

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP MEETING

7:00 P.M. April 20, 2020

MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 P.M. By Supervisor Fate via Zoom-remote, electronic means as allowed in Executive Order #2020-02 and the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by all present.

Others Present: Tom Vansyckle, Ethan McNeal, Dee Powell, Cindy Diehm-Ray, Kevin Thiel, Brian Miller, James Taylor,

ROLL CALL:

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

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor Fate Welcomed everyone and mentioned everything has been pretty quiet during the past couple months.

MINUTES: Vern Doerr made a motion to accept the Board Minutes as written from our February 17, 2020 meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- February 17, 2020

TREASURER REPORT: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and payment of bills for February 2020, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mary Karcher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and payment of bills for March 2020, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT -February 2020

TREASURER REPORT -March 2020

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that they were discharging at the waste water plant and had a project going with AFE to fix the aeration unit. Leprino's is in 100% Operation making cheese.

FIRE REPORT: Fire Chief Thiel reported that they have had 78 runs as of 4-20-20 and that they have been running the new rescue truck for 3 weeks now. Kevin also mentioned that they have the old truck stripped down and Alexis is offering them \$3500 for a trade in offer. Lee Carte made a motion to trade in the old rescue truck to Alexis for \$3500, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

LIBRARY REPORT: Cindy Diehm Ray reported that the Library will be closed until further notice due to Covid 19. She also reported that both of the Libraries' millages will be up for renewal this year (2020) and the plan is to put them on the November Ballot with a deadline to

submit the wording for the renewals by July 28, 2020. Also mentioned in the discussion was that Mary Karcher will email Cindy the March Finance Reports that she gets every month.

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell, president of DDA, asked if John McKenzie could power wash the Gazebo (by the bank) when he powered washed the Park. She also requested a trash can get placed by the Gazebo. Joe Fate said he would take care of these two items.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. James Taylor running for Mecosta County Sherriff introduced himself and shared some of his background with all in attendances.
2. Brian Miller running for Mecosta County Sherriff introduced himself and shared some of his background with all in attendances.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Waste Water Plant Permit (Kevin)** Kevin Thiel reported that he is waiting on the State.
2. **BS&A Accounting Program** Amy Snyder reported that we would be getting the full program at the end of the summer and we have sent in our first of three payments to BS & A.
3. **MDOT Resurfacing Project** No Report as of this date.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Sewer Line Repairs** Supervisor Fate led a discussion that Plummer's Engineer found 3 (bigger) areas that needed repaired when they were in scoping the sewer lines at the cost of around \$10,000. Lee Carte made a motion to move forward to repair these 3 areas within the sewer lines, Mary Karcher supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. **Sewer Rate Analysis** Supervisor Fate asked if we wanted to move forward with the Sewer Rate Analysis at a cost of \$4400. Lee Carte made a motion to move forward with the Sewer Rate Analysis, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
3. **Brine Contract** After a discussion from Supervisor Fate about Brine prices staying the same price for 2020 but will be increasing next year (per the Road Commission March 17 2020 meeting). Lee Carte made a motion to have the 3 brines this year (that we have had in the past years), Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
4. **June Newsletter (Ideas to put in it)** Mary asked all board member's to be sharing ideas for the June newsletter.
5. **Thrive Remus Group Goals** Mary Karcher explained that this is a group of community members who are interested in making Remus a more pleasant looking place to enjoy.
6. **New Rescue Truck (Alexis) Financing** After a discussion about the 2 banks that provided interest rates for the financing of the Fire Rescue Truck, Amy Snyder made a motion to take the lowest origination fee and interest rate for the loan once we had the information back from

both banks, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Lee Carte made a motion that Amy Snyder (Township Treasurer) and Mary Karcher (Township Clerk) both sign the Finance Loan for purchasing the Fire Rescue Unit, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Office Assistant Pay during Covid19 Shut Down After a brief discussion about township employees getting paid during the Covid 19 Stay Home Order (After contacting our auditor and MTA), Mary Karcher made a motion to pay the Township's Office Assistant for the month of April and any of the future time that we are required to stay home per our governor, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

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ADJOURN Amy Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Mary Karcher, Clerk Wheatland Township