

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. October 17, 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 x Mary Karcher x Ethan McNeal x Lee Carte x
Others present: Dee Powell, Denise Reichert, Kevin Thiel, Jason Stadtfeld

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the Community Clean Up Day with Sheridan Township went well. It was busy and we filled 2 dumpsters. It was better than last year and splitting the cost was very helpful. We will try this same plan again next year. John and Marcus cleaned up the fence row in both cemeteries and out at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. They did a great job.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Ethan McNeal to accept the minutes as written for the September 21, 2022 Board Meeting the motion was supported by Amy Snyder, all in favor, motion carried.

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

TREASURER REPORT - September 2022

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that work at the pond is finished and Kevin complemented John McKenzie on a great job with cleaning up the brush around the building, across the drive, and outside of the gate.

FIRE REPORT: Fire Chief Jason Stadtfeld reported that there have been 202 runs to date. The Fire Safety Day went well with 25 people attending with 10-12 of those people being children who really enjoyed the kid's games and activities. They do plan on continuing having A Fire Safety Day next year. Former Chief Kevin Thiel reported that the Air packs that they will be receiving from the Grant are Scott Brand. The total cost is \$110,335 and Wheatland Township Fire Department will have to pay \$5516.75.

LIBRARY REPORT: No Report

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell reported that the DDA would like to coordinate with the Fire Dept. next year with the Fire Safety Day. The Scare Crow Contest is open thru Friday, October 21, 2022. Mary Karcher and Tom VanSyckle will judge the contest. The DDA will have a Light Decoration Contest for the month of December. Dee reported that the DDA hired Bubba Smith, from Mecosta, to do the flowers next summer for Wheatland Township. The DDA along with the Fire Dept. are hoping to coordinate with St. Mikes, Knights of Columbus, and Remus & Barryton Loin Clubs for Breakfast with Santa. Their goal is to run it from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. The DDA is now on the Calendar for the second Saturday in December starting in 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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County Commissioner Linda Howard reported that she attended the State Wide Conference and that there are monies through the State for demolition and recommended that we investigate this. She also gave the DDA some paperwork that she picked up. She reported that the commissioners are working to approve a \$7 million dollar budget. She also reported about the new business, Battery Factory (electric car batteries), going into Big Rapids. Working together on this project is Mecosta County Commissioners, Big Rapids Township and Green Township there were 100 people in attendance. They had a unanimous vote for Gotion's investments, 1/3 is private Chinese Investors, 1/3 private Switzerland/Germany investors, and 1/3 will be private American Investors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Library Water Damage Road Replacement:** The 2 long sheets have not been replaced, Mary Karcher will call Mike Moore and find out when this will be completed.
2. **Electronic Signs Installation:** Both signs are installed however they are not wired at this point. We need to talk to Bob McCall about a tournament to cover the installment of the sign.
3. **Nichol's House (S. Sheridan Ave across from the Fire Dept.):** Tom has contacted Michelle from Building and Zoning and was told that she is contacting the owner to talk about the house was suppose to come down when the garage did.
4. **Rental Contract:** Mary Karcher reported that 4-8 pages are complete however her computer does not have the program to be able to edit a pdf that she receives, therefore she is typing everything over. Lee Carte said to send it to him and he would send it back to her in a word form.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Fire Dept. ARPA Monies:** Ethan McNeal feels we should give the Fire Dept. \$5000 from our ARPA monies to help cover their PPE cost that they incurred over Covid. Amy explained that the ARPA monies had all been spent on the roads therefore we have no ARPA monies to give them.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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Adjourn: Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township