

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

7:00 P.M. May 18, 2026

MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by all present.

ROLL CALL:

Lee Carte X Julie Sellers X Kim Thiel X Ethan McNeal X

Others present: Commissioner Chris Zimmerman, Chief Kevin Thiel, Taylor elder/Assessor, Amy Noggle , Kathy Smith, Kris & Bob Beers, Claudia and Marvin Perry, Beth and Russ Riley, Ruth Chapman, Lola Tyler.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor Carte stated things are running smoothly parks are open and being used. There was an issue at MMPA which will be addressed next.

MINUTES: Clerk Thiel requested an amendment to the Road Repair Millage including a Resolution 2026-003. A motion was made by Ethan McNeal to accept the minutes as written and amended for the

April 20, 2026 Board Meeting, Julie Sellers supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried. BOARD MINUTES- April 20, 2026

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made by Ethan McNeal to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for March 16, 2026 Board Meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Treasurer's Report: April 20, 2026

MMPA REPORT: (Attached report) Adam Philipp was absent. Matt Germaine represented MMPA tonight. He stated that everything is running well. The lift station needs maintenance by MRWA they do this for free under permit. Germaine stated that they were informed by the township maintenance crew that there was a strong smell of sewer and a white milky substance in the storm drains in the park on Monday May 11, 2026. He in turn contacted others at MMPA and the problem was addressed and found to come from the factory. This was because their Plumbing Contractor hooked into the storm drain instead of Sanitary Drain, thus flushing curd wash to the storm drain thru the park. They contacted EGLE in the allotted time frame and had Isabella Corp do a complete clean up to

Pine Lake and EGLE approved the clean up, they will send us paperwork for proof of this. No fines were given to MMPA as was contractor error.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported there are 93 runs to date. They had a firefighter pass the certification course. A Jeremy Provatas returned from military service in Afghanistan and is going to start classes for EMS.

LIBRARY REPORT: N/A.

DDA: Amy Noggle President and Kathy Smith Treasurer, Dee Powell Vice President, Kris Beers member were present for the DDA. Amy stated wasn't sure what was happening with the playground equipment as it was turned over to old Supervisor Tom VanSyckle to store somewhere as Fates had to move it from their facility. She said that Joel Sherman is in charge of installing the equipment at the park and will get with Maintenance Vern Young. Kathy Smith stated that she gave the board a copy of the by laws and budget proposals. The by laws will be addressed at a later date. The budget proposals will be addressed in New Business.

CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Chris Zimmerman stated that the county has \$540,000.00 in MET monies and they are discussing on where to spend. Tonkin Drain on going issue the county is paying for a Flood Plain Specialist.

Clerk dispersed Sheriff Report.

Public Comment:

Ruth Chapman spoke on her appreciation on hiring John McKenzie as seasonal worker for township as he does a wonderful job.

Linda Howard: Information on America 250 Celebration June 13th, 2026 New Hope Church more to come, put on electronic sign.

Lola Tyler: Trustee position

Russ Riley: Trustee position

Kris Beers: Trustee position (Flier)

Mike Storey: Trustee position

Brooke Baumann: Trustee position (Declined email per Julie Sellers)

Lionel McKenzie: Trustee position (Verbal thru Lee Carte not present)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Resignation/Appointment Trustee:** After hearing interest from above listed citizens. Clerk Thiel made a motion to accept Mike Storey as Trustee, supported by Lee Carte. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carte, Thiel, Sellers, McNeal, Nays: None. Board thanked all interested and asked them to keep up the meeting visits and if still interested in a position on board please run in 2028 election. Trustee Mike Storey was then sworn in by Clerk Thiel.

2. **DDA/TIF Capture:** Supervisor Carte informed DDA of the two proposals Ordinance to dissolve DDA and Ordinance to dissolve capture. It was discussed with DDA that the board is not wishing to dissolve the DDA the capture needs the dissolution so it can get corrected. The DDA can come back to board and present a NEW plan on a later date. There was a discussion. Ethan McNeal made a motion to dissolve the DDA capture Ordinance# 2026-01, supported by Julie Sellers. Roll Call: Yeas: Carte, Thiel, Sellers, McNeal, Storey. Nays: None. Passed.

3. **Cemetery Sexton:** Current sexton Randy Berger is declining his contract. Three quotes: Bob Beers-Jeremy McAllister-Brandon Stieg. Julie Sellers made a motion to accept Brandon Stieg/The Shop Cemetery Services for full burial work and to keep John McKenzie on for cremation and foundation work, supported by Lee Carte. Roll call vote:Yeas: Carte, Thiel, Sellers, McNeal, Storey. Nays: None. Passed

4. **Assessor/Land Division:** Assessor Taylor Elder had a revised Land Division Application and questioned if the township wanted to charge a fee. Discussion Kim Thiel made a motion to accept the new application and to start a fee of \$25.00 per new legal description. (Resolution 2026-003), supported by Mike Storey, passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Budget Proposals:** All proposals need to be turned into Treasury as soon as possible.

2. **May 5, 2026 Special Election Results:** Recited.

ADJOURN: Kim Thiel to adjourn, supported by Lee Carte, passed adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly S. Thiel

Wheatland Township Clerk