

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WHEELING
BOARD ROOM - 2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD
COOK and LAKE COUNTIES, WHEELING, IL
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

1. President Horcher called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance-N/A

3. Roll Call Led by Village Clerk Kathryn M. Brady

Present: Pat Horcher, Ray Lang, Mary Krueger, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Dave Vogel

Absent: Joe Vito

Trustee Vito was absent with prior notice.

4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2025

President Horcher asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Dave Vogel

Absent: Joe Vito

5. Changes to the Agenda - None

6. Proclamations - None

7. Appointments and Confirmations

A. Steven Karl - Plan Commission

President Horcher asked for a motion to appoint Steve Karl to the Plan Commission.

Motion by Mary Papantos, seconded by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Dave Vogel

Absent: Joe Vito

8. Administration of Oaths-Plan Commissioner

Clerk Brady administered the oath of office to Steven Karl.

9. Citizen Concerns and Comments

Michael Kolbuk commented on pedestrian traffic related to electric bicycles and scooters on sidewalks.

10. Staff Reports - None

11. Consent Agenda-All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Village Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered after all other Agenda items.

Clerk Brady read the consent agenda into the record.

A. Resolution 25-114 Granting a Tag Day Permit to the Wheeling Firefighters Association to Conduct a Tag Day Event on October 3, 2025

B. Resolution 25-115 Approving a Ninth Amendment to the Service Agreement between the Village of Wheeling and Andy Frain Services, Inc. for Crossing Guard Services

C. Resolution 25-116 Approving a Contract with Utility Dynamics Corp. for the Fiber Optic Cable to Fire Station 42 Project in the amount of \$432,770 in FY 2025

D. Ordinance 5740 Amending Title 2 of the Wheeling Village Code to Repeal and Remove Chapters 2.51 and 2.91

E. Resolution 25-117 Approving Change Order No. 1 and Final to the Contract with Builders Paving, LLC to Reduce the Amount by \$185,596.22 to \$1,791,027.66 for the 2025 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Street Improvement Program

F. Ordinance 5741 Amending Title 22 "Floodplain Regulations" of the Municipal Code of the Village of Wheeling, Illinois

G. Ordinance 5742 Declaring as Surplus and Authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Wheeling by Recycling, Trade-In, Donation, or Public Auction

H. Resolution 25-118 Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute a Professional Service Contract with George Washington Street Partners for Leadership Coaching Services in an Amount not to Exceed \$29,000

President Horcher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion by Mary Papantos, seconded by Jim Ruffatto.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Dave Vogel

Absent: Joe Vito

12. Old Business - None

13. New Business - All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action

A. PRESENTATION RE: FY 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Clerk Brady read the title into the record. Finance Director Brian Smith stated that the audit process went very smoothly this year and introduced Brian LeFevre of Sikich, LLP. Mr. LeFevre reviewed sections of the report and mentioned that the Village received the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association award for excellence in financial reporting, which is the highest level of financial recognition in local government. The Village has received this award for forty-four (44) consecutive years. Mr. LeFevre noted that the General Fund did finish a surplus in 2024 from strong sales and income tax, the payoff of the Westin bond issued in 2012, and Uptown 500 is the only TIF note that has an outstanding balance under \$1 million. There were no questions from the Board. Manager Sfondilis stated that for us to receive the accolades mentioned, it comes under the direction of Director Smith, his team, and the management staff. Director Smith thanked his staff and the department heads.

B. Resolution 25-119 Consenting to a Cook County Class 6b Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for the Property Located at 2039 Foster Avenue in the Village of Wheeling, Illinois

Clerk Brady read the title into the record. Economic Development Director Len Becker introduced the item. Petitioners Glen Hakins and attorney Zach Kafitz were present and answered questions from the board.

President Horcher asked for a motion to approve.

Motion by Mary Papantos, seconded by Mary Krueger.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Dave Vogel

Absent: Joe Vito

14. Official Communications

Manager Sfondilis announced that the Village has begun the process of establishing a Special Census to track growth over the last five years. Several revenue streams depend on per capita data, so this effort aims to gather that information to help offset potential future property tax increases. The census will include 15-20% of the population.

More details are available at www.wheelingil.gov/specialcensus. Manager Sfondilis emphasized that there is no connection between the Special Census and any federal agency using that data for other purposes, and he clarified that this is not a method to determine legal status.

Manager Sfondilis spoke about updating the village flag to reflect our current branding and better represent the community, and noted that Cook County Commissioner Scott Britton was consulted on the design. Manager Sfondilis mentioned that an image and explanations of each part of the design are available on our website at: <https://www.wheelingil.gov/2277/New-Flag-Design> and will remain there for thirty (30) days. He said that anyone with questions, comments, or concerns can email the provided address. Additionally, Manager Sfondilis stated that Commissioner Britton has been invited to the October 6 board meeting to unveil the new flag after the Board's formal adoption. The existing village flags will be given to the Wheeling Historical Society.

Manager Sfondilis reminded the public that tomorrow is National Night Out, starting at 5:00 PM in the lot next to the Wheeling Park District Aquatic Center.

15. Approval of Bills

Approval of Bills for July 17 - July 30, 2025, for \$1,251,252.54¢.

President Horcher asked for a motion to approve the bills as presented.

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Mary Krueger.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Dave Vogel

Absent: Joe Vito

16. Executive Session - None

17. Action on Executive Session Items-N/A

18. Adjournment

President Horcher asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Mary Krueger.

Motion carried by voice vote, six ayes, one absent; the meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Karen Henneberry, Deputy Village Clerk

Approved this 15th day of September 2025, by the President and Board of Trustees