

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. October 19, 2020
MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL:

Joe Fate x Amy Snyder x Mary Karcher x Vern Doerr x Lee Carte x

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor Fate reported that he and John fixed the pkg lot at the Hot Spot, the USDA did their 3 year inspection at the Library and sent a list of items that needed to be addressed/corrected. John has cut the bushes/trees back from touching/rubbing up against the shingles on the building, worked on the gutter to prevent it leaking in front of the book drop box, and added striping to the parking lot parking spaces. The Back door has been measured and ordered to be replaced. Supervisor Fate reported that he had received the Sewer Rate Analysis back from Tim Korson (Gosling Czubak) and reported that the recommendation is to raise our rates 1.229. Board members will receive the full report and we will discuss it further at next month's meeting.

MINUTES: BOARD MINUTES- September 21, 2020 Vern Doerr made a motion to accept the Board Minutes as written from our September 21, 2020 meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: Mary Karcher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and payment of bills for September 2020, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that the aeration ponds ladders required straightening out and the pontoons needed repaired. The project continues to move along.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported they have had 196 runs to date. A couple of the firefighters are taking a Driver's Training Class (Emergency Vehicle Operation Class) from the City of Big Rapids, which will allow them to drive the fire trucks on fire runs and to be covered under our insurance.

LIBRARY REPORT: No Report

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell was here and Joe let her know that the material list for the touchless bathroom was faxed to HUD (Tonya). Dee did say that the DDA will not be meeting until 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **BS&A Accounting Program Is LIVE:** Mary Karcher reported that the Township is now live, using BS&A full time now. It has been a lot of information to take in during the last 3 weeks however we are confident that if we have any issues that we can call the help number and get a call back with assistance from BS&A. Looking forward to learning/using the program fully.
2. **Sewer Rate Study:** This was discussed up in the supervisor reports.
3. **DDA (HUD Monies):** This was discussed up in the DDA report.
4. **WWTP Renewal Permit:** Received Public Notice and posted for the public viewing until November 8, 2020. All comments or objections will be considered for the final decision to issue the permit.
5. **BLANTECH Quote for Ubiquiti Wireless Radios (Revisit in spring of 2021):** Placed here for a reminder.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Wambold Cemetery Tree Removal Bids:** The Township received 3 Bids: Fates Tree Removal Service \$2500, F&B Stump Grinding \$2500, and Peacock's Premium Tree Service \$4500. Lee Carte made a motion to hire Fates to take the tree down at Wambold Cemetery, Amy Snyder supported the motion all in favor motion carried. Joe will contact Fate's to let them know they have the job.
2. **Park/Hall Rentals:** Vern Doerr wanted to discuss the rental prices for the park and township hall. After our discussion we will be looking into this and possibly increasing the rates for any out of township resident's that may rent the hall. Vern Doerr requested this be revisited.
3. **Bronze Plate for Clumbia Hinton:** We had a discussion about the bronze plate that was damaged at Wambold Cemetery by our maintenance man. After the discussion, Amy Snyder made a motion to replace the bronze plate at Wambold Cemetery and have John replace the foundation for the plate to be mounted to, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor motion carried.
4. **100th Birthday Mary Schoner: (See Attached)** Shared the flyer/letter for the upcoming Birthday.

5. Election Update/Camera on Drop Box: Mary Karcher shared that we had close to 350 AV Ballots out in the mail with about half of them returned at this point. Due to different Election concerns Mary Karcher requested that we put a camera outside the door so we could see who was using our drop box and entering the hall. Joe Fate had already talked to Dave Frost to put a camera outside the door. This will be taken care of this week.

6. Halloween Wheatland Twp.: After a discussion about Covid19 situations, the board decided to stay with the Halloween tradition...IF THE PORCH LIGHT IS ON TRICK OR TREATERS ARE WELCOME.

7. Gypsy Moth Zoom Mtg October 20, 2020 12:00 p.m. Morton Twp Hall Mary Karcher shared information about this meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88389758895?pwd=TEFPb1owUnc3Z3ZhWGFTSXVOV3F0Zz09>

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dee Powell asked if the township charges WATA to hold tractor pulls in the park.

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ADJOURN: Amy Snyder made a motion to adjourn, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried, Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township