

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. September 18, 2023
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: Linda Howard, Ken Lind, Cristen Cornell, Jeanette Aldrich, Jason Stadtfeld

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the Twp. was quiet until this past week. On 9/13/23, a resident that may have never been hooked into the Sewer System at 139 W Michigan Ave, contacted him. Plummer's will be in town on Wednesday, 9/20/23, to see if there is a lateral connection from this address into the main. Supervisor VanSyckle also asked about the flowers downtown and Mary Karcher, Clerk, explained that Charles asked to keep the flowers going as long as the nice weather stays with us. She stated she had a conversation with the DDA and Charles, about the Twp. continuing to pay Charles for the watering of flowers throughout the fall and the DDA will take care of any fall decorations that Charles puts together.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the minutes as written for the August 21, 2023 Board Meeting, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- Aug. 21, 2023

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for August 2023 by Lee Carte, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - Aug. 2023

LEPRINO REPORT: Adam Philipp's was unable to attend but sent Supervisor VanSyckle a report that is attached to minutes. Supervisor VanSyckle did report that they put 2 test wells out at the WWTP due to higher levels of ammonia, chloride & sodium being found. All protocol is being followed due to these findings. Supervisor VanSyckle has spoken to Hannah Bradish & James Fraser from Leprino's Corporate Office and they are sending a letter to Dan Hines and James Snyder, landowners in the immediate area of the WWTP, explaining that there are heightened levels of chloride, ammonia & sodium and that they will be kept informed with all information that results from this issue.

FIRE REPORT: Fire Chief Jason Stadtfeld reported all is running well at the Fire Dept. There have been 220 runs to date. They had 5 calls out at Wheatland Festival over the past weekend. Also discussed was the Daughters of American Revolution Flag presentation that will be taking place at the Fire Dept.'s weekly meeting at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023.

LIBRARY REPORT: Jeanette Aldrich was present and reported that there has been nice representation from the community for the Arts display going on at the Library. She also asked if there are any plans to repave the Driveway in front of the library along with the alley. A Brief discussion was had that the Township didn't have any plans at this time to do any paving but that Becky may check into any grants that may be available at this time.

DDA REPORT: No report

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ken Lind, EMC Insurance Agent, was present to answer questions about the insurance policy for the upcoming year. Ken would like to meet with the DDA to touch base on everything that they are doing as a group. Mary will get this information and email it to Ken along with a copy of the Township Budget. Ken did explain to the board that if we as a board encounter any action of someone/group filing any suites against a board member(s), to please contact him and he will take it from there. Ken also will be meeting with Jason Stadtfeld, our fire chief, during the next month to go over the "value" of all of the firetrucks, to make sure there is sufficient coverage on all of them.

Cristen Cornell was present from Mecosta County Conservation District to introduce herself and promote the program that she works through with the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program. Her contact information is listed if anyone would like to contact her.

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Linda Howard, County Commissioner, was present and reported that all is going well at the county level. She had attended the Drain Commission meeting and asked if we were happy with everything going well on our side of the county. After a brief discussion Linda will ask Carla from the Drain commission to attend one of our upcoming meetings to discuss the drains in our area with us.

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CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Consumer's Energy Waste Water Treatment Plant: Mary Karcher reported that the Consumers Bill from the WWTP for Aug 2022 was \$26,913.76 and Aug 2023 was \$19,427.47, and Sept. 2022 was \$25,757.62 and Sept. 2023 \$15,218.75. We are seeing a significant difference in the Consumers Energy bill due to the rate study on the power usage at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, that Consumer's did at the beginning of the 2023 year. We will continue to monitor this monthly.

2. Ballot Box Office & Park Security Camera Upgrade: Tom contacted Dave Frost about getting more storage on our camera system at the park and hall. Dave reported back to Tom that his service manager Paul had added 8tb of storage to both DVR systems (park and hall). This was an oversight on their part when they added the extra cameras to the pavilion, there will be no extra charge to the township. Dave said we should have lots of storage now. If we don't have the 75 days coverage at the hall on the ballot box area we will have to dedicate a separate hard drive for that single camera.

3. Wambold Cemetery Walkway Plots: Mary Karcher reported that she spoke to Carl Moore, the Township's Sexton, about selling walkway plots to people. He had absolutely no problem with it. We also discussed how we would do a numbering system with these walkway plots. He suggested that we use the lots to the north or south and just add a number to that lot system...example Lot 284 has 4 plots and we would add the number 5 to that lot system or the Lot 277 we would have to add the number 0 to the Lot system. After this discussion the board was in agreement that we can sell walkway path lots if people inquire.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 MIN NOT ON AGENDA 5 MIN ON AGENDA)

ADJOURN: Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries, and meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township