

# WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP MEETING

## 7:00 P.M. September 17, 2018

### AGENDA

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.** with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by all present.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Joe Fate x      Amy Snyder x      Mary Karcher x      Vern Doerr x      Lee Carte x

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Supervisor Fate reported that the Bluegrass (Wheatland Music Festival) went well and the roads were in good condition. We will be paying for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Brine (1 being Free from the county and the township covering the cost of the other two). He also discussed that this year there have not been hardly any Park reservations and the rental of the picnic tables have been very low as well. A discussion about some of the picnic tables not being in very good condition and the board discussed possibly not replacing them when they have broken down.

**MINUTES:** Lee Carte made a motion to accept the Board Minutes as written from our August 2018 meeting, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

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**TREASURER REPORT:** Lee Carte made a motion to accept the treasury report and payment of bills for August 2018, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURE REPORT -August 2018

**LEPRINO REPORT:** Kevin Thiel introduced Dave Morningstar who is the new Plant Manager of Leprino Foods located in Remus. Thiel also reported that due to all of the rain there have been a few issues at the ponds with the muskrats. They are having people come and give them quotes for the repairs that need to be taken care of. The engineer that Kevin had talked to about coming to Remus to assess Sewer System said that we do fall into the poverty category and that there are grants available. The cost of the engineer itself will fall into the \$20,000-\$30,000 to look at and analyze our sewer system.

**FIRE REPORT:** Chief Thiel reported that all is going well and is quiet with the fire and rescue in Wheatland Township. They have had 183 calls this year. The Wheatland Music Festival was very quiet as they had 3 calls for the entire weekend. They did get the Jaws of Life that replaced the damaged set. They now have a hydraulic set as well as a battery operated set. The Fire/Rescue Department have 5 more people which makes them at an attendance now of 22 firefighters.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** No Report

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dave Morningstar from Leprino's talked and expressed how much he really appreciates the relationship that the Township has with Leprino's. He presented our Board with check for \$7925.00 to cover have of the cost of the new Laser System that went in the Lift station at a cost of \$15,850.

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#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **West Wheatland Morgan Green Burial** Mary Karcher handed out the board a packet with some information that she found on-line about the Green burial Process. Still feeling like there are a lot of questions left to ask, a call was made to our funeral home director here in Remus. She does not know much more than we do about the Green burial Process just that the talk is rising and more people are getting interested in it. Mary Is waiting to hear back from 6 different funeral homes in Michigan that offer Green Burials in their area. We will keep the discussion going until we feel more confident with deciding whether or not to allow Green burials in the West Wheatland Morgan Cemetery.
2. **Pine Lake Sewage Spill** As Kevin Thiel explained the engineer is getting us an estimate to look over our sewer system. Jackie Fitzgerald is looking into doing a study on the county drains located in our township.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Wheatland Township Cemetery Policy** After a discussion about some cemetery issues the board decided that we will make every attempt we can to make the cemetery issues a person by person individual case by contacting the person (if possible) themselves. We will also be purchasing 2 small message boards in order to display our Cemetery Policy at both of the active cemeteries.
2. **Sewer Account** Amy Snyder led a discussion about our Sewer account. Since April 2018 we have spent \$90,000 out of the account for repairs and replacements within the sewer system. She also discussed that we have not received any money from Leprino's since April of 2018. Dave Morningstar said he would go back and check into the situation. In the meantime Lee Carte made a motion to allow Amy to transfer \$20,000 from the General account to the Sewer account to cover cost, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion was carried. (The money will be transferred back once the account is replenished by Leprino's). Another discussion that was held was the fact that we need to do a Rate Study in Wheatland Township to be able to explain to the residents the reason for the increase they will be seeing in their sewer bills starting in January 2019.
3. **HUD Account CD** Amy Snyder discussed with the board that the Hud CD in the amount of \$128,821.54 was coming up on September 21 and that we had an opportunity to move some of the money to Chemical Bank and get a better interest rate of 2.75. Lee Carte made a motion to allow Amy Snyder and Mary Karcher to open an account with Chemical Bank in the amount of \$110,000, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
4. **Letter of Agreement with Leprino** Dave Morningstar presented our board with a letter agreement: Wheatland Township Wastewater collection and Conveyance System. Once

- the board had time to read it over and have a discussion, Amy Snyder made a motion to sign the letter agreement, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
5. **Township Lawnmowers** Supervisor Fate led a discussion about the shape of the township lawnmowers. Throughout the discussion Fate asked the board to purchase a new mower for \$9500, with a mower trade-in of \$3000, bringing the cost down to \$6500.00 and a mower deck for the old machine for \$1000. After a further discussion Vern Doerr made a motion to purchase a new mower at the cost of \$9500.00, trading in the oldest mower and getting \$3000 for it, and to purchase a new deck for the old mower at a cost of \$1000 bringing the total bill to \$7500.00, Mary Karcher supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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**ADJOURN:** Vern Doerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.