

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. May 15, 2023
MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:15 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 x
Others Present: Dee Powell, Tom Kunse, Kevin Thiel, Linda Howard, Myra VanSyckle

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that things are going very well. We are mowing a lot of grass this time of year.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the minutes as written for the April 17, 2023 Board Meeting, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- April 17, 2023

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

TREASURER REPORT - April 2023

LEPRINO REPORT: WWTP Supervisor Kevin Thiel reported that they found a leak in a Ferric Line at the Waste Water Treatment Plant which is a HazMat issue. All of the correct reporting went into the State of Michigan and Supervisor VanSyckle was cc'd in all emails. They will be running a new Ferric Line which will be one continuous line when it is repaired. Kevin Thiel also reported that he will be retiring from Leprino and June 9, 2023 will be his last day.

FIRE REPORT: Former Fire Chief Kevin Thiel reported that there have been 109 runs to date and that the Proposed Fire Budget will be turned in this week.

LIBRARY REPORT: No Report

DDA REPORT: (1) Dee Powell reported that the DDA will be meeting at Fates Bakery Wednesday May 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The DDA is working details for the new road signs for businesses. The DDA is partnering with Wheatland Music Organization to Design Banners to put up to celebrate 50 years of the Music Wheatland Organization. Amber Simon will be designing the banners after they are created by members of the community. The DDA believes the walking path needs attention by adding new woodchips and that they may need to look at a different design for it because of a couple washout areas. Tom VanSyckle and Dee Powell will get together Wednesday, May 17, 2023 so they may inspect path together.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1) Dee Powell asked the board what rules and or stipulation they wanted in place for Camping and Fireworks during Remus Heritage Days which will be held July 21-23 2023. Tom and Mary will check in with the county as to what ordinances are in place for camping outside of an official campground and it was stated that the RHD committee could possibly take donations from campers but could not charge anyone for camping. Supervisor VanSyckle said that the Fireworks must be taken care

of by the Business that deals with Fireworks and they must provide Liability Insurance. The board did okay the back ball field for the area to shoot the fireworks from.

(2) Myra VanSyckle was present and thanked the board for allowing the Backyard Kids 4-H group to use our facility for their pie making fund raiser. She also brought a fresh blueberry and Cherry Pie for the board and guest to enjoy during the meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE: NA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Auditor's Suggestion about Sewer Fund: (Comparison) Lee Carte made a motion that we increase our Sewer Rates 10% starting January 1, 2024, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.

2. Consumers Light Fixtures: There was a brief discussion about the light fixtures and we will move forward with this project and our Maintenance worker will take care of the project.

3. Township Seasonal Help: There have been 2 inquires but no applications returned.

4. Civil War Statue (Morgan/West Wheatland Cemetery): Diane Green emailed Mary and said that they have the area flagged where they would like to put the Civil War Statue at the cemetery. Diane requested someone go out and inspect the site for approval of placement of statue.

5. Sewer Storm Drains: A brief discussion on quote from Isabella Corp. and a decline on quote from Young's as they are too busy. Supervisor VanSyckle will be looking into getting 1-2 more bids by the June meeting.

6. Consumer's Franchise Ordinance: Mary Karcher made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2023-01, Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. State Representative Tom Kunse State Update: (Questions or Concerns) 100th District State representative Tom Kunse was present and introduced himself to the board and community present. Tom left his contact information and really stressed the importance of contacting him with any questions or concerns that we may have about our State of Michigan. The 100th district covers Clare, Osceola, Mecosta and a sliver of Lake County.

2. Board approval: New Flower Maintenance Person Charles Smith, Mecosta water bill. After a discussion it was decided that the township would send monthly checks for this service.

3. Budget: A few thoughts and questions: We need to budget \$35,000 in General fund, Repair and Maintenance, for Storm Drains repair. We need to put \$1500 aside for electrical upgrade at the Wheatland Township Park. Ask Amy about the \$26,000 in the Road Fund for Professional Services and the Transfer in monies need to be removed from that GL line.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Howard, County Commissioner, discussed the Gotion Project, and that the County Commissioners would be going on a Drain Tour around the County soon.

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ADJOURN: Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township