

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. September 20, 2021
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 ABS Mary Karcher x Ethan McNeal x Lee Carte x
Others present: Barb Diehm, Julie Mayer, Dee Powell, John Wernette and Daughter Toastie

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the DDA Bathroom Project is underway and should be completed by the end of October. We held our first Township Clean-Up Day and were disappointed with the turnout. We will advertise more next year, suggestions for advertising include: Flyers in Business's, Road Signs made for back road corners, post cards sent out at the beginning of the month of the Clean-Up Day, and making sure it's on the Website.

MINUTES: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the August 23, 2021 Board Minutes as written, supported by Ethan McNeal, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- August 16, 2021, 2021

MINUTES: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the August 23, 2021 Special Board Minutes as written, supported by Ethan McNeal, all in favor, motion carried.

SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES- August 23, 2021

MINUTES: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the September 13, 2021 Special Board Minutes as written, supported by Ethan McNeal, all in favor, motion carried.

SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES- September 13, 2021

TREASURER REPORT: Mary Karcher made a motion to accept the August 2021 Treasurer's Report and payments, supported by Lee Carte, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - August 2021

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel was absent. Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the solids are all out (approx. 500,000 tons were removed) and plant is running well.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel was absent. Supervisor VanSyckle reported that 2 firefighters are taking First Responder Class this fall, and there have been 180 runs to date.

LIBRARY REPORT: Barb Diehm reported that a couple people have shared interest in wanting to start a Friend's Of the Library group. The Library Staff received a pay increase at the August meeting. Marvin Perry is unable to do the Library repair/project and they are contacting Nate Aldrich to see if he would take care of it. The parking lot has been put on hold to see what the township is going to do with Michigan Ave.

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell was present and gave the Township board their shirts purchased by the DDA. She discussed having a Business as well as town residents Scarecrow contest with the winner getting a gift certificate for a business in Wheatland Township. She is thinking about a scarecrow scavenger hunt as well. Trunk or Treat will take place on Oct. 23, 2021 at the Funeral Home. DDA looking at doing holiday activities for the community and are looking at Dec. 11 2021 for Breakfast with Santa and stuffed toy give away. Dee Powell also reported that the new Vet Clinic in Town is having their soft opening. They will be called Healthy Acres Vet Clinic.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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CORRESPONDENCE: Mary Karcher read a Thank You Card from Betty Snider for the use of the hall for Larry's memorial and gave a \$200 donation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Dump Property Survey Bids:** Tabled this until our October Meeting.

2. **John Wernette:** John and his daughter Toastie were present to further discuss a Marijuana Grow at his resident. After a long discussion they will come back next Month. Sites to look at include MMRA. There were question's asked which included, "What are the numbers in Mecosta County since the pass of Proposal 18-1?"

3. **Township Alley Maintenance:** After a discussion it was agreed that the township will NOT be plowing any of the alleys however the township will be keeping them trimmed in order to drive through them.

4. **School Property Lease:** The Township has a short-term lease through December 31, 2021. Other business and paperwork are being worked on to continue leasing this property.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Sewer Line Factory Street:** Lee Carte made a motion to replace the sewer pipe on Factory Street for \$7125, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, roll call vote, Lee Carte Yes, Amy Snyder Abs., Ethan McNeal Yes, Tom VanSyckle Yes & Mary Karcher Yes, motion carried.

2. **Wheatland Township Sewer Ordinance 2021-03:** Lee Carte made a motion to adopt the Wheatland Township Sewer Ordinance 2021-03. Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, roll call vote, Lee Carte Yes, Amy Snyder ABS., Ethan McNeal Yes, Tom VanSyckle Yes, & Mary Karcher Yes, motion carried.

3. **DDA By-Laws:** Mary Karcher made a motion to accept the revised By-Laws of the DDA, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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ADJOURN: Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.