

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. August 16, 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
Other's present: Dee Powell, Barb Diehm & Mecosta County Sheriff Brian Miller

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor Tom VanSyckle reported that the power went out last week during the storm Tuesday evening and came back on Wednesday night.

MINUTES: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the July 19, 2021 Board Minutes as written, supported by Amy Snyder, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- July 19, 2021

MINUTES: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the July 27, 2021 Special Board Minutes as written, supported by Amy Snyder, all in favor, motion carried.

SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES- July 27, 2021

TREASURER REPORT: Mary Karcher made a motion to accept the July 2021 Treasurer's Report and payments, supported by Lee Carte, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - July 2021

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel absent. Supervisor VanSyckle reported that they were going to start hauling sludge tomorrow from the WWTP and all was running well.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel was absent Supervisor Vansyckle gave report. Supervisor Vansyckle reported there had been 139 fire / rescue runs to date. Also, the rescue truck would be getting the door fixed by Russ Welling this week.

LIBRARY REPORT: Barb Diehm reported that they were trying to find people to do their repair jobs at the Library. Also getting quotes to repave the parking lot.

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell was present and asked if the board was going to vote on the DDA's By-Laws. This was an error on Mary Karcher as the board members never received a copy of the by-laws. This was tabled to the September board meeting. Also, the tax exempt was discussed and we will be staying on top of it as government entities do not pay tax at all.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sheriff of Mecosta County, Brian Miller, as present and introduced himself to all in attendance. Talked about the report that he has been sending monthly to the clerk's and supervisors and hoped the reports are helpful for the township board. Mary Karcher will start forwarding this email to the Trustees and Treasurer and all agreed that they were very helpful and thanked Sheriff Miller for doing this.

Dee Powell asked about people living in a commercially zoned building. There was a brief discussion and Mecosta County Building and Zoning are aware of this and are taking the necessary steps to get this corrected.

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CORRESPONDENCE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Remus Historical Society:** No one in attendance
2. **John Wernette (Marijuana Grow Operation):** Did not attend meeting
3. **Land Division Ordinance:** After a brief discussion a motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the Land Division Ordinance 2021-02 as written, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, a roll call vote 5 yeas 0 nays, motion passed.
4. **School Property Lease:** Tom attended a school board meeting and said the school board is willing to allow us to lease the property at the school. Tom will be working with the CHHS School Board on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Dump Property Survey:** Supervisor VanSyckle and Deputy Clerk Kim Thiel went out to the dump property to look around and assess the 12 acres. Supervisor VanSyckle feels a survey is necessary to enable us to put up a proper fence to block off others from going on this property. Mary Karcher will be getting in touch with at least 3 surveyors to get bids to do this job. Lee Carte was going to send information to Mary about 1 surveyor to contact.
2. **Park Pavilion:** A discussion was had about the park needing switches for the lights, a cart with wheels for the renters to use to help with loading and unloading items for the kitchen, a broom and dust pan for renters, as well as a handle and a sign put on the boarded window in the kitchen so renters realize that it's solid wood and very heavy.
3. **Township Alley Maintenance:** After a discussion about maintaining the alley ways in the township. The board members will view the alleys at their convenience and will be addressed at the September meeting.
4. **Scattered Garden:** Mary Karcher discussed working with the committee (Dee Powell, Nila Simon & Kim Thiel) for the Scattered Garden project at the Wambold Cemetery. The discussion was primarily of monies for the project. It was discussed that the HUD monies would be used for the project.
5. **Office Copier:** After a brief discussion it was agreed that Amy will order a new copier for the office at the hall.
6. **Loss of Power:** Supervisor VanSyckle discussed that when there is a loss of power at the township, the fire department needs access to the generator. Therefore, an extra key for the generator will be given to the fire department.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dee Powell talked about the Compassion into Action Day, a community service project, to be held on October 11, 2021 from Isabella Bank Employees. They have chosen Wheatland Township to help get projects done as the Community Service Project for 2021. She would like the hall reserved in case of rain.

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ADJOURN: Lee Carte made a motion to adjourn meeting, Amy Snyder supported, all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Karcher
Wheatland Township Clerk