

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
6:00 P.M. April 5, 2022
MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 6:00 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: Mary Ann Wernette, Tosti Dutcher, John Wernette, Paul & Rosie Dixon, Ruth Chapman, Dee Powell, Dar & Linda Wernette, Duane Karcher, Denise Reichert, Chad Paulsen, Judi Porter, Tre Porter and Linda Howard.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Paula Priebe:** (Outline attached) Main points addressed were laws pertaining to regulations of Marihuana (spelling used by Priebe). What Wheatland Twp. can do to Opt In and allow marihuana facilities. How to regulate marihuana establishments with applying and permitting and writing ordinance. Zoning would need to be addressed because Mecosta County opted out and we would need an Ordinance Enforcer. Priebe answered questions from the audience. Ruth Chapman asked if there is an influx of vehicles using the roads to get to grows and Priebe stated there hasn't been anything like that reported. Linda Wernette asked who watches the spending of the 10% excise tax. Priebe stated the state regulates this. Duane Karcher asked about how marihuana effects the area environmentally? John Wernette stated that he has to use only certified chemicals as regulated by the Agriculture Farming community and when he ships out his marihuana there is a number given to it to track if there are any problems. Priebe reinforced Wernette's reply about the tracking is regulated by METRC with a metric number. Dar Wernette asked who is to check on these operations. Priebe stated local law enforcement and it was noted from the audience that this hasn't happened yet. Priebe closed with restating that she is here if the Township needs anything further.

2. **Road Improvement Funding:** (Paper on monies spent on road improvements and the contract with the Mecosta County Road Commission attached) The Board discussed the road improvements and monies.

Motion made by Lee Carte to approve the Road Improvement Contract with the Mecosta County Road Commission with the contracted price of \$534,260.24, seconded by Ethan McNeal. Roll Call Vote: Tom Vansyckle Y Amy Snyder Y Mary Karcher Y Ethan McNeal Y Lee Carte Y Motion carried. The contract will be sent to Mecosta County in the morning.

Motion made by Lee Carte to get an Installment Purchase Agreement with Isabella Bank for \$100,000. To complete the monies needed for the Road Improvements, seconded by Tom VanSyckle. Roll Call Vote: Tom VanSyckle Y Amy Snyder Y Mary Karcher Y Ethan McNeal Y Lee Carte Y, motion carried. (The loan paperwork will be signed by Amy Snyder and Lee Carte)

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

Denise Reichert asked when a decision will be made on the marihuana. The Board stated that they will make their decision next Board Meeting April 18, 2022.

ADJOURN:

Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Tom VanSyckle. Adjourned 7:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Kim Thiel
Wheatland Township Deputy Clerk