

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. January 18, 2021
MINUTES (Zoom)

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
Others Present: Kevin & Kim Thiel, Linda Howard, Dee Powell, Barb Diehm,
Cindy Diehm-Ray, & Gail Dolbee

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that we needed to purchase a door sweep for the library's new door and then he and John will get it installed. He also reported that Paul Thomas removed snow from the downtown parking areas in front of the businesses on January 4, 2021.

MINUTES: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the Board Minutes as written from our December 21, 2020 township meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- December 21, 2020

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

TREASURER REPORT - December 2020

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that the plant is running smoothly. He also reported that he had an accident at the WWTP. His truck slid into the building. He was not hurt, however he thought probably about \$2000 worth of damage to the building as well as \$2000 damage to his truck. Insurance companies have been notified.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported that they had 256 runs total during 2020. As of today, Jan. 18, 2021 they have had 10 runs. Chief Thiel also wanted to thank John McKenzie for building shelves in the Fire Barn. He said it was very well done and they greatly appreciated the work.

LIBRARY REPORT: Cindy Diehm Ray & Barb Diehm both attended the meeting. They reported that they will be having a meeting at the end of January and asked if I (Mary Karcher) would send reports for November Financials to them by Friday.

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell reported that the DDA would not be meeting until the 2nd quarter. She also asked if the HUD money had come through yet. Supervisor VanSyckle said no and that he will continue to try and get ahold of Tonya Young.

PUBLIC COMMENT: County Commissioner Linda Howard was present and wanted to congratulate the Township and Library for being at the point to pay off the Library Debt by April 1, 2021. She said the county is allowing people in the building by appointment only and all of their meetings are Zoom (virtual) meetings. She also mentioned that the Covid-19 Vaccine is starting to be more available and to the county residents. We also had a brief discussion about the Mecosta County Road Commission proposal for a possible upcoming Road Millage on the May Ballot. We all need to do our research and know the facts.

(3 MIN NOT ON AGENDA 5 MIN ON AGENDA)

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Rate Study (Phone Meeting with Gosling Czubak about REU's):** Tim Korson has requested a meeting with township members to discuss the Townships sewer ordinance needs and REU billing schedule. Lee Carte agreed to meet with Tim and Tom about this matter. They will get with each other and get a date set up.
2. **DDA (HUD Monies):** This was discussed up in the DDA report.
3. **Spring Clean-Up:** We will discuss this at a later date and possibly wait until next year to hold it.
- 4-7 **Blantech, Sprinkle Garden, John's Phone Request, Office Storage:** Mary will be working with Nila Simon over the next couple of months with the Sprinkle Garden project. Tom will talk to John about the phone situation and will go back to paying the payment for John if this is what he wants.
Office Storage: Tom has asked John to build shelves in the Supervisor's office, John did a quote with a material list and it was just over \$500. Lee Carte made a motion to let John build the shelves staying under \$1000 for the project, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, roll call vote with 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MDOT Resolution for Road Closures:** We need to look for this and contact Russ Smith at MDOT to help us with this matter. We will discuss it at our February meeting.
2. **Sewer Hook-Up Fee:** Tom is thinking that this will be taken care of during the phone meeting with Tim Korson when they discuss the Townships sewer ordinance needs and REU billing schedule. There is a retail business going in on the East side of Doyle Geitzen's house and they will need to tie into the sewer line.
3. **Bio-solids Disposal Removal Agreement Amendment:** Every year solids are removed from the ponds at the WWTP. After a brief discussion, Lee Carte made a motion that we accept the Amendment of the BIOSOLIDS REMOVAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BioTech Agronomics, Inc., Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
4. **Community First Federal Credit Union (Coming to Remus):** The board had a brief discussion about Community First Credit Union coming into Remus. They purchased Welling's Garage and would like to pave the parking lot and put an ATM in this summer.
5. **Heritage Hill Vineyard (Lionel & Cyndi Mackenzie) Tasting Room Permit Application:** After a brief discussion about the Heritage Hill Vineyard request for an On-Premises Tasting Room Permit, Mary Karcher made a motion for approval for a new On-Premises Tasting room Permit located at 10334 30th Ave Remus MI 49340 which will be known as Heritage Hill Vineyard owned by Lionel and Cyndi Mackenzie, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
6. **Carpet Quote for Clerk's Office:** We have received one quote for Carpet from Millard's for the clerk's office. We will be getting a quote from Big Rapids, Mt. Pleasant and Howard City to present at the February meeting.
7. **Assessors Request:** Gail Dolbee, our township assessor, joined us during the meeting and explained the different resolutions that are required for townships and the State will be looking for it during the AMAR Audit. After explanation of all 5 resolutions:

Mary Karcher made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-1 to Establish Alternative Start Date for March Board of Review, Lee Carte supported the motion, a roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, Resolution 2021-1 adopted on January 18, 2021.

Mary Karcher made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-2 to Establish Alternative Start Dates for July and December Board of Review, Lee Carte supported the motion, roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, Resolution #2021-2 adopted on January 18, 2021.

Lee Carte made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-3 to Adopt the 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines, Amy Snyder supported the motion, roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, Resolution 2021-3 adopted on January 18, 2021.

Lee Carte made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-4 to Adopt Poverty Asset Test Revised 3/2020, Mary Karcher supported the motion, roll call vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, Resolution 2021-4 adopted on January 18, 2021.

Amy Snyder made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-5 Authorizing a Resident Taxpayer to File a Protest before the BOR by Letter without a Personal Appearance, Lee Carte supported the motion, roll call vote 5 ayes, 0 nays, Resolution #2021-5 adopted on January 18, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN: Amy Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, and meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township