

**WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING
AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. MAY 20, 2024
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 AB Lee Carte x
Others present: Dee Powell, Amy Noggle, Lori Todd, Kathy Smith, Linda Howard, Julie Sellers,
Kim Thiel, Chris Zimmerman,

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported all is running well in the township. There was an electrical issue discovered down in the park and Duane Karcher will be fixing the problem. The problem was found from the monthly electrical bill. John and Kevin are keeping up with the mowing and are working on raising the picnic tables at the park to make them easier for people to use. The MET Grant was sent to Mecosta County Commissioners for approval. The old tables from the township are all sold and there are about 100 chairs left to sell.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the minutes as written for the May 20, 2024 Board Meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- May 20, 2024

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for May 2024 by Lee Carte, Mary Karcher supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - May 2024

LEPRINO REPORT: Supervisor Vansyckle reported that Leprino had a 2-day shutdown to fully connect into the new service. The utility bills are way down and the road commission will be going to the WWTP to mow where the goats and sheep cannot get to.

FIRE REPORT: NO REPORT

LIBRARY REPORT: NO REPORT

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell reported that there will be a work bee on Saturday from 10-2 for the Disc Golf Course and asked for it to be put on the electronic sign. She asked about the speed limit signs, and with a discussion about the email from MDOT, nothing further on this matter until we hear back from MDOT. Dee stated they voted on a board, with this comes changes the first being credit cards. Dee & Denise will turn in their cards and the township will get new cards for Amy Noggle and Kathy Smith. Amy Noggle reported that they would like to upgrade the sign at the park to match the M-66 signs coming into town. The board was in approval of the new signs. Mary Karcher made a motion to accept the DDA Board Members for the new term, starting July 1, 2024, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried,

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Howard, County Commissioner, asked the township how much they asked for with the MET Grant. The township asked for \$100,300. She also asked about the church next door that was supposed to be a new daycare center and was told that building and zoning was requiring them to put in an elevator for handicap purposes, costing the new owner too much and had to sell. She also asked about the Nichol's house across from the hall and all agreed that the court deadline is by the end of June 2024.

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CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Leprino's:** This information was covered in the supervisor report. MMPA's Contract is up October 31, 2024.
2. **Elected Official's Salary Resolution Approvals: Supervisor:** Amy Snyder made a motion to accept Resolution #2024-4, Supervisor Salary for \$13,200 annually, Lee Carte supported the motion, roll call vote 4 aye, 0 no, Supervisor VanSyckle declared the resolution adopted.

Treasurer: Mary Karcher made a motion to accept Resolution #2024-5, Treasurer Salary for \$15,950 annually, Lee Carte supported the motion, roll call vote 4 aye, 0 no, Supervisor VanSyckle declared the resolution adopted.

Clerk: Tom VanSyckle made a motion to accept Resolution #2024-6, Clerk Salary for \$17,600 annually, Amy Snyder supported the motion, roll call vote 4 aye, 0 no, Supervisor VanSyckle declared the resolution adopted.

Trustees: Tom VanSyckle made a motion to accept Resolution #2024-7, Trustee Salary for 2,200 annually, Mary Karcher supported the motion, roll call vote 4 aye, 0 no, Supervisor VanSyckle declared the resolution adopted.
3. **Scattered Garden Memorial Wall (Putting names on the wall discussion):** Mary Karcher explained that Kris Beers and Denise Reichert were working with this project and the DDA had voted to purchase a piece of granite from Premier Granite & Stone for \$520.20 and her son Jacob will install it for free. Mary Karcher will contact the monument place to make sure they will still come up and engrave the name on the granite.
4. **50TH Ave Road Project:** All board members signed the contract for the road project and it was sent to the road commission on May 20, 2024.
5. **Waste Water Treatment Plant Study:** Supervisor VanSyckle is working with Leprino and Leprino will more than likely be paying for the WWTP Study that Gosling and Czubak will be doing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budgets: Approvals for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

- **General:** Tom VanSyckle made a motion to accept the 2024-2025 General Budget as presented, Mary Karcher supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.
- **Fire:** Mary Karcher made a motion to accept the Fire Dept. Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year as presented, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries
- **Library:** Tom VanSyckle made a motion to accept the 2024-2025 Library Budget as presented, Amy Snyder supported the motion, and all in favor, and motion carries.
- **DDA:** Amy Snyder made a motion to accept the 2024-2025 DDA Budget as presented, Lee Carte supported the motion, and all in favor, and motion carries.
- **Sewer:** Tom VanSyckle made a motion to accept the 2024-2025 Sewer Budget as presented, Mary Karcher supported the motion, and all in favor, and motion carries.
- **HUD:** Mary Karcher made a motion to accept the 2024-2025 HUD Budget as presented, Amy Snyder supported the motion, and all in favor, and motion carries.
- **Road Fund:** Lee Carte made a motion to accept the Road Fund Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.
- **General Amended:** Tom VanSyckle made a motion to amend the 2023-2024 General Budget as presented, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.
- **HUD Amended:** Tom VanSyckle made a motion to amend the 2023-2024 HUD Budget as presented, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.
- **Sewer Amended:** Tom VanSyckle made a motion to amend the 2023-2024 Sewer Budget as presented, Mary Karcher supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.
- **Road Fund Amended:** Lee Carte made a motion to amend the 2023-2024 Road Fund Budget as presented, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.
- **Fire Amended:** Tom VanSyckle made a motion to amend the 2023-2024 Fire Budget as presented, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.
- **Library Amended:** Tom VanSyckle made a motion to amend the 2023-2024 Library Budget as presented, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.

2. Elected Officers Salary Resolutions: Taken care of in Old Business

- **Supervisor Resolution #2024-4**
- **Treasurer Resolution #2024-5**
- **Clerk Resolution #2024-6**
- **Trustees Resolution #2024-7**

3. Sewer Increase 2025: After a discussion about the Sewer Account, Lee Carte made a motion to increase the Sewer Rate by 10% for 2025, beginning January 1, 2025, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Payroll Change (Just a notice to the board): Mary Karcher let the board know that after discussing the payrolls with Amy Snyder, the weekly pay will be going to the semi-monthly pay and the Fire Dept. quarterly pay will be moved to the trustee quarterly pay. This will help with the clerk's job going from 5 payrolls down to 3 payrolls.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

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ADJOURN: Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, and meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township