

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE BOARD
VILLAGE OF WHEELING
BOARD ROOM - 2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD
COOK AND LAKE COUNTIES, WHEELING, IL
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026**

1. **Call to Order**

President Horcher called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

Village Clerk Kathryn M. Brady called the roll.

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

Absent:

4. **Approval of Minutes**

A. NONE

5. **Changes to the Agenda**

None

6. **Proclamations**

None

7. **Appointments and Confirmations**

None

8. **Administration of Oaths**

None

9. **Citizen Concerns and Comments**

None

10. **Staff Reports**

Village Attorney James Ferolo reviewed new and amended laws that took effect on January 1, 2026, including ambulance lift assistance, the Rooftop Safety for First Responders Act, amendments to the Administrative Adjudication process, the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act, utility pole sharing, as well as amendments to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and the Open Meetings Act (OMA), the Capital Development Board Act, and the Anti-Squatting Bill.

Public Works Director/ Deputy Village Manager Dan Kaup announced that Public Works is now accepting holiday lights for recycling. Mr. Kaup stated that information about the upcoming electronic recycling and shredding events can be found on our website.

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 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Village of Wheeling and the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, Authorizing the Town of Normal to Exercise the Powers of the Village of Wheeling in Connection with a Mortgage Credit Certificate Program and a Loan Finance Program

26-001

- B. Resolution Approving an Engineering Services Agreement with Civiltech Engineering, Inc. for the School Safety Study Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$174,524

26-002

- C. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of an Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority / Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Award for the Positions of Two Police Social Workers

26-003

- D. Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Village Manager to Execute a Service Provider Contract Renewal with Municipal GIS Partners, Inc. in the Amount of \$174,648.24 for GIS Support Services in FY2026 as Part of the Ongoing GIS Consortium initiative

26-004

- E. Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.32 of the Village of Wheeling's Municipal Code, "Alcoholic Liquor Dealers," Specifically Section 4.32.085, to Increase the Authorized Number of Class A and D-4 Licenses

Ordinance 5780

President Horcher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion by Mary Krueger, seconded by Jim Ruffatto.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

12. **Old Business**

None

13. **New Business**

All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action

Clerk Brady read Items 13.A, 13.B, and 13.C into the record.

- A. Ordinance Granting Special Use Approval for a Day Care Center (K-Educate, Inc. Day Care Learning Center), 740 W. Hintz Road [Docket No. PSU25-0011]

Ordinance 5781

Community Development Director Ross Klicker reviewed the request and stated that all three items received a unanimous recommendation for approval from the Plan Commission with the following conditions:

1. Special Use approval is contingent upon approval of Docket No. PV25-0003 (variation to permit a reduction in the minimum required rear and side yard setbacks for a playground); Docket No. PV25-0004 (variation to permit a reduction in the minimum required fence height); and Docket No. PSPMIN25-0033 (request for minor site plan and appearance approval to construct an outdoor playground).
2. The day care facility shall obtain and maintain all required State of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) licenses prior to the commencement of business operations. A copy of the approved DCFS license shall be submitted to the Village before a Wheeling Business License is issued.
3. Hours of operation shall be limited to Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, consistent with the petitioner's project description letter (received by the Village on 6/20/2025). Any modification of operational hours shall constitute a special use revision pursuant to Section 19.10.030 of the Wheeling Zoning Code.

Petitioners were present and answered the Board's questions. President Horcher asked for a motion to approve. Motion by Dave Vogel, seconded by Mary Krueger.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

Absent:

- B. Ordinance Granting a Variation from Title 19, Zoning, to Permit a Reduction in the Minimum Required Rear and Side Yard Setbacks (K-Educate, Inc. Day Care Learning Center), 740 W. Hintz Road [Docket No. PV25-0003]

Ordinance 5782

- 1. The proposed Arborvitae plantings along the north and east property lines shall be installed by May 1, 2026, as shown on the Site Plan. All landscaping must be maintained in healthy condition; any dead or diseased material shall be replaced within one year from planting.
- 2. A permit shall be applied for and received from the Community Development Department prior to grading the play area and/or the removal of any existing trees.

President Horcher asked for a motion to approve with noted conditions.

Motion by Ray Lang, seconded by Jim Ruffatto.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

Absent:

- C. Ordinance Granting a Variation from Title 19, Zoning, to Permit a Reduction in the Minimum Required Fence Height (K-Educate, Inc. Day Care Learning Center), 740 W. Hintz Road [Docket No. PV25-0004]

Ordinance 5783

- 1. Any leaning fence sections of the existing perimeter fencing located along the east property line shall be repaired at the same time the playground area is cleared and regraded, and shall be included within the permit applied for and received from the Community Development Department prior to the commencement of any work.

President Horcher asked for a motion to approve with noted conditions.

Motion by Mary Krueger, seconded by Jim Ruffatto.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

Absent:

14. **Official Communications**

President Horcher wished everyone a happy New Year.

15. **Approval of Bills**

- A. Approval of Bills from December 10 to December 31, 2025

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

Motion by Mary Papantos, seconded by Jim Ruffatto.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

Absent:

16. **Executive Session**

None

17. **Action on Executive Session Items**

None

18. **Adjournment**

President Horcher asked for a motion to adjourn.
Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Mary Krueger.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.
Yes: Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel, Pat Horcher
No: None
Absent:

Kathryn M. Brady, Village Clerk

Approved this 19th day of January 2026, by the President and Board of Trustees.

Kathryn M. Brady, Village Clerk
Approved this _____ by the President and Board of Trustees