

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. February 15, 2021
MINUTES (Zoom)

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, Dee Powell, Kelly Simon, Kevin and Kim Thiel, Cindy Diehm-Ray, Barb Diehm,

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that he and Lee Carte had a meeting with Gosling Czubak to discuss the Sewer Ordinance & REU Factors. The company is just getting started with this project. MDOT did get the tree removed out at Wambold Cemetery.

MINUTES: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the Board Minutes as written from our January 18, 2021 meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- January 18, 2021

TREASURER REPORT: Mary Karcher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and payment of bills for January 2021, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - January 2021

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that the plant is running well. Discharging will start in March. He had JBS come out to give him a quote for the building to repair from the accident that happened when he slid into the building and was quoted \$4400.00. He stated that he felt Leprino's would be taking care of this bill.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported that there have been 25 fire/rescues runs to date. 1 fire fighter will be taking their final test for MFR class this Saturday. 2 fire fighters are enrolled in EMT class and 1 fire fighter is in FFL class.

LIBRARY REPORT: Barb Diehm reported that the Library Board has appointed Megan Stevens & Dee Potts as Wheatland Township's Library Board Members which makes 6 members on the Board. Barb and Cindy have been working with Mary Karcher the clerk with getting the Financials squared away for the Library. Mary is working with BS&A to resolve the problem.

DDA REPORT: No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Howard County Commissioner was present and reported that there will not be a millage from the Road Commission on the May 4th, 2021 Election. However, Mecosta County Parks will be putting a millage question on the ballot. She also reported that area residences can call the Health Dept. or County to get information about the COVID Vaccine.

(3 MIN NOT ON AGENDA 5 MIN ON AGENDA)

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Rate Study (Phone Meeting with Gosling Czubak about REU's)** Supervisor VanSyckle reported that Gosling Czubak sent a boundary map for Wheatland Township's Sewer area. Although the map will need to be updated as there are areas that are left off. These areas include Leprinos, Subway and the Apartments. It was also discussed that Kim and Mary are working on a map of town to make sure that the addresses within the sewer boundaries all have an account within the system. They have found a few residents that do not have an account set up. Tom also reported that he found a 1985 Sewer Ordinance for Wheatland Township although it did not have any sewer rates on it. It was suggested to reach out to Mecosta County Health Department located in the Service building for help.
- 2. DDA (HUD Monies)** Supervisor Fate reported that Tonya Young had sent the information for the HUD Loan to him in an email. JBS has turned in their insurance papers which has started the process of the project. No date is known yet for the start of the building.
- 3. Spring Clean-Up** Supervisor VanSyckle reported that we would look at this for next year when we are working on the budget for 2021-2022.
- 4. John's Phone Request** Mary Karcher made a motion to give John McKenzie a \$75 monthly phone allowance starting in January 2021, Amy Snyder supported the motion, AIF, motion carried.
- 5. Office Storage** Supervisor VanSyckle reported that John completed the shelving project for \$300 which was under the cost thought. The shelves were very well done and they are very well organized.
- 6. MDOT Resolution for Road Closures** Supervisor VanSyckle reported that he will continue to get in touch with Russ Smith to get information about the process of Road Closures during events within our Township for the upcoming year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Interlocal Agreement for BOR between Wheatland Twp. & Millbrook Twp.** After a brief discussion, Amy Snyder made a motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement for BOR between Wheatland Twp. and Millbrook Twp. for the 2021 BOR, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Remus Heritage Days** Kelly Simon was present for the Remus Heritage Days committee and explained to the board that the plan currently is to plan for Heritage Days to happen in July 2021 and if for some reason due to Covid-19 they are unable to have it they would cancel the event. Plans include a Car Show Friday evening, Parade Saturday morning and the Truck Pull Saturday evening. She asked for the boards thoughts about rather they felt the event could happen or not? After a brief discussion, as long as social distant requirements are put in place and followed through with for safety reasons they felt it could happen. More will be discussed as we get closer to summer.
- 3. Request for Remus Tavern** Mary Karcher reported that Bill Lipar contacted her to ask the board to make a motion to allow the Remus Tavern to serve guest in their new parking lot area allowing them to use the sidewalk to get to the parking lot area. After a discussion, Mary Karcher made a motion to allow Remus Tavern to access their Parking Lot to serve customers using the township's sidewalks as long as the Remus Tavern signs a hold harmless agreement with the Township so as to release the township of liability should a situation arise, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
- 4. BOR New Member Duane Karcher** Amy Snyder made a motion to appoint Duane Karcher as a BOR member for Wheatland Township, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Household Hazardous Waste Program Mary Karcher made a motion to contract with Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts for collection and disposal of household hazardous waste for 2021 in the amount of \$300, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Road Projects for 2021 After a discussion it was agreed that Tom will send in road projects to get a recommendation and cost from the county road commission for repairs made to 10th Ave between 9 mile & 11 mile, 60th Ave (this cost would be shared between 4 twps.) and 50th Ave between 6 & 8 mile. Also as part of the discussion we need to look at the Brine Cost for this year to determine how much money will be taken out of the road fund for this cost as we usually have 3 each year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

ADJOURN: Amy Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.