

TOWN OF WHEATON REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

- 1) The meeting has been properly noticed per Wisconsin Statute 19.84
- 2) The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited and a moment of silence being observed.
- 3) Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mr. Deutscher, Ms. Dole, Ms. Rudd, Mr. Books, and Ms. Droske. Ms. Kaiser was absent.
- 4) A motion was made by Books/Rudd to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
- 5) Mr. Deutscher presented the clerk's report and check register. A motion was made by Books/Droske to approve the February 11, 2025 board meeting minutes with the discussed change. The motion carried on a 2-0 voice vote. Ms. Rudd abstained from voting.

Special Presentation: Mr. Doug Mathews discussed the purpose and operation of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System and how it would apply to Wheaton Fire & Rescue.

6) Special Board Action

A) No electors expressed interest in being appointed to fill the town chair vacancy.

B) Paul Krumenauer expressed interest in the vacancy on the Fire Commission. A motion was made by Droske/Books to appoint Paul Krumenauer to the Fire Commission for a term of April 2024 to April 2027. The motion carried on a 3-0 voice vote. Mr. Deutscher abstained from voting.

7) Public comments: None

Reminders:

The annual meeting for the Town of Wheaton will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7pm at the town hall.
Open Book will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 from 3pm to 5pm at the town hall.
Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 from 6pm to 8pm at the town hall.

8) Committee Reports:

A) Ms. Dole presented the treasurer's report.

B) Chief Adam Blaskowski presented the fire chief report on the budget, equipment, runs, training, and answered questions from the board.

C) Taylor Quinell presented the fire commission report from the meeting held on March 5, 2025.

D) A new latch has been installed on the door of the community well at the Wheaton Park.

E) Open Book and Board of Review dates and times and information on the well compensation grant program has been posted to the website. An update on the website upgrade was also presented.

F) No update was available from Visit Eau Claire.

G) An update on the Technical Advisory Commission meeting held on March 3, 2025 will be given at the April board meeting.

9) Old Business

A) Ms. Droske presented an update on the County T project from the meeting held on February 20, 2025.

B) A draft ordinance to replace the fire department ordinance and bylaws was read and changes were made as needed. The public was able to ask questions and provide feedback. The draft ordinance will be reviewed again at the April board meeting.

C) No one has expressed interest in being appointed as the town dog catcher.

D) The board tabled a decision on dog license fees to the April board meeting.

E) An access policy for the fire station, town hall, town shop, park buildings, and recycling center was discussed. Remote access can be given to board members to access the fire station. The board tabled a decision on this item to the April board meeting.

F) The board tabled finalizing the job description for clerk and treasurer to the April board meeting to gather more data.

10) New Business

A) A CUP for a wedding barn owned by Carl and Cassie Smiskey located at 11151 County N was discussed. The board made a recommendation to the Chippewa County Zoning board to set a 70 decibel noise level limitation.

B) The Xcel Energy Lighting Plan was presented. A motion was made by Rudd/Books to approve the Xcel Energy Lighting Plan as presented. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

C) Resolution 2025-01 Addendum C to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System agreement for Wheaton Fire & Rescue was presented. A motion was made by Books/Rudd to approve Resolution 2025-01 Addendum C to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System agreement for Wheaton Fire & Rescue as presented. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

D) Potential road work projects for 2025 were discussed. More information will be available at the April board meeting.

E) Ms. Droske stepped down from the Town Board Vice Chair position. No board members came forward to fill the Town Board Vice Chair position. Mr. Books will create the April town board meeting agenda.

F) The town has \$1,250,000 of insurance coverage for the bank account balances. The board decided that level of coverage is sufficient, but will review it in the future if necessary.

11) Future Agenda Items: Town building access policy, Dog license fees, new dog catcher, 2025 road work, clerk and treasurer job descriptions, appointments to the fire commission and plan commission, fire department bylaws and constitution, and appointing a new vice chair.

12) The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7pm.

13) A motion by Rudd/Books was made to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote at 10:07 pm.

Submitted by

Scott Deutscher

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