorizing the board to purchase liability insurance.

RESOLUTION 2025-04 TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

A resolution was read by Tom Gauza and seconded which stated: “Whereas, the electors are empowered under 60 ILCS 1/30-42, as amended, to provide for the purchase of insurance, any loss or liability of any officer, employee or agent of the Township resulting from any wrongful

or negligent act of any such officer, employee or agent while discharging against or engaging in his duties and functions and acting within the scope of his duties and functions as an officer, employee or agent of the Township; and whereas, it is in the best interests of the Township to provide for such insurance; it is, therefore, resolved by the electors assembled at an Annual Meeting as follows:

1. That the Township Board is authorized to purchase insurance against any loss or liability of any officer, employee or agent of the Township resulting from the wrongful or negligent act of any such officer, employee or agent while discharging or engaging in his duties and functions as an officer, employee or agent of the Township.
2. That the term “insurance” herein shall include traditional insurance policies and programs as well as any self-administered insurance funds, risk management associations, risk retention groups, which are in the nature of insurance and provide for the protection anticipated herein.
3. That this resolution shall not be construed to limit any of the Township Board’s powers under 745 ILS 10/9-101, et seq.
4. That this resolution shall remain in full force and effect unless and until modified amended or repealed at a subsequent Annual or Special Meeting of electors.”

VOICE VOTE TO PASS RESOLUTION 2025-04. A voice vote was held to adopt Resolution 2025-04. The Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN A motion was made by Jean Hamilton and seconded by Ken Jochum to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Moderator Waycie thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Joanna M. Gauza

Wheeling Township Clerk

Linda Waycie

Moderator



Supervisor's Report **2025 - 2026**

As Township Supervisor, it is truly an honor to serve such a caring and committed community. I am deeply proud of our Township staff, who show up every day with compassion, professionalism, and a genuine desire to help others. Over the past year, I have seen and heard powerful stories of residents facing challenges, and I see our staff consistently rise to meet those needs with empathy and determination. Their dedication is a true reflection of what "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" means in Wheeling Township.

That spirit extends far beyond our offices. In addition to the many programs and services available to residents, Wheeling Township is blessed with community members who generously give their time, resources, and talents to help others. We simply could not do this work without our volunteers for the Food Pantry, Home-Delivered Meal Program, Medicare (SHIP) counseling, and so many other initiatives. Throughout the year, donations of all kinds – financial gifts, gift cards, and food and household items – pour in for the Food Pantry and the Wheeling Township Emergency Fund. During the holidays, that generosity is especially visible, from Thanksgiving baskets filled with all the trimmings to beautifully wrapped gifts for our Adopt-A-Family program. The kindness and goodwill shown by this community are both humbling and inspiring.

Wheeling Township is a place where people look out for one another, and I am grateful to be part of it. What follows is an overview of the many services and programs provided to our residents during Fiscal Year 2025–2026.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Like all Townships, Wheeling Township is mandated by state law to provide General Assistance, a program that aids those experiencing financial hardship who do not qualify for other state or federal cash assistance programs. State Statutes require Townships to levy taxes to provide monthly allotments to those that qualify for aid such as shelter, food, utilities, transportation and personal essentials. Recipients are thoroughly screened by staff and also referred to other programs. Those who are able, are also required to search for employment.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Emergency Assistance is available to qualified individuals and families facing life-threatening emergencies (once every 18 months). Applicants must be residents of Wheeling Township and meet financial and non-financial eligibility requirements.

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

The Mobile Dental Clinic is the award-winning program that is a partnership between Northwest Community Healthcare and Elk Grove, Palatine, Schaumburg, and Wheeling Townships. The clinic provides basic dental care to qualified individuals and is staffed by a paid dentist and manager, as well as volunteer dentists and hygienists. The General Assistance staff of each Township qualifies their residents for service.

- 2026 – 2026: 78 eligible Wheeling Township resident visits to the Mobile Dental Clinic

LIHEAP

Wheeling Township is a LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) intake site for energy services. Grant funds are provided through CEDA and are used to pay energy bills for income-eligible households. The General Assistance staff completes all applications; a cash stipend is received by the Township for each application approved. Until CEDA notifies us that funds are/were exhausted, staff completed PIPP (Percentage of Income Payment Plan - renewals only), Weatherization, and furnace applications for eligible clients as well.

- 2025 – 2026: 738 LIHEAP applications processed

WHEELING TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY FUND, INC. [a 501(c)(3) Not-For-Profit Organization]

The Wheeling Township Emergency Fund, Inc. operates the Food Pantry, which is operated under the 'Client Choice' model. This respectful and dignified method of shopping provides clients with the opportunity to choose products they will enjoy and eat. Donations are received from generous individuals, organizations, religious organizations, and corporations; all food is donated or purchased with donated funds. The other important component of this very successful operation is the amazing team of volunteers. We are extremely grateful to all. 102,556 pounds of food were received from Greater Chicago Food Depository.

- 2025 – 2026: 6,558 visits by residents to the Food Pantry
 - 13,691 residents fed
 - 3,377 were children under 18
 - 6,088 residents fed were seniors over 60

In addition to the Food Pantry, the Wheeling Township Emergency Fund, Inc., can offer financial assistance once every 18 months to residents who do not qualify for other programs. Additionally, the Wheeling Township Emergency Fund, Inc., also supplements our seasonal giving campaigns. All monies in this fund are donated: *no tax dollars are used for these programs.* We gratefully accept donations of food, gift cards, school supplies, and monetary gifts from hundreds of donors, many of whom make donations on a regular basis.

THANKSGIVING BASKET PROGRAM. A holiday meal is provided to lower income families who qualify. We are very grateful to all the residents, businesses, religious organizations and community groups who donated everything from rolls and stuffing to potatoes and dessert. Hundreds of donated gift cards and frozen turkeys were also distributed.

- Thanksgiving 2025: 420 baskets were distributed

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM. This annual holiday program is a wonderful reminder of how important it is to give back, and hundreds of residents, businesses, religious organizations, and community groups helped make it special for our low-income residents. We remain grateful for the hundreds of gift cards donated to qualifying families. Numerous residents donated new and handmade hats, gloves, and scarves, which were distributed. All children were offered new books donated by the Arlington Heights Memorial Library staff and a craft project donated by the Indian Trails Library.

- Adopt-A-Family 2025: 123 families with a total of 340 children] received donated gifts and other items

SENIOR & DISABILITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

TRANSPORTATION

Wheeling Township considers transportation for our senior citizens and disabled residents to be a premier program, and staff is always seeking ways to strengthen and improve the service. To meet the continually growing need for transportation, especially to and from medical appointments and grocery stores, Wheeling Township employs a Transportation Coordinator, 13 drivers, and maintains a fleet of 8 buses – two of which are Township-owned and six which are leased from PACE. At the very end of the fiscal year, Wheeling Township's Transportation Department transitioned from manual ride scheduling to a fully integrated transportation scheduling software program called Ecolane.

- 2025 – 2026 21,561 rides were provided to seniors and disabled residents

TRIP – Township Riders Initiative Program

TRIP is a collaboration between PACE and five Townships – Elk Grove, Hanover, Palatine, Schaumburg, and Wheeling. These Townships provide transportation within their boundaries but there is a great need for medical transportation outside those boundaries. The state of Illinois provides funds for this purpose and TRIP is a line item in the PACE budget. Townships qualify riders, take applications, and make reservations for rides. PACE contracts with a third party to provide the rides. The Township Supervisors make up the voting TRIP Board and attend triannual meetings to establish guidelines and policy.

- 2025 - 2026: 989 rides were provided to Wheeling Township residents across Township lines

HOME DELIVERED MEAL PROGRAM

Freshly prepared meals were delivered to homebound Wheeling Township senior citizens and those with permanent disabilities (over the age of 18). The meals are prepared by the Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights and delivered to residents by volunteers. There are 25 churches and 300+ volunteers who assisted with delivery throughout the year.

While the key focus of this program is ensuring that our residents receive nutritious meals, it also provides isolated residents with some interpersonal contact through the volunteer. Residents who qualify pay a nominal fee for the meals. All administrative costs are provided by the Township.

- 2025 – 2026: 11,470 fresh meals were delivered by volunteers to clients

SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program)

Highly trained, skilled SHIP Counselors assist residents with Medicare, Medicare advocacy and Benefit Access. Trained by the Illinois Department on Aging, SHIP volunteers cannot be affiliated with any insurance company, nor do they sell or solicit any type of insurance. Our six SHIP Counselors provide services throughout the year, but are especially busy during the annual Open Enrollment period of October 15 – December 7.

- 2025 – 2026: 762 residents received Medicare and/or Benefit Access counseling and assistance

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

We collaborate with many organizations and other service providers to offer informative and interesting monthly programming to support and assist those dealing with the complicated process of caregiving to loved ones with Alzheimer's disease. This group was founded in 2014 and has a core membership of 12, with an average of 6 - 10 attending every meeting. Meetings are held on Zoom.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP

This inspiring support group has over 40 active members who participate in planned programs and share personal experiences, concerns, and knowledge regarding vision loss. Many also participate in an audio-based book club for VIP members. This support group has been going strong since 2000, and continues to meet successfully on Zoom, with several in-person annual gatherings. Average monthly attendance is 20 – 30.

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

An active group of community residents serves as Senior Advisory Board members. Their role is to advise the Director of Senior & Disability Services about issues that are pertinent to senior citizens in Wheeling Township. They are responsible for suggesting the educational and outreach programs the Township offers such as Senior Scenes monthly presentations and the Generation2Generation inter-generational communication program between Wheeling Township, Wheeling High School and the residents of Bella Terra nursing home.

OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Wheeling Township continues to sponsor its annual donation drive for Operation Support Our Troops America, Inc., a local non-profit organization which provides 'Comfort & Care Packages' for active military personnel stationed around the globe. Very successful donation drive in 2025, with 2,370 pounds of personal hygiene items, snacks, socks and other fun treats. Residents also generously donated \$5,000 to the organization and over 2,000 hand-made cards or hand-drawn pictures for the troops' care packages.

HANDICAPPED PLACARDS AND REDUCED RATE RTA PASSES

Wheeling Township provides residents with 3-month temporary handicapped placards upon receipt of a signed form from their doctor. Permanent placards are obtained from the state. We are also a site where residents over 65 can apply for a reduced rate RTA pass, which provides them with lower cost public transportation on local buses and trains.

- 2025 – 2026: 195 three-month temporary handicapped placards were provided to residents
83 residents applied for the reduced rate RTA pass

ROAD MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Since January 1, 2017, the maintenance of the approximately five miles of unincorporated roads within Wheeling Township is the responsibility of the Township Board of Trustees. Township staff, under the direction of the Board, contracts for all needed services. We have outsourced the permitting process and capital improvements to Spaceco Inc. as of February 2025.

FUNDED AGENCIES

Wheeling Township partners with not-for-profit agencies that provide human care services on a sliding scale payment basis to residents. Programs the Township funded cover such areas of importance as: mental health counseling and services, emergency housing, youth services, substance abuse counseling, residential and vocational services for developmentally and physically disabled individuals, primary dental and medical care, senior services, etc. The Wheeling Township Funding Committee, comprised of volunteers who are Township residents, assists the Board with grant decisions by scrutinizing agency applications and making recommendations for funding.

I am deeply grateful to the Wheeling Township team of elected officials, professional staff, and dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to serve our residents with care, respect, and fiscal responsibility. Together, we provide high-quality services while being thoughtful stewards of public resources, strengthened by meaningful partnerships with agencies, neighboring townships, local governments, schools, faith communities, hospitals, and a remarkable network of generous donors.

This is the heart of Wheeling Township, neighbors supporting one another and working together for the common good. I am sincerely thankful to be part of such an extraordinary community.

With gratitude and commitment,
Maria Zeller Brauer
Township Supervisor

CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

As the Clerk of Wheeling Township, it is my honor to present this report. Thank you for all of your support throughout the year. The Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:30 p.m. and offers the following services:

VOTER REGISTRATION

Registering to vote allows you to participate in the electoral process and gives you the power to decide who will serve in elective office. Voter registration is available to suburban Cook County residents who are at least 18 years of age on or before the next Election Day and are an United States citizen. A citizen who is 17 years of age, but will be 18 years old by Election Day can register. Anyone wishing to register at the Township needs to bring two forms of identification, one a government ID such as a driver's license or state I.D. plus a utility bill or other document with your current address. Once you have registered, there is no need to re-register for any election unless you move or change your name. Also, the State of Illinois offers automatic registration when a person obtains a government ID or service.

Another way to register to vote is to go online to "cookcountyclerkil.com". Finally, you can register to vote in – person during early voting or on Election Day.

ELECTION INFORMATION SERVICES

The Clerk's Office provides Election information to residents about current polling places, voter status, precinct information and elected officials. Notary services are also available at no cost during business hours.

MAINTAINS AND RESPONDS TO REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

The Clerk's Office maintains all official government records for the Township, including Minutes of Board meetings, General Assistance applications, contract bids, financial reports, social service agency applications for funding, funding records and audit records. The Clerk's Office also ensures compliance with laws and regulations such as filing of Statement of Economic Interest reports, and any other required filings. Many of these records are made available on the Township website. Any person interested in obtaining information from Wheeling Township under the Freedom of Information Act, may do so by filling out a request form or by emailing us.

SPECIAL THANKS

In closing, a big thanks to our dedicated staff members Linda Hallett and Eva Guajardo for helping provide these services throughout the year. Finally, a special thanks to our Deputy Clerk Regina Stapleton who is also our Wheeling Township Director of Finance and Administration.

Joanna M. Gauza
Wheeling Township Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT
WHEELING TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
KEN JOCHUM

In suburban Cook County, Township Assessors are taxpayer advocates who assist taxpayers in understanding their rights and obligations in a complicated property tax environment.

The purpose of our office is to INFORM the taxpayer by providing information regarding the property tax process. We NAVIGATE by assisting taxpayers in dealing with various agencies involved in property taxes. We ADVOCATE by providing guidance in property tax appeals, including providing comparables as well as assistance in filing appeals. Finally, we EMPOWER the taxpayer who wishes to interact with the taxing bodies which their taxes support.

HOW DO WE LOOK AS A TOWNSHIP

In support of the assessed value in our Township, our office has reviewed and processed permits valued in excess of \$336 million, of which we estimate approximately \$80 to \$ 90 million will be assessed value, which may impact the Township's equalized assessed value.

SERVICES PROVIDED

During Tax Year 2025 we handled the following:

APPEALS:

Cook County Assessor 1,919 appeals

Cook County Board of Review 1,617 appeals

TOTAL APPEALS 3,536

In order to provide service to a larger group of taxpayers in an efficient manor we established a process whereby the taxpayer only has to contact our office once and we can assist with appeals at both venues. This process saved a second trip to our office for the taxpayer and allowed our office to efficiently handle a higher volume of appeals.

SENIOR FREEZE 1,414 exemptions valued at \$1,414,000.

SENIOR EXEMPTIONS 600 exemptions valued at \$450,000.

HOMEOWNER EXEMPTIONS 371 exemptions valued at \$372,000.

DISABLED PERSONS 202 exemptions valued at \$50,500

TOTAL EXEMPTIONS 2676 valued at \$2,286,000.

DEFERRAL 6 valued at \$45,000.

Homeowners and Senior Exemptions automatically renew yearly, values expressed here are for the first year only.

Veterans with partial and permanent disabilities as well as others with disabilities are also assisted, savings not listed here. Our office maintains a list of Veterans with 100% permanent disabilities so that we can keep in contact for any changes or additional help which may be required.

TAX YEAR 2024 SUMMARY (Data provided by Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas).

Property owners across Cook County are being asked to pay about \$872 million more in taxes for a grand total of nearly \$19.2 billion. That's an increase of almost 4.8% well above the 3.5% rate of inflation for 2024. It marks at least the 31st straight year property taxes have gone up.

In suburban Cook County north of North Avenue, where properties are now being reassessed for next year's bills, taxes rose by a total of \$209.4 million—with a \$127.3 million, or 3.6%, increase on residences and a nearly \$79 million, or 3.8% increase on business properties.

Total taxes on homeowners in Cook County's north and northwest suburbs grew by \$127.3 million, or 3.6%. By contrast, one of the highest increases was in Mount Prospect, where homeowner taxes grew by 6% to 143.5 million.

Conclusion

Tax Year 2024 was significantly impacted by technology problems in the County offices due to major difficulties with the Tyler Technology transition. As of this writing C of E and tax payment processing remain impacted for Tax Year 2024 and our office continues to assist taxpayers through these difficulties.

Our professional staff, headed by Chief Deputy Julia Lipka are ready to assist taxpayers with their real estate tax issues.

In your service.

Ken Jochum

Wheeling Township Assessor

WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 TOWN HALL SUMMARY

MARCH 1, 2025 – FEBRUARY 28, 2026 (FY2025-26)

Purpose Statement

This document summarizes key activities, governance actions, and planning efforts of the Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board during Fiscal Year 2025-26. It is provided for informational purposes and does not constitute the Board's statutory Annual Report. The Board's statutory Annual Report may incorporate information summarized in this document, and will be finalized and approved separately.

The fiscal year ending February 28, 2026 (FY2025-26) represented a period of significant growth and advancement for the Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board (WTCMH Board), marked by meaningful programmatic progress, expanded accessibility, and continued organizational development.

From a fiscal and operational perspective, December 2025 marked an important milestone when the Wheeling Township Board of Trustees approved the WTCMH Board's property tax levy request of \$1.5 million. This request, the first in the Board's history, matched the amount approved by voters through the successful referendum held in November 2022. Following approval of the levy, the WTCMH Board approved a \$1.5 million final budget for FY2026-27, which included providing funding to twenty-three organizations delivering mental health (MH), substance use disorder (SUD), and intellectual and developmental disability (I/DD) services to Township residents.

In parallel with its fiscal planning efforts, the Board also advanced its strategic planning work during FY2025-26 by provisionally approving its FY2026-27 One Year Plan, and adopting updates to its FY2025-26 through FY2027-28 Three Year Plan.* These planning efforts reinforced the Board's commitment to responsive, sustainable service delivery across all funded service areas.

**Final approval of the FY2026-27 One Year Plan and the FY2025-26 through FY2027-28 Three Year Plan updates occurred on March 11, 2026 (see Appendices A and B).*

In addition to governance and planning initiatives, the Board took steps during FY2025-26 to improve accessibility and public engagement. In collaboration with the Township Board, the WTCMH Board obtained access to three translation tablets, addressing an identified need to better serve the Township's diverse population of approximately 154,000 residents. The Board also expanded its meetings to include virtual attendance via Zoom, increasing public accessibility, transparency, and community engagement.

FY2025-26 also reflected meaningful organizational development, including the hiring of Karin Frisk as the Board's first staff member. A formal reporting structure was established, with Ms. Frisk reporting directly to the Board and the Board President serving as her primary point of contact. The Board further strengthened its governance practices through the development of a formal orientation process for new members, the creation of a comprehensive Board Member Handbook, and updates to its Policy Manual.

To further support its organizational infrastructure, the Board selected the law firm Bond | Conway in mid-summer 2025 to serve as legal counsel to the WTCMH Board, with Attorney Sarah Kallas designated as the firm's primary representative.

FY2025-26 also included several Board member transitions. Township Board Liaison Jeanne Hamilton concluded her service in May 2025 following the end of her Township Board term. Lorri Grainawi was subsequently appointed by the Township Board to serve as its Trustee Liaison to the WTCMH Board. JoAnne Schultz completed her term and departed the Board in early 2025, followed by the appointment of Jen Underwood. Jim Ruffatto concluded his service at the end of 2025, with Jaime Clark joining the Board shortly thereafter.

Throughout FY2025-26, Sue Hayes served as President, John Lubbe as Vice President and Bill Dixon as Secretary. As the fiscal year drew to a close, President Hayes notified the Board of her intent to resign due to an upcoming relocation outside of Wheeling Township.

The WTCMH Board extends its sincere appreciation to President Hayes, past President Jeanne Hamilton, former Vice President Jim Ruffatto, and former Board Member JoAnne Schultz for their dedicated service. As original members, each played a critical role in the Board's establishment and early growth.

The Board concluded FY2025-26 by convening a strategic planning session on February 21, 2026, positioning the WTCMH Board for continued progress in the year ahead.

APPENDICES

The following documents are referenced in this Summary and are provided for informational purposes. They are maintained as separate planning documents of the Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board.

Appendix A

FY2026-27 One Year Plan
(approved March 11, 2026)

Appendix B

FY2025-26 through FY2027-28 Three Year Plan
(Updated) (approved March 11, 2026)

Appendix A

WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ONE YEAR PLAN

The following priorities outline the Board's strategic focus for fiscal year 2026-27. These initiatives support the broader goals of strengthening system coordination, improving access to services, enhancing organizational effectiveness, and deepening engagement with community partners.

Administrative

1. Board Sustainability Strategy

Develop a long-term sustainability strategy to support the Board's operational continuity and continued effectiveness.

2. Formalized Site Visit Strategy

Develop a formalized site visit strategy to ensure consistent visit metrics, deepen program understanding, and strengthen relationships with partner organizations.

Service Network

3. Enhanced Data Collection Framework

Enhance data collection across funded programs to improve the identification of service gaps and strengthen program evaluation.

4. Provider Collaboration Opportunities

Establish and host an annual Community Roundtable to enhance collaboration with partner agencies.

5. Transportation Access Assessment

Assess current transportation needs and, if appropriate, pilot a transportation option to improve resident access to services.

Community

6. Community Communications Expansion

Expand community communications through updated website content, strengthened social media presence, and broader media engagement.

7. Community Event Engagement

Support and participate in events that enhance community connections and advance the Board's mission and vision.

Appendix B

WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 – 2027/28 THREE YEAR PLAN

The Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board's Fiscal Year 2025/26–2027/28 Three Year Plan defines the Board's strategic direction for strengthening the local system of care across mental health, behavioral health, substance use disorder, and developmental disability services. The plan identifies priority areas that help guide resource allocation, support community-based providers, and advance responsive, data-informed initiatives. By emphasizing workforce stability, community outreach, program evaluation, caregiver support, and ongoing system reassessment, the Board maintains its commitment to fostering a coordinated, accessible, and effective continuum of care for all Wheeling Township residents.

Service Network

1. Encourage staffing in the community

Support efforts that promote long-term workforce retention and stability within the community provider agencies.

2. Establish a respite program for care givers

Identify and engage qualified providers who can deliver short-term respite services to support caregiving households.

Community

3. Community outreach

Increase awareness of available services, promote engagement across diverse resident populations, and engage multiple stakeholders to strengthen system-wide collaboration.

4. Re-evaluation of the Community

Conduct periodic reassessment of community needs and service gaps to ensure the system remains responsive and aligned with resident needs.

Review and Strategic Commitment

5. Evaluate the effectiveness of existing programs

Assess program performance using data-driven measures to guide quality improvement and inform future funding decisions.