

**WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**7:00 P.M. August 15, 2022**  
**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 AB    Mary Karcher X    Ethan McNeal X    Lee Carte AB**

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Supervisor VanSyckle reported: that the company that is installing the scoreboards' ran into a snag in the park which will be discussed in unfinished business. There have been some area kids being destructive in the park, and we have turkeys, goats, chicken and a duck roaming around on North Fremont Street. The residents have called and talked to Animal control who in turn referred them to contact the township.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Tom VanSyckle to accept the minutes as written for the July 18, 2022 Board Meeting, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

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**TREASURER REPORT:** A motion was made by Mary Karcher to accept the Treasurer Report and payments for July 2022, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried

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**LEPRINO REPORT:** Kevin Thiel reported that the WWTP is running well. The repair work with the muskrats and the extra gravel in the drive has been repaired and taken care of.

**FIRE REPORT:** Kevin Thiel was with new Fire Chief Jason Stadtfeld and reported there have been 164 runs to date. The transition between the old and new chief has been good and the new chief has made some changes to the staff on the fire dept. Kevin questioned asking if the grant money had been received from the State of Michigan DNR Fire Service Grant? Amount is either \$4999 or \$4999.99. I will check with Amy about this.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Library Director Becky Kurtz reported that the Library received the \$18,000 TC Energy Grant out of Canada. The one criteria before receiving the grant is to send the TC Energy Company the wordage for the press release. Terry will be at the Library Thursday to work on this with Becky.

**DDA REPORT:** Dee Powell was in attendance. Nothing to report, the DDA will start meeting again in September.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ken Lind, our Insurance Agent, reported that we have Cyber Insurance at a basic level. Ken explained that in the last year Cyber Insurance has went through the roof. Ken's recommendation was to increase our Cyber Coverage, which would cost \$1000 and that would double our coverage. Cyber Insurance covers Liability, hacking, notifications, to name a few. He explained that Social Manipulation is a Big Issue with the ransom ware. Ken's BIGGEST suggestion is that we always do

back-ups and DO NOT back it up on site. Ken also reminded the board that last year we increased the coverage with two of our pumpers (fire trucks) to \$500,000 and 1 remains at \$400,000, asking if we wanted it increased as well. The fire dept. felt they could replace the truck for the \$400,000.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE: NA**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Library Water Damage Roof Replacement** The library roof project is complete with the exception of two full sheets needing to be reordered and will be replaced when they come in. Remus Lumber did come down and take pictures and posted it on their website.

**2. Electronic Signs Installation** Supervisor VanSyckle reported that when the company went to install the sign at the park ballfield they hit water which in turn made them have to order a different base (spread foundation) for that sign to be installed. The addition will be \$3865 for the different base.

**3. DDA Budget 2022-2023 Fiscal Year** Tom VanSyckle made a motion to accept the DDA budget for the 22-23 fiscal year, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.

**4. Part Time Maintenance Worker** After a discussion about receiving only 1 qualified application for the part time maintenance person, Tom VanSyckle made a motion to hire Marcus Todd as a part time maintenance person for Wheatland Township, Mary Karcher supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.

**5. Leprino's Contract** Tom VanSyckle will call Leprino's to go forward with the amendments to the contract. The amendments are attached to these minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. 2022-2023 Insurance** Mary Karcher made a motion to approve the upcoming Insurance Premiums from EMC for September 1, 2022 - September 1, 2023, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Brine Ok** Tom VanSyckle made a motion to do the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brine in Wheatland Township the week before the Wheatland Music Festival, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.

**3. Aug. Election** Clerk Mary Karcher reported that the Primary Aug. 2, 2022 Election went well with 155 AV ballots being processed and 167 people coming into vote with the exception of 2 AV ballots not going through the tabulator. The Election Inspectors Spoiled the Ballots and recorded it on the Ballot Summary Report. The Canvassers said that Wheatland Township was out of Balance because of the 2 AV Ballots. Mary Karcher went up and met with Marcee Purcell, County Clerk, and after understanding that no matter what all ballots had to go through the tabulator, Clerk Mary Karcher, Justin Lehnert, Linda Wernette, Timberly Boezwinkle, and Julie Sellers all gathered back at the township hall, Duplicated the two spoiled ballots and re-ran the election through the tabulator. Clerk Mary Karcher said, "We made a mistake, we corrected it, we learned from it and we will move forward from here". If there is a recount with the governor's race from the Primary Election Wheatland Township will not be able to participate in the recount due to being out of balance on election night.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Kevin Thiel reported that Sheridan Township will be giving Wheatland Township part of their ARPA monies received to purchase a Stanley PTO8 Pump to put on the flatbed of their 5 qtr. ton pick-up truck. This will help them maneuver in areas where the big pumper trucks would likely get stuck in many situations.

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**ADJOURN:** Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Mary Karcher, Clerk  
Wheatland Township