



Mission Statement

The mission of the Village of Wheeling is to provide public services that support the evolving needs of and improve the overall safety, health, and welfare of our residents and businesses.

Vision Statement

The Village of Wheeling is a community where individuals and families want to live, and businesses are encouraged to succeed. Core services provided by the Village of Wheeling support residents and help businesses to maximize their potential.

About the Government

Wheeling's Municipal government is in the Council-Manager form. A professional Village Manager directs day-to-day operations, and policymaking is the task of an elected Village President and Board of Trustees. Residents are welcome to attend and encouraged to take an active role in community affairs. Regular Board meetings are held on the first and third Monday of the month; special meetings are scheduled as needed.

Village of Wheeling Offices

Village Hall – 2 Community Blvd.

Police Department – 1 Community Blvd.

Public Works – 77 W. Hintz Rd.

Fire Department Headquarters Station 44 - 499 S. Milwaukee Ave.

Fire Department Station 43 – 780 S. Wheeling Rd.

Fire Department Station 42 – 175 McHenry Rd.

Village of Wheeling Boards & Commissions

Village President: Patrick Horcher

Board of Trustees: Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, and David Vogel.

Village Clerk: Kathryn M. Brady

Liquor Control Commission: Village President and Board of Trustees

Chicago Executive Airport Board of Directors: James J. Dunne, William Kearns, Scott Saewert, James Kiefer, Ray Lang, Bill Hellyer, and Steve Berman.

Board of Fire and Police Commission: Alan Palicki, Jon Kolssak, and David Schlaak.

Firefighters' Pension Board: Brian Smith, Dan Caruso, Mike Burns, Emmett Gribbens, and Kyle Weller.

Plan Commission: Rick Hyken, Donald Johnson, Steve Karl, Michelle Myer, Gerald Riles, Diane Smart, and Michael Sprague.

Police Pension Board: Brian Smith, Joseph Licari, Troy Musolf, Mike Burns, and Michael Bieschke.

Freedom of Information Requests

It is the policy of the Village of Wheeling to process all Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests in accordance with state law. All requests for records must be submitted to the Village in writing (verbal requests for public documents are not acceptable).

There are several methods by which one can request records:

- Submit an electronic request via our website at www.wheelingil.gov
- Submit a written paper copy of the request (either on blank paper or the Village request form).
- Submit via USPS (regular mail) to Village of Wheeling FOIA Officer, 2 Community Blvd., Wheeling, IL 60090
- Email the request to foia@wheelingil.gov
- Fax the request to (847) 215-5175

The Village will respond to each written request within five (5) working days after receipt of a non-commercial request. The Village will supply up to fifty (50) black-and-white pages of requested records, not intended for commercial use, at no charge to the requester. Fees for additional copying are as follows: black & white copies (letter or legal) - \$0.15¢ per page; oversized or color copies – the cost of reproduction. If applicable, copies of public records will be provided only upon payment of the required fees. *Certain records are exempt from inspection; if a document is exempt, you will be notified. A photo ID may be required to obtain some documents.*

For those without computer access: the Village of Wheeling will provide paper copies of the request and/or schedule an appointment for the requester to inspect the records (fees for paper copies may apply as outlined above).

FOIA Officers-Village Hall 2 Community Blvd.

K. Henneberry, Deputy Village Clerk
L. Leonteos, Executive Coordinator
J. Skupien, Deputy Director of Finance
C. Weber, CD Customer Service Supervisor
R. Niemec, Fire Inspector

FOIA Officer – Fire Department Station 44, 499 S. Milwaukee Ave.

I. Bryer, Fire Department Executive Officer

FOIA Officer – Police Department 1 Community Blvd.

Katherine Whitehead, Police Records Supervisor

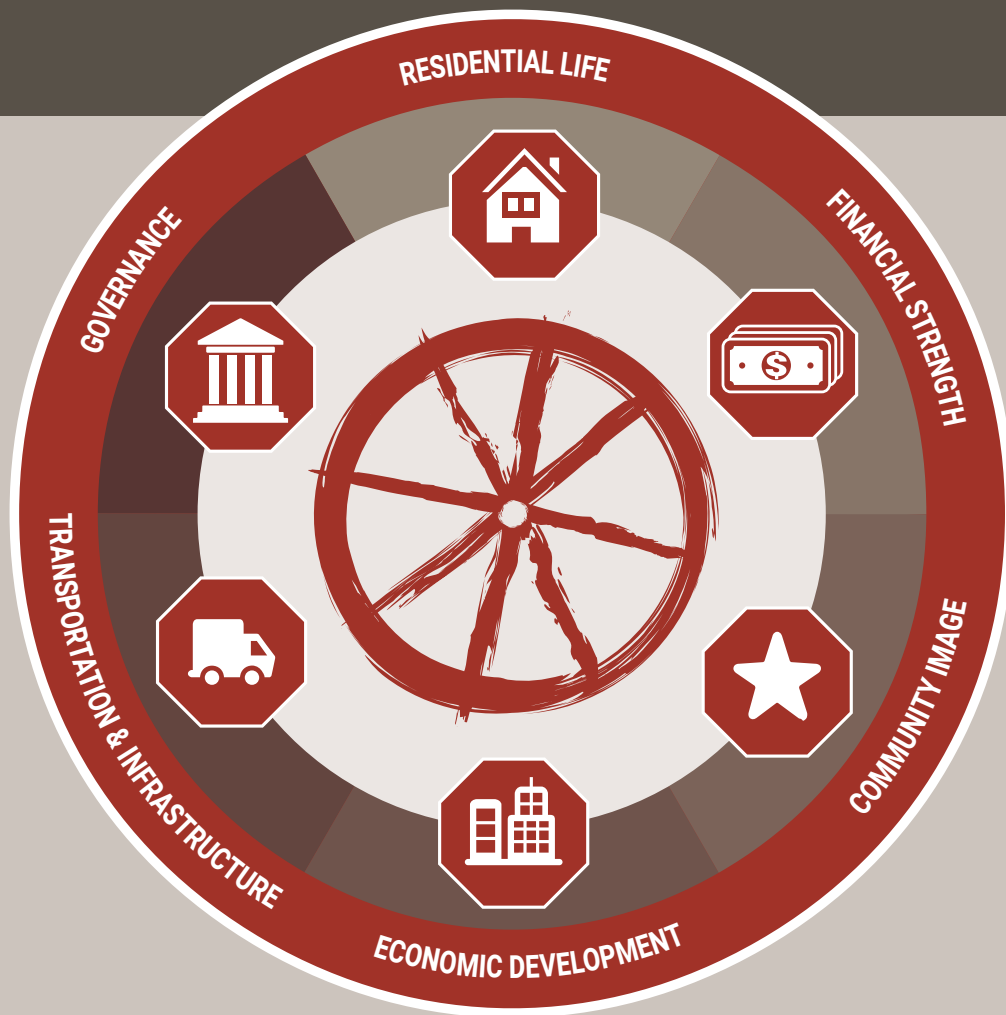
FOIA Officer – Public Works 77 W. Hintz Rd.

C. Bajor, Assistant Director of Public Works

All notices and other communications relating to a request for public records, and all requests for any other information regarding the Village's implementation of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, should be directed to the Primary FOIA Officer at foia@wheelingil.gov or 847-499-9082.

WHEELING BUDGET

The Village of Wheeling annually adopts a budget which incorporates the total program of Village expenditures and supporting revenues for the coming year. The budget serves as a policy tool and financial guide, and aligns with the Village Board's six Strategic Plan objectives.



BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

2026 BUDGET

- The 2026 Budget is \$1,205,546 (2.39%) more than FY 2025
- Moderate Sales and Income Tax Growth
- Status quo budget but for 3 new Firefighters and one new Public Works position
- Debt-free by 2030

SALES TAX REVENUE
\$14.7 million

INCOME TAX REVENUE
\$7 million

PROPERTY TAX
2% property tax increase

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Village President
PATRICK HORCHER

Trustee **MARY KRUEGER**

Trustee **RAY LANG**

Trustee **MARY PAPANTOS**

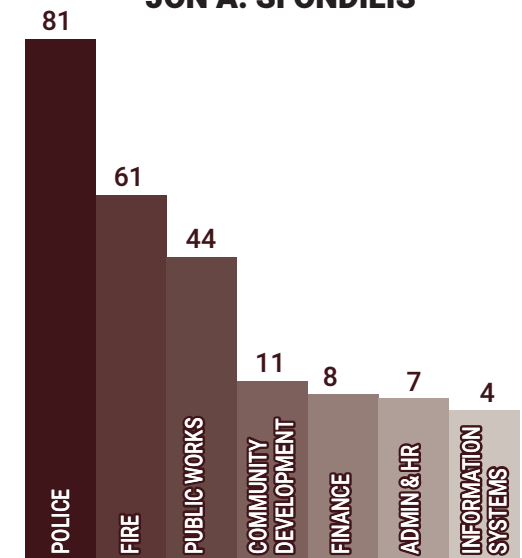
Trustee **JIM RUFFATTO**

Trustee **JOE VITO**

Trustee **DAVE VOGEL**

Village Clerk **KATHY M. BRADY**

Village Manager
JON A. SFONDILIS



BUDGET SUMMARY

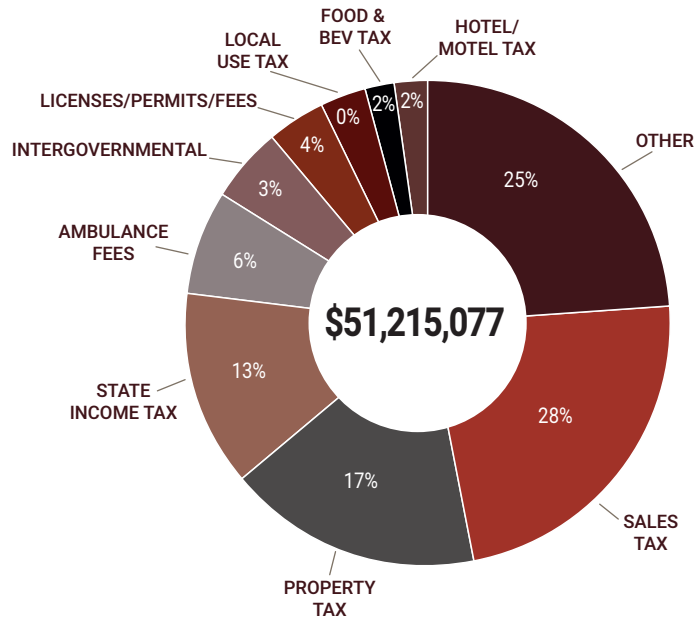
Total Budget: \$123,742,610

GENERAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS
\$51,624,810	\$24,492,648
41.72%	19.79%

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUNDS	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & OUTLAY	WATER & SEWER FUND
\$26,702,064	\$6,939,500	\$13,983,588
21.58%	5.61%	11.3%

General Fund Revenue:..... \$52,863,600
 General Fund Expenditures:..... \$51,624,810
 Surplus: \$1,238,790

GENERAL FUND REVENUE



PROJECTS

- Watermain Loop from River Mill to Sumac (\$1.8 Million)
- Watermain Replacement Program (\$4.4 Million)
- Street Improvement Program (\$2.1 Million)
- South Dunhurst Storm Sewer Improvements (\$3.2 Million)
- Streambank Stabilization (\$2.7 million)
- Wheeling Town Center Improvements (\$1.25 million)

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES How Each \$ is Spent

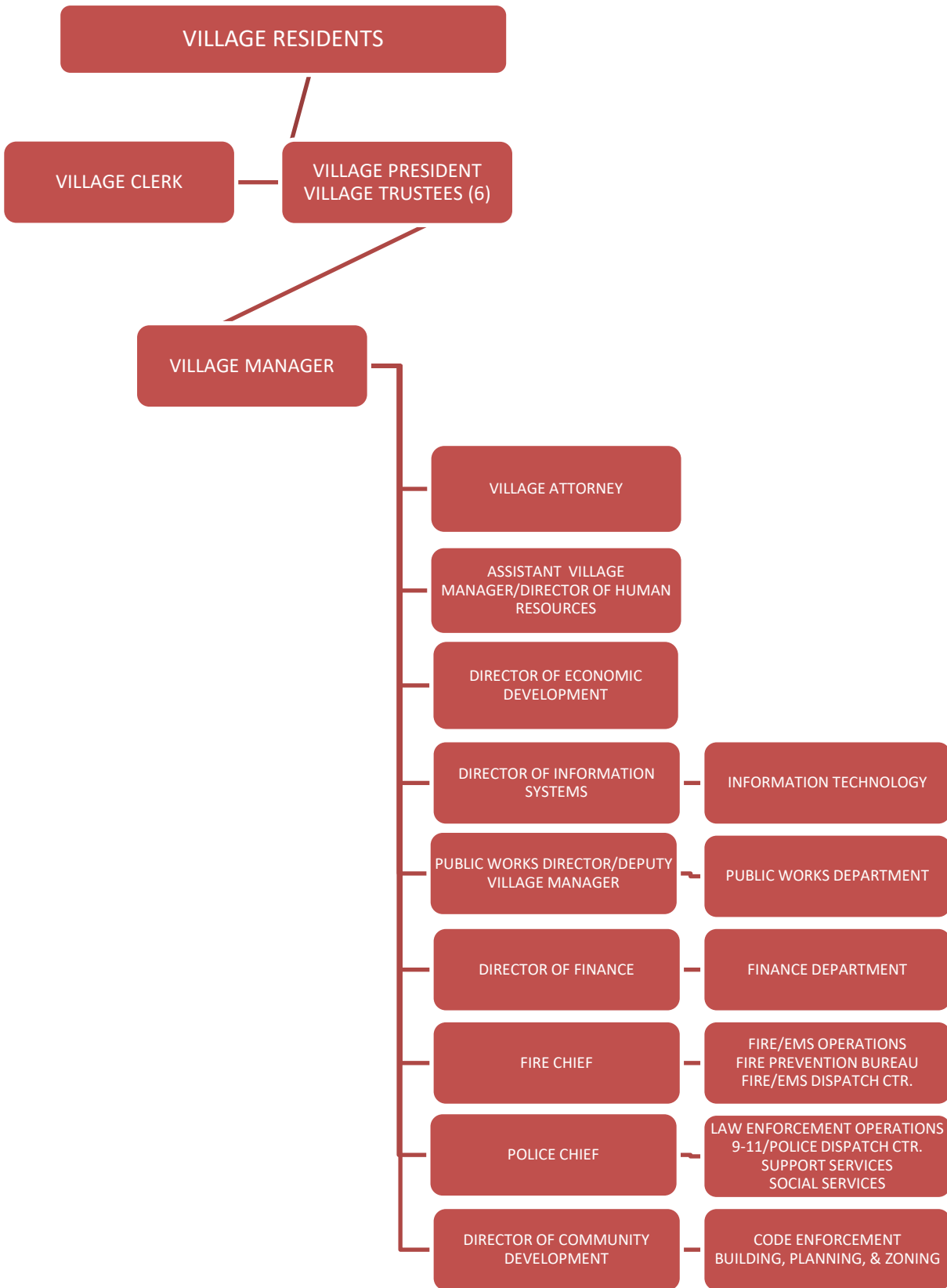


DID YOU KNOW?

\$300,000 home with an \$9,900 in taxes

WHERE DO PROPERTY TAXES GO?

- Schools \$6,856 / 69.3%
- Village \$1,178 / 11.9%
- Library & Park District \$1,117 / 11.3%
- County & Township \$446 / 4.5%
- Misc. \$307 / 3.1%



(5 ILCS 140/6) (from Ch. 116, par. 206) Sec. 6. Authority to charge fees.

(a) When a person requests a copy of a record maintained in an electronic format, the public body shall furnish it in the electronic format specified by the requester, if feasible. If it is not feasible to furnish the public records in the specified electronic format, then the public body shall furnish it in the format in which it is maintained by the public body, or in paper format at the option of the requester. A public body may charge the requester for the actual cost of purchasing the recording medium, whether disc, diskette, tape, or other medium. If a request is not a request for a commercial purpose or a voluminous request, a public body may not charge the requester for the costs of any search for and review of the records or other personnel costs associated with reproducing the records. Except to the extent that the General Assembly expressly provides, statutory fees applicable to copies of public records when furnished in a paper format shall not be applicable to those records when furnished in an electronic format.

(a-5) If a voluminous request is for electronic records and those records are not in a portable document format (PDF), the public body may charge up to \$20 for not more than 2 megabytes of data, up to \$40 for more than 2 but not more than 4 megabytes of data, and up to \$100 for more than 4 megabytes of data. If a voluminous request is for electronic records and those records are in a portable document format, the public body may charge up to \$20 for not more than 80 megabytes of data, up to \$40 for more than 80 megabytes but not more than 160 megabytes of data, and up to \$100 for more than 160 megabytes of data. If the responsive electronic records are in both a portable document format and not in a portable document format, the public body may separate the fees and charge the requester under both fee scales.

If a public body imposes a fee pursuant to this subsection (a-5), it must provide the requester with an accounting of all fees, costs, and personnel hours in connection with the request for public records.

(b) Except when a fee is otherwise fixed by statute, each public body may charge fees reasonably calculated to reimburse its actual cost for reproducing and certifying public records and for the use, by any person, of the equipment of the public body to copy records. No fees shall be charged for the first 50 pages of black and white, letter or legal sized copies requested by a requester. The fee for black and white, letter or legal sized copies shall not exceed 15 cents per page. If a public body provides copies in color or in a size other than letter or legal, the public body may not charge more than its actual cost for reproducing the records. In calculating its actual cost for reproducing records or for the use of the equipment of the public body to reproduce records, a public body shall not include the costs of any search for and review of the records or other personnel costs associated with reproducing the records, except for commercial requests as provided in subsection (f) of this Section. Such fees shall be imposed according to a standard scale of fees, established and made public by the body imposing them. The cost for certifying a record shall not exceed \$1.

(c) Documents shall be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge, as determined by the public body, if the person requesting the documents states the specific purpose for the

request and indicates that a waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest. Waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest if the principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit. For purposes of this subsection, "commercial benefit" shall not apply to requests made by news media when the principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights of the general public. In setting the amount of the waiver or reduction, the public body may take into consideration the amount of materials requested and the cost of copying them.

(d) The imposition of a fee not consistent with subsections (6)(a) and (b) of this Act constitutes a denial of access to public records for the purposes of judicial review.

(e) The fee for each abstract of a driver's record shall be as provided in Section 6-118 of "The Illinois Vehicle Code", approved September 29, 1969, as amended, whether furnished as a paper copy or as an electronic copy.

(f) A public body may charge up to \$10 for each hour spent by personnel in searching for and retrieving a requested record or examining the record for necessary redactions. No fees shall be charged for the first 8 hours spent by personnel in searching for or retrieving a requested record. A public body may charge the actual cost of retrieving and transporting public records from an off-site storage facility when the public records are maintained by a third-party storage company under contract with the public body. If a public body imposes a fee pursuant to this subsection (f), it must provide the requester with an accounting of all fees, costs, and personnel hours in connection with the request for public records. The provisions of this subsection (f) apply only to commercial requests.

(Source: P.A. 97-579, eff. 8-26-11; 98-1129, eff. 12-3-14.)

LIST OF DOCUMENTS/CATEGORIES OF RECORDS

Administration & Village Clerk:

- Applications for Village Boards or Commissions
- FOIA Request Form
- Minutes - Excluding Executive Session
- Ordinance and Resolution Copies
- Strategic Plan (Under Village Manager Page on Website)
- Village Map (if in stock)
- Voter Registration/Ballot Application Forms

Community Development/Building:

- Amusement Tax Registration Form
- Application for Floodplain Map Determination
- Business Licenses Forms and Corresponding Documents
- Cannabis Fact Sheet PDF
- Carbon Monoxide Detector Requirements
- Code Books Available to View
- Construction Regulations and Inspections
- Contractor Requirements
- Demolition Requirements
- Engineering Permits and Corresponding Documents
- Form for Backflow Testing
- Health Permit Forms and Corresponding Documents
- Municipal Codes
- Permit Forms and Corresponding Documents
- Planning/Zoning Applications
- Rental Housing Forms and Corresponding Documents
- Schedule of Fees
- Sign Code and Zoning Code Requirements
- Temporary Structures Requirements
- Zoning and Setback Requirements
- Zoning Forms and Corresponding Documents
- Zoning Map

Economic Development:

- Available Commercial Property (also on Website)
- TIF Application

Fire Prevention Bureau:

- Fire Prevention Code *

*This is available for viewing only, and copies and/or photographs are prohibited as the information is copyrighted; however, notes can be taken.

Finance Department:

- Annual Compensation and Benefits Report
- Annual TIF Reports
- Annual Treasurer's Reports
- Board Packets for Approval of Bills
- Bond Rating Reports
- Schedule of Fees
- Village Budgets
- Village Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Human Services:

- Area Food Pantry Flyer
- Human Services Brochures
- Human Services Resource Flyer
- Know Your Rights Flyer
- Medical Lending Form & Flyer
- RTA Free and Reduced Ride Information
- Taxicab Application & Flyer
- Telephone Reassurance Application & Flyer
- Transportation Flyer
- Victim Rights Flyer

Lunch at the Center:

- Congregate Dining Participant Registration Packet
- Medicare & Medicaid Application Information & Resources
- Monthly Menus
- Monthly Events
- Lunch at the Center Nutrition Information
- Volunteer Opportunities

Police Department & PD Communications:

- Administrative Rights & Procedures Seized Vehicles
- Child Safety Seat Information
- Emergency Contact Form
- File Complaints, Concerns, and Compliments
- FOIA Request Form
- Inter-Office Staff Directory Phone Numbers
- Notice of Vehicle Seizure
- Obtain Crash Report online
- Police Department Organizational Chart
- Police Department Personnel Count
- Post-Tow Administrative Hearing Notice
- Review of Citation Form
- Ride – Along Form
- Village of Wheeling Mission and Vision Statement
- Village Organizational Chart
- WPD Employee Names and Badge Numbers

Public Works:

- Floodplain Map
- FOIA Request Form
- Mailbox Damage Claim Form
- Senior Citizen Discount Form
- Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Guide

2026 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE
VILLAGE OF WHEELING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH

(NO MEETINGS ON OBSERVED HOLIDAYS WHICH FALL ON A FIRST OR THIRD MONDAY)

6:30 P.M.

January 5

January 19

February 2

March 2

March 16

April 6

April 20

May 4

May 18

June 1

June 15

July 6

July 20

August 3

August 17

August 26 (Joint Plan Commission meeting)

September 21

September 16 (Joint Chicago Executive Airport meeting)

October 5

October 19

November 2

November 16

December 7

December 21

**THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM AT THE VILLAGE
HALL, 2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD**