

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE BOARD
VILLAGE OF WHEELING
BOARD ROOM - 2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD
COOK AND LAKE COUNTIES, WHEELING, IL
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026**

1. Call to Order

President Horcher called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Clerk Brady called the roll.

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

Absent:

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2026

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

Motion by Mary Krueger, seconded by Jim Ruffatto.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

Abstain: Dave Vogel

Trustee Vogel abstained because he was not present at the April 6, 2026, meeting.

5. Changes to the Agenda

None

6. Proclamations

- A. Proclamation: National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2026

Clerk Brady read the proclamation into the record.

7. Appointments and Confirmations

None

8. Administration of Oaths

None

9. Citizen Concerns and Comments

None

10. Staff Reports

Deputy Village Manager/Public Works Director Dan Kaup provided an update on flooding concerns in the Village, stating that the overall system remains stable and functioning. Trustee Lang noted that prior flood-control planning has paid off. Several trustees complimented Public Works on its handling of the heavy rainfall, and thanks to past infrastructure improvements, there was no flooding. Trustee Papantos pointed out that the Village did not incur debt to enlarge the sewers or obtain new retention areas. Manager Sfondilis added that the community should be proud of the Board and staff, who contributed to the success of what local government is meant to do—take care of our residents from the

infrastructure on up—and noted that it's a win for anyone who has a home or business in town.

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 26-064 Authorizing the Village Manager to Waive a Portion of the 2026–2027 Video Gaming Terminal Fees for Phillip Carpenter Post 66 AMVET Building Corporation, a Not-for-Profit Entity
- B. Resolution 26-065 Approving Certain Executive Session Meeting Minutes of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Wheeling, Illinois, and Authorizing the Recycling of Executive Session Audio Recordings
- C. Resolution 26-066 Authorizing the Execution of a Four-Year Agreement with Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc., for Software and Services Related to the Collection of Locally-Imposed Taxes
- D. Resolution 26-067 Approving a Contract with Copenhaver Construction, Inc. for the Wheeling Town Center Improvement Project in the Amount of \$1,455,255 in FY 2026
- E. Resolution 26–068 Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Construction Engineering Services for Wheeling Town Center Improvements Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$162,100
- F. Resolution 26-069 Accepting a Previously Bid Contract for the Purchase of Two Medium-Duty Horton Ambulances from Foster Coach Sales, Inc. at a Cost Not to Exceed \$878,702

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

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Dave Vogel.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

12. Old Business

None

13. New Business

All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Ordinance 5799 Granting Special Use Approval to Permit the Operation of a Heavy Motor Vehicle Repair Facility – VA Prime (250 Alderman Avenue) [Docket No. PSU25-0004]

Clerk Brady read the title into the record. Community Development Director Ross Klicker introduced the item and noted that the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval, subject to the conditions stated in the memo. Petitioners Peter Madaj and Andriy Rumak were present and answered the Board's questions.

President Horcher asked for a motion to approve.

Motion by Dave Vogel, seconded by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

- B. Ordinance 5800 Authorizing an Eighth Amendment to the Restated Redevelopment Agreement between the Village of Wheeling and WTC, LLC for the Development of Land at 351 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL, Comprising a Part of the Town Center-II TIF District of the Village of Wheeling, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois

Clerk Brady read the title into the record. Economic Development Director Len Becker reviewed the ordinance and answered a question from the Board. President Horcher asked for a motion to approve.
Motion by Mary Krueger, seconded by Mary Papantos.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

14. **Official Communications**

Trustee Vogel announced that the Wheeling Police Unity Foundation and Wheeling Helping Hands will sponsor a chili cook-off on May 30, from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM, in the Police Department bays. For more information or to volunteer to cook, call 847-942-9580.

Trustee Krueger thanked the Police Department for additional patrols near Tarkington School, which have reduced fireworks activity, and thanked District 21 for allowing the Village to use a vacant home on Hintz Road as a training site for first responders.

Trustee Papantos reminded everyone of the document destruction and electronic recycling event taking place on May 2, from 9:00 AM to noon at Public Works.

15. **Approval of Bills**

A. Approval of Bills for April 1–15, 2026

President Horcher asked for a motion to approve the bills totaling \$1,647,071.86¢.

Motion by Mary Papantos, seconded by Mary Krueger.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

16. **Executive Session**

None

17. **Action on Executive Session Items**

None

18. **Adjournment**

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

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

Motion carried by voice vote, all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Kathryn M. Brady, Village Clerk

Approved this 4th day of May 2026, by the President and Board of Trustees.