

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP MEETING
7:00 P.M. MAY 18, 2020
MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 P.M. By Supervisor Fate via Zoom-remote, electronic means as allowed in Executive Order #2020-02 and the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by all present.

Others Present: Tom Vansyckle, Dee Powell, Cindy Diehm-Ray, Kevin Thiel, Lionel McKenzie, Lola Tyler,

ROLL CALL:

Joe Fate x Amy Snyder x Mary Karcher x Vern Doerr x Lee Carte x

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor Fate discussed that MDOT will be starting the repaving project the week of May 25, 2020. Supervisor Fate also shared 3 bids that he received for the repaving of the parking lot: Young's Consulting \$55,000, Right-Way Asphalt \$46,496, Reith & Riley \$46,740. After some discussion Joe Fate made a motion to have Reith & Riley pave the Township Parking Lot if the HUD money will support the project, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Fate also mentioned that John McKenzie our Maintenance person said that a few trees need to come down for safety reasons at a couple of the twp.'s cemeteries. They were getting a bid from Thunder Bay Tree Service to complete the project.

MINUTES: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the Board Minutes as written from our April 20, 2020 meeting, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- April 20, 2020

TREASURER REPORT: Vern Doerr made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and payment of bills for April 2020, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT -April 2020

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel is working with Fishback to do a project to monitor Groundwater. He feels this will be required for the Permit renewal at the Wastewater Plant. They are also discharging the ponds and should be done by the end of the May.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported that they have had 95 calls as of today. Chief Thiel also said that the Fire Dept. has extra PPE if the TWP is in any need of any.

LIBRARY REPORT: Cindy Diehm Ray reported that the Library met per phone conversation meeting on May 9, 2020 to approve the proposed budget that she presented to the board this evening.

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell thanked the township for the trash can in the gazebo and asked about the power washing. Joe Fate was concerned about the power washer stripping the stain off the gazebo, however she said they will be having it re-stained with a better quality stain this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NA

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. BS&A Accounting Program Mary Karcher reported that she and Kim Thiel will be going through remote as well as in person training July 15-Oct. 15 2020. Amy Snyder will come into training for the Reconciliation and Budget portion of the software.

2. MDOT Resurfacing Project (May 18- July 2) Scheduled Dates for Project (Supervisor comment above)

3. June Newsletter (Cemeteries, Elections (absentee ballots), and Amy's turnaround time) Discussion about newsletter and also concerns shared from Mary Karcher about the cemetery policy and it needing to be addressed.

4. New Rescue Truck (Alexis) Financing A second check was sent for \$52,000 to Alexis. Still waiting the financing through Mercantile Bank.

5. Sewer Line Repairs Supervisor Fate shared that the sewer repairs would cost \$15,450 through Plummer's Environmental Services. Amy Snyder made a motion to accept the new bid to complete the repairs, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Sewer Rate Analysis Supervisor Fate reported that Gosling Czubak was working on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Remus Heritage Days After a discussion about to have or not to have Remus Heritage Days, Mary Karcher made a motion to cancel Remus Heritage Days for 2020 due to Covid19, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Wheatland Music Festival After a discussion with Lolo Tyler, Director at WMO, about the Wheatland Music Festival held the weekend after Labor Day, with 10,000-12,000 people in attendance, knowing how much this festival brings into our small town and areas businesses, the board felt cancelling the event would be the best for everyone involved, due to Covid19.

3. Park Opening After a discussion, it was agreed upon that the Wheatland Township Hall and Park would remain closed until the governor allows groups of 50 to gather together (which is stage 5 of the Michigan Stay Safe plan due to Covid19).

4. Amend General Budget Amy Snyder went over the general budgets (the current, the amended and the proposed budgets) presented to the board. The board agreed that at the June Annual Meeting we will amend and adopt the new budget after taking the next month to look over all of them. Any questions are to be directed to Amy.

5. Amend Sewer Budget Will take care of this at our June Annual Meeting

6. Amend Hud Budget Will take care of this at our June Annual Meeting

7. Amend Road Fund Budget Will take care of this at our June Annual Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT: NA

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ADJOURN: Vern day made a motion to adjourn, Lee Carte supported, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Karcher,
Clerk Wheatland Township