

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE BOARD
VILLAGE OF WHEELING
BOARD ROOM - 2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD
COOK AND LAKE COUNTIES, WHEELING, IL
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026**

1. Call to Order

President Horcher called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2025

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

Motion by Mary Papantos, seconded by Dave Vogel.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

- B. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 5, 2026

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

Motion by Mary Krueger, seconded by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

5. Changes to the Agenda

None

6. Proclamations

- A. Proclamation: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

President Horcher read the proclamation into the record and thanked Wheeling citizens for their participation in the public comment period.

- B. Proclamation: Community Risk Reduction Week

Clerk Brady read the proclamation into the record.

7. Appointments and Confirmations

None

8. Administration of Oaths

None

9. Citizen Concerns and Comments

Jennifer Abonce-Alcantar reported on recent immigration enforcement activity in the Wheeling area.

10. Staff Reports

Public Works Director and Deputy Village Manager Dan Kaup discussed the new law on battery recycling, as they can no longer be disposed of in the trash. More information is available on our website and at batterynetwork.org. Mr. Kaup mentioned that holiday light recycling continues until January 31.

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 Purchase of Water Meters and Associated Parts and Materials from Core and Main in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000
2026-005
- B. Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc. for Consulting Services Related to the Cedar Run Watermain Replacement Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$222,000 for FY 2026
2026-006
- C. Resolution Accepting a Sole-Source Proposal from Hastings Air Energy Control, Inc. for the Fleet Exhaust System Project in the Amount of \$120,251.96
2026-007
- D. Resolution Approving Continued Participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and the Purchase and Installation of Parkway Trees in a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$50,575 in FY 2026
2026-008
- E. Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with the Lakota Group for the Design of the Gateway Park Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$84,810
2026-009
- F. Resolution Approving the Donation of a Temporary Construction Easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation
2026-010
- G. Resolution Authorizing the Village President and Village Clerk to Execute a Renewed Lease between the Village of Wheeling and the Greater Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry
2026-011
- H. Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute Professional Service Contracts with Bisnow, LLC for Event and Marketing Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000
2026-012
- I. Resolution Waiving the Fidelity Bond Requirements for AMVETS Phillip Carpenter Post 66 to Conduct Raffles from January 20, 2026 through December 31, 2026
2026-013

- J. Resolution Approving a Bond Record-Keeping Report

2026-014

- K. Resolution Approving an Amended Emergency Operations Plan for the Village of Wheeling

2026-015

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

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, 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

12. **Old Business**

None

13. **New Business**

All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. DISCUSSION: Concept Review, Wheeling Park District – Wheeling Aquatic Center, 105 Community Boulevard

Village Manager Jon Sfondilis reviewed the Concept Review process. Community Development Director Ross Klicker gave a brief overview of the concept. Petitioner Jan Buchs and Terry Berkbuegler of Confluence were present and addressed the Board. Mr. Berkbuegler provided details on the project and answered the Board's questions about green space and parking capacity. Manager Sfondilis stated that the question before the Board is whether they support the major site plan for the Wheeling Park District, 105 Community Boulevard. The Board unanimously agreed to support the project.

14. **Official Communications**

President Horcher expressed his admiration for how intelligently Wheeling residents are managing demonstrations related to immigration activity in the area.

15. **Approval of Bills**

- A. Approval of bills from December 31, 2025 - January 14, 2026

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

Motion by Mary Papantos, seconded by Dave Vogel.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

16. **Executive Session**

17. **Action on Executive Session Items**

None

18. **Adjournment**

President Horcher requested a motion to recess and enter an executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or employees of the Village.

Motion by Ray Lang, seconded by Mary Krueger.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved. The open meeting recessed at 7:13 PM.

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

No: None

Kathryn M. Brady, Village Clerk

Approved this 2nd day of February 2026, by the President and Board of Trustees