

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. APRIL 17, 2023
MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by all present.

ROLL CALL:

Tom VanSyckle X Amy Snyder X Mary Karcher X Ethan McNeal X Lee Carte X

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that he and John replaced the two doors on the brown storage barn at the park. The port-a-johns were delivered today (Monday April 20, 2023) to the 3 ball fields and one handicap one at the pavilion. Park is officially open.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Ethan McNeal to accept the minutes as written for the March 20, 2023 Board Meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- March 20, 2023

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for February 2023 by Mary Karcher, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - March 2023

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that he discharged 1 of the big ponds and will be starting the little pond tomorrow and should be finished by no later than the beginning of next week. There was a brief discussion about a couple contracts needing to be renewed. The Biosolid Removal Service Agreement we renew every two years and the Waste Water Discharge Permit, Permit #9601 which is renewed every 5 years. Tom VanSyckle made a motion to accept the Biosolid Removal Service Agreement, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries. Lee Carte made a motion to renew the Waste Water Discharge Permit, Permit #9601, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, and motion passes.

FIRE REPORT: Fire Chief Jason Stadtfeld reported there have been 81 runs to date. They replaced the original pump from the 1970's on the 5 ton fire truck.

LIBRARY REPORT: No Report

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell was not present but did email me a couple of questions that she ask that the board address. 1. Is there an update on the MDOT/Road questions I brought up last month? There must be 18 ft. overhead clearance and 66 ft. easement for road right-of-way. Must have a drawing of your sign/banner project. 2. Can the additional electrical work at the pavilion be discussed, what is the plan? Concerns from Wheatland Twp. Board is that the DDA is wanting to do projects because of Heritage days. These being two separate groups the Wheatland Twp. board is questioning if this is a DDA project. The board discussed that the kitchen needs countertops and a sink with running warm water to complete the kitchen. As Far as the electrical part of the job the cost to upgrade the pavilion would be \$1500 and the township is not willing to do this project during this fiscal year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: County Commissioner, Linda Howard, reported that the Sheriff's Jail committee are partnering with Morton Twp. to refurbish the Hovercraft to get it back up to snuff. There will also be a Golf Fundraiser for the K9 Program which will benefit on going dog expenses and the purchase of another dog. The County Commissioners will be hosting a workshop to discuss how to spend the ARPA Money & the Opioid Money. Howard also reported that the Battery Plant is still in question. Residents can go to Green Twp. website and listen to the meeting which has very good information. The MI Senate will be voting on this topic/issue this week on Wednesday and Thursday. She reported there is a lot of misinformation & politics about this project. Linda also reported that the Remus Area Historical Society (Museum) will be open on Wednesday's from 11-3 from May - October. Looking for new faces to join their team.

Denise Moore Director of Mid MI Community Action was in attendance to let us know that there are different pots of monies to assist residents in need for taxes, water, sewer, electric & propane. They also have grants to help with household goods, preventive maintenance on weatherizing homes, and also are offering an Early Head start Program. Timeline for the applications can be up to 30 days however money for water, sewer etc. can be turned around within 2 weeks.

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CORRESPONDENCE: NA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Auditor's Suggestion about Sewer Fund:** (Figures to look at & think about) Twp. Will be increasing Jan. 2024
2. **Hardware for Bathroom Sink Updates:** Projected Completed on March 29, 2023
3. **Consumers Light Fixtures:** Tom will try and get ahold of someone tomorrow.
4. **New Township Employee:** We will post a Seasonal Worker on the sign

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Civil War Statue: (Morgan/West Wheatland Cemetery)** Tom VanSyckle made a motion that we allow the Old Settlers Reunion to erect a Bronze Civil War Statue at Morgan West Wheatland Cemetery, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor motion carries.
2. **Sewer Storm Drains:** Tom called Young's they are too busy so we will get a hold of Isabella Corp.
3. **Leprino's Waste Water Treatment Plant contract renewal:** This was taken care of in the Leprino report above.
4. **Consumer's franchise ordinance:** Clerk Mary will publish this in the paper this week and board will move on it at the May 15, 2023 meeting.
5. **MDOT 2207 B Permits: Adding titles of board members to paperwork:** Clerk advised the board on this matter.
6. **Municipality Savings Account 4.5%:** Lee Carte made a motion to allow our Treasurer to invest township funds, as the Treasurer sees fit, with monthly communication to the township board, Mary Karcher supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.
7. **Budget:** Proposed budgets are due in by May 15, 2023 meeting.

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ADJOURN: Tom VanSyckle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, and meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township