

**WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**7:00 P.M. April 19, 2021**  
**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: Kim & Kevin Thiel, Dee Powell, Denise Reichert, Nila Simon, Amy Noggle, Cindy Diehm-Ray, Barb Diehm,

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Supervisor VanSyckle reported that John, maintenance man, got the door replaced at the library, the park is open, and the ball teams are underway with practice for the season. Supervisor VanSyckle also stated that the storm drain was stolen and has to be replaced, he is working with Isabella Corp, Young's and JBS about this matter.

**MINUTES:** Lee Carte made a motion to accept the March Board Minutes as written, supported by Amy Snyder, all in favor, motion carried.

**BOARD MINUTES-** March 15, 2021

**TREASURER REPORT:** Lee Carte made a motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report and Payments, supported by Ethan McNeal, all in favor, motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT -** March 2021

**LEPRINO REPORT:** Kevin Thiel reported that the Aeration Basin needs repaired (normal repairs) and PFAS has new requirements for land application that have to be put in place by July 1, 2021.

**FIRE REPORT:** Chief Thiel reported that they have had 64 runs to date. The Fire Dept. would like to pay for installation of a water softener to service the Fire Dept. and Hall. They asked the Township to cover cost of salt for duration of the softener once it's installed. Lee Carte made a motion to accept Kevin's proposal to allow the Fire Dept. to purchase and install a water softener and the Township will purchase the salt from here on out. Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The fire dept. also has several people in training and at this time there are 25 volunteer fire fighters in Wheatland Twp.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Barb Diehm reported that the Library had a meeting and are in the process of getting estimates for the insulation project that needs to be taken care of.

**DDA REPORT:** Dee Powell requested a re-design to Remus.org. Dee had a quote from Rachel Blanzly on doing the work. The cost includes Annual Website cost \$350, Maintaining the website monthly \$50, and the Website set up, design and creating content would be between \$3500-\$4500. Dee's proposal to the township board was if the DDA paid for the website setup cost would the Township take care of the monthly fee and the annual fee after the Historical Society, Remus Heritage Days, and the DDA all put \$100 towards it? (They also asked the Library to be a part of the group and put \$100 towards the

website annually). This would be a cost of \$550-\$650 to the Township annually. Amy Snyder made a motion to accept the DDA's proposal, Lee Carte supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Dee Powell asked the township if they would maintain the watering service and the fall decorations with the Flower Project that Stephanie McNeal has done for Remus for the past several years. The total cost for the project for this year is \$4318. The DDA will take care of \$2238 and has asked the Township to pick up the remainder of the cost which would be \$2080. Mary Karcher made a motion to accept the DDA Flower Project proposal, Amy Snyder supported the project, all in favor, motion carried. DDA also discussed the JBS Park Project and had an updated cost for the restroom project and additional covered walkways. It was agreed that the project could get underway after the Aug 22 rental at the township park. The pavilion will be closed starting Aug. 23 until the project is completed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cindy Diehm-Ray asked the township what was being done with the Blight issue in the township. The township was also made aware of a large hole in the alley behind Cindy's home.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Rate Study:** Supervisor VanSyckle reported that he received the rough draft of the Sewer Rate REU Ordinance and would be forwarding it to Steve Lobert.
2. **MDOT Resolution for Road Closures:** This has been taken care of.
3. **Carpet for Clerk's Office 3 Bids:** After a brief discussion about the 3 different bids, Millard's \$1795.51, Menards \$587.29 Just for the carpet, Gilbert Carpet \$700 total cost. Mary Karcher made a motion to have Gilbert Carpet from Big Rapids do the carpet project in the Clerk's office and to stay under \$1000 for the total project, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Water Softener:** This was addressed in the Fire report.
2. **Road Projects & Brine Prices for 2021:** After a discussion, Tom to set meeting with Lee Carte and Ethan McNeal to meet with Tim Nestle/R.C. for discussing different road projects and cost.
3. **Wind & Solar Renewable Energy:** Discussion about Mecosta County allowing this.
4. **Retail Store Petition (Our review and comments requested):** After a discussion about the retail store coming into our township, Supervisor VanSyckle will be contacting Michelle Stenger from Building and Zoning with a couple of questions.
5. **Central Sanitation request to purchase Dump on 7 Mile Rd Discussion:** Supervisor VanSyckle will look into what needs to happen to make this sale. Revisit next month.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** N/A

**ADJOURN:** Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion all in favor, motion carried, meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.