

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. November 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 ab Mary Karcher x Ethan McNeal x Lee Carte x
Others in attendance: Jason Stadtfeld, Kevin & Kim Thiel, Dee Powell,

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the power issue was found at the park (apparently a short underground) and will be repaired in the spring. Tom was called about the generator at the lift station running for 2 days. After looking into it, it was Consumers problem which they came and fixed. John and Kevin got the banners changed and the lights up for the holiday season ahead. Supervisor VanSyckle also reported that the township tractor needs some welding done on it and we will discuss this in number 6 below.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the minutes as written for the Oct. 16, 2023 Board Meeting, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- Oct. 16, 2023

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

TREASURER REPORT - October 2023

LEPRINO REPORT: Adam Phillips was not present. Supervisor VanSyckle reported that they should be finishing the clarifying project by the end of the week and all is running well with no problems. Lee Carte asked for test results of the groundwater that is in question from the contamination found back in September 2023.

FIRE REPORT: Fire Chief Jason Stadtfeld reported that they have 1 volunteer firefighter attending Fire Academy and there have been 265 runs to date. The air compressor that was donated to the fire department requires 3 phase electrical service. The Fire Dept. does not have enough power at this time to run the compressor. After contacting Consumers to see about getting extra power to make this happen the cost is going to be \$25,000-40,000. The Fire Dept. will be putting actual cost numbers together and reaching out to area businesses for possible donations.

LIBRARY REPORT: No Report

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell was present and reported that the Trunk or Treat was a huge success with over 500 children. It was a wonderful community event. The collaborated Breakfast with Santa will be Dec. 9, 2023 with the Remus Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, DDA and Wheatland Township Fire Dept. DDA is continuing to work on promoting Remus's businesses by trying to advertise them more. Looking at the billboard beside Remus Repair to do this task. The DDA will be changing up their monthly meetings with going to an 8:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation meeting theme. The first meeting will be Jan. 12 at Fate's Deli.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

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CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Consumer's Power Waste Water Treatment Plant Update: Mary Karcher reported the savings from the past year include: Oct. 2022 pd. \$26,677.44 Oct. 2023 pd. \$15,058.83 difference of \$11,618.61.
Nov. 2022 pd. \$19,367.99 Nov. 2023 pd. \$14,856.21 difference of \$4511.78.

2. Wambold Cemetery Dirt Pile removal: Ralph Schooner will be doing the work for the township, John would like to wait until spring to complete this job. Tom will talk to John about his plans.

3. Clean-Up Day Invoice \$1100: The board had a brief discussion about what a great deal this is working with Sheridan Twp. with this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Leprinos: On Nov. 1, 2023 Leprino Foods announced a mass layoff beginning Jan. 2, 2024. They will no longer be making string cheese and will transition into a smaller operation, producing condensed skim milk. They reported that 114 positions will be let go leaving 23-24 people working in the factory. There will be a Job Fair on Tuesday Dec. 5 from 8-12 and Wed. Dec. 6 from 12-4 for the displaced employees as well as the community job seekers at our township hall.

2. Wheatland Township Sewer: Supervisor VanSyckle has been in contact with Gosling Czubak Engineering Services on what changes need to be put in place to our sewer system without Leprino's in it. They will call back after the first of the year to look at what steps we need to put in place to prepare us to run the township without Leprino's with our sewer system.

3. Sales Tax Reminder: Just a friendly reminder that NO SALES TAX can be paid out through any purchases for the township.

4. Remus Anime Club: Mary Karcher explained that Karen Brookshear talked to Mary Karcher about having the hall 2 evenings a month for the Remus Anime Club meeting. Mary explained that they will be in the hall on 2 different Wednesday evenings in Dec. Jan. & Feb. Supervisor VanSyckle asked about alcohol being used and Mary Karcher did not think so and will make a call tomorrow to confirm this. Other than this the board was in approval of this new group using the hall on a donation basis.

5. Gaylen Murray Sewer Rates: Supervisor VanSyckle stated that Murray learned that his building had been zoned residential and getting it put back to commercial has taken a good amount of time and patience. Murray came to the township requesting reimbursement for the sewer bill. After a discussion about this the board decided to leave everything as is with his payments.

6. Township Tractor: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the township tractor is in for a welding repair and he is hoping that this will get us through this year with the tractor. The township may need to look at replacing the tractor next year so he is looking into different options to upgrade it.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

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ADJOURN: Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, and meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township