

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. May 17, 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

Community Audience: Kevin & Kim Thiel, Barb Diehm, Becky Kurtz, Rachel Blanzzy, Dee Powell, Char Lennon.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that there will not be a Parade with the High School Marching Band for Memorial Day here in Remus per Superintendent Grover. There will still be a small service for our area Veterans at the Township Hall on Memorial Day.

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

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

TREASURER REPORT - April 2021

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that the Aeration project is in progress at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and that the last pond will be discharged by the end of May.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported that the Fire Dept. has had 80 runs to date and that there are 15 Licensed MMR on the Fire Dept. roster. Chief Thiel also mentioned that because of COVID the dept. has put out a great deal of extra money in PPE as well as extra runs. He has asked the Township Board to consider reimbursing the Fire Dept. \$30,000 when we receive the stimulus money that we have coming.

LIBRARY REPORT: Barb Diehm walked the board through the proposed budget that she did for the library. Barb also let the board know that due to Memorial weekend the Libraries May meeting will be on Tuesday May 25, at 5:30 p.m. Becky Kurtz, Library Director, was also present and asked about getting ahold of Marvin Perry for a quote for

the library project. Kurtz stated that the parking lot needs to be repaved and was asking Township if they could assist in anyway and that she would get quotes on this matter.

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell had nothing to report and will be sending us a budget soon to get to the board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NA

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CORRESPONDENCE: NA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Road Projects: (Meeting Updates) After a discussion about the meeting Lee & Ethan had with Tim Nestle from the road commission, our board needs to put together a package for next year, present it to the road commission in Feb. 2022 and the road commission will work with us on it. Lee Carte made a motion to accept the contract for the Brine projects for 2021, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Rate Study: (Update) Supervisor VanSyckle spoke with Steve Lobert on the New Sewer Rate Ordinance, expecting a response within the week. We should have information at our June Meeting.

3. Carpet for Clerk's Office: (Ordered) Mary Karcher reported that the carpet company called and set up the installation date as Friday June 25, 2021. The cost is \$200 more than the \$700 phone quote due to new molding (\$75) and moving of furniture at (\$135) charge. If another opening comes up we may get it installed before June 25.

4. Retail Store Petition: (Update) We are assuming this will be a Dollar General store and will wait and see the progress of the project.

5. Central Sanitation request to purchase Dump Property (On 25th Ave. South of 7 Mile Rd.): After a discussion about selling the unused property, Trustee Lee Carte, made a motion to accept \$20,000, minimum bid, Supervisor Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried. This is a start to the project of selling the Dump Property revisit next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dee & Rachel Remus.Org New Logo: Dee Powell introduced Rachel Blanzly to the board and she explained the different Logo's that she and Dee have looked over and discussed. She showed us 4-5 different examples and it was decided that we would go with a tree of some sort and the wording would say Rooted in Heritage. It was also

decided that Mary and Amy would make the decision for the Board as to what tree they will use for the website Logo.

2. Walking Path DDA: Dee Powell explained her thinking about the walking path project that she had brought to the township a couple of months ago and she felt that she needed a further explanation about this project and where the township would be helping. After a discussion it was decided that: Dee would map it out, John would spray the round up, Al would take care of or donate the rototiller, the DDA would put down the mulch and the township will maintain the walking path once it's completed. Any questions from Dee about the project need to be addressed to Tom or Mary.

3. Blan Tech Wireless Bridge From Twp.to Park Cameras: Lee Carte made a motion to install the wireless bridge from the town hall to the township park to allow our Point Broadband (Casair) internet to take care of the cameras located at the park, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Change Order Request Drinking Fountain required in park per Building Dept.: A discussion was had that this is a building requirement and that the drinking fountain will be placed in the kitchen area at the park.

5. Park renovations by DDA/Twp (?) Bleachers Fence Ball Net: After a discussion about the bleachers needing replaced at both ball fields as well as the chain-link fence, Tom VanSyckle will be getting quotes for both projects. Dee Powell will take the replacement of the net to the Heritage Day meeting tomorrow evening that Supervisor VanSyckle will try to attend. A brief discussion was had also about replacing Park signs.

6. Proposed Budgets: DDA Fire Library Twp. Road HUD Sewer: Amy Snyder briefly discussed the proposed budgets she presented (HUD, Road, Sewer, Twp.). The Library's proposed budget was presented. DDA and Fire Dept. will be getting their budgets to the board within the next week.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Barb Diehm asked for clarification about the Library parking lot pavement project. Char Lennon asked about people living in business's downtown.

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ADJOURN: Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township