

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. MARCH 20, 2023
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: Kevin & Kim Thiel, Mike Storey, Joel Ball, Jason Stadtfeld, Kris Beers, Dee Powell

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that it has been a quiet month for the township and he has not heard back from Consumers Energy as of today.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the minutes as written for the February 20, 2023 Board Meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

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TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for February 2023 by Lee Carte, Mary Karcher supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - Feb, 2023

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel, Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, reported that they are starting to discharge this week as the ice is off most of the ponds to get samples. They have a project going on dealing with the clarifier and Consumers is doing a study right now to help save money on electric bills.

FIRE REPORT: Fire Chief Jason Stadtfeld reported that there have been 52 calls to date.

LIBRARY REPORT: No Library Report

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell reported that the DDA is working on Kitchen purchases and asked if the township planned to complete/cover the walls in the kitchen area and wanted to know if there is enough power to put in 2 stand up freezers, a steam table, a stove and a hood. A 3 bin sink will also be put in. The township had not put thought into covering the walls at this point and Mary Karcher will check to see if the power is available to put the kitchen items in at the park. She said DDA would like to move forward with a Banner Project. They would like to put up a Welcome To Wheatland sign during The Wheatland Music Festival and have it across the road and they would also like to put in Remus Business Directory Signs when coming into town. A discussion was had about Mecosta County Zoning controlling any signs going in and M-Dot will tell us where they can go. The township will need to put in for a permit issued by M-Dot for the large Banner to be put up during a certain time frame. Dee also asked if we could put the Easter Egg Hunt on the sign that will take place at Remus Farm and Garden on April 1st at 11:00. Dee also asked if the township was okay with The Heritage Day's Committee having Fireworks during Heritage Day's weekend in July? Dee said that it would be on private property with the owner's notice and it would fall under Heritage Days insurance. The committee was given permission on going ahead with fireworks.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment
(3 MIN NOT ON AGENDA 5 MIN ON AGENDA)

CORRESPONDENCE: None to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Auditor's Suggestion about Sewer Fund: (Figures to look at & think about)** Mary & Kim did up a percentage sheet for an increase in the sewer rates. After a brief discussion we will look at the business's increase cost and report this next month.
2. **Hardware for Bathroom Sink Updates:** The material is here and Mary will call Patterson Plumbing and set up an install date with them.
3. **Consumers Light Fixtures:** No new information tabled until April's monthly meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **New Township Employee:** A further discussion was had with Jason Stadtfeld and the board about this new position. After looking further into the Fire Dept. side of the job he realized that it would only require 4-5 hours a week (rather than 20 hrs). Realizing this the township board will table this topic until next month looking further into the budget and actually what the board is looking for with the maintenance position.
2. **Blan-Tech putting in cable from office WI-FI:** After a discussion about this project the Fire Dept. will take care of this task.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None
(3 MIN NOT ON AGENDA 5 MIN ON AGENDA)

ADJOURN: Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, and meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township