

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. June 20, 2022
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: Mary Ann Wernette, Kevin Thiel, John and Julia Mayer, Karla Miller, Lynn Wernette,
Charles & Alicia Bugielski

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the Memorial Day Parade and service went very nicely, the pavilion job is getting the final touches put on it to bring it to a close and Tonya from HUD is good with a percentage of the bathrooms at the park being touch free. The Community Frist Credit union is going thru planning and zoning and will go into the old Welling's Gas Station, Tom is in the process of getting the lease between Chippewa Hills and Wheatland Twp. finalized, it will be a 3-year lease and all other leases will be dissolved. He is going to ask if we could buy the property we lease from the school.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the minutes as written for the May 16, 2022 Board Meeting by Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- May 16, 2022

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report and payments for May 2022 by Lee Carte, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - May 2022

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that the WWTP will have some work done as they have had muskrat problems and the HazMat Training will be tomorrow at the hall and fire dept.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported that there have been 134 Fire/EMS runs to date and they have been very busy with 3 fires out of township and all been structural fires.

LIBRARY REPORT: Barb Diehm reported that the meeting in May did not have enough board members in attendance to run a meeting therefore no decisions were made.

DDA REPORT: NO REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Karcher's House Gentleman spoke to the board about the trouble he has been having with his neighbor. The neighbor has not mowed their lawn at all this year and have 11 very aggressive dogs and were in his yard and at his door a lot, actually scratching at the glass doors to get in. He had a service dog that was trained to protect him and the dog's came over and jumped on the service dog and injured him enough that he had to be put down. He had called Mecosta County Dispatch and they suggested he call animal control who did come to the house 4-5 different times and

removed 3 dogs at one visit while other dogs were hidden in the building outback of the house. We suggested him to call the Mecosta County Sheriff and explain what has happened and were sure that Sheriff Miller will help him out with this matter. The township can turn them in for Blite due to the lawn not being mowed at all this year.

2. Karla Miller Mecosta County Drain Commissioner was present to explain that they were working on the Geitzen Drain and ran out of allotted money for the year and there is still more maintenance and repair that is necessary to be performed on the Geitzen Drain. Drain code allows townships to pass a resolution to go further this year. Lynn Wernette was also present and explained that it was right at this property that they ran out of money and the drain is causing issues on his property and asked if we would consider signing the resolution so they could continue cleaning up the Geitzen drain. After a discussion, Lee Carte made a motion to accept and sign resolution 2022-8 that allows the Mecosta County Drain Commissioner to expend up to \$5000 per mile, per year, for the maintenance and repair of the Geitzen Drain, Mary Karcher supported the motion, roll call vote, 5 yeas, 0 Nays, motion carries.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Marijuana Ordinance Ballot Wording Information** Mary Karcher made a motion to allow Eric Williams, a township attorney, to draft up a resolution to put a question on the November 8, 2022 ballot for Wheatland Township voters to consider allowing 2 adult marijuana retail establishment and up to two marijuana grow establishments in Wheatland Township, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.
2. **Handicap Picnic Tables for Township Park** Fire Dept. will work on this at one of their Thursday night meetings before our July meeting.
3. **Memorial Scattered Garden for Wambold Cemetery** Tabled until next month
4. **Review Leprino Lease Agreement/WWTP Contract** Mary Karcher still wants to review the contract and make sure dates of renewal are up to date and all is filed correctly.
5. **Library Water Damage Roof Replacement** After a discussion, Amy Snyder made a motion to go with Mike Moore's bid for a Steel Roof for the Wheatland Township Library and the Township will split the cost, 50/50 with the Library, Mary Karcher supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.
6. **Fall Clean-Up Sharing with Sheridan Twp. at County Garage Saturday Sept 24, 2022 9-12**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Update on HUD Loans** Mary Karcher explained the work that Kim Thiel has done getting the HUD Loans organized. After a brief discussion, the Auditors will actually get the account cleaned up this year which will make it more understandable to all of us.

2. Budgets 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

- Lee Carte made a motion to amend the current 21-22 General Township Budget as proposed by Amy Snyder, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.
- Tom VanSyckle made a motion to accept the 22-23 General Township Budget as presented by Amy Snyder, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.
- Tom VanSyckle made a motion to accept the 22-23 Road Fund Budget as presented by Amy Snyder, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.
- Amy Snyder made a motion to amend the current 21-22 HUD Budget as proposed by Amy Snyder, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.
- Mary Karcher made a motion to accept the 22-23 HUD Budget as presented by Amy Snyder, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.
- Lee Carte made a motion to amend the current 21-22 Sewer Budget as proposed by Amy Snyder, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.
- Tom VanSyckle made a motion to accept the 22-23 Sewer Budget as presented by Amy Snyder, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.
- Tom VanSyckle made a motion to accept the 22-23 Library proposed Budget as presented by Barb Diehm, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.
- Mary Karcher made a motion to amend the current 21-22 Fire Budget as proposed by Kevin Thiel, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.
- Tom VanSyckle made a motion to accept the 22-23 Fire Budget as presented by Kevin Thiel, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.

3. Electronic Signs Installation After a discussion, Lee Carte made a motion to get the donated Electronic Signs installed as soon as possible and reimbursing the General Township account with a Community Fundraiser(s), Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor motion carries.

4. Quotes for Ballfield Fence & Pickle Ball Fence Tabled until next month

5. Gail Dolbee's Assessor Contract Lee Carte made a motion to accept Gail Dolbee's 22-23 assessor contract as presented, Mary Karcher supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.

7. Wheatland Township Board Salary Resolutions

- **Supervisor Salary Resolutions for 2022-2023** Lee Carte made a motion to accept Resolution #2022-4, Supervisor Salary of \$12,000 for fiscal year 2022-2023, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, roll call vote 5 ayes unanimous, motion passed.
- **Treasurer Salary Resolutions for 2022-2023** Lee Carte made a motion to accept Resolution #2022-5, Treasurer Salary of \$14,500 for fiscal year 2022-2023, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, roll call vote 5 ayes unanimous, motion passed.
- **Clerk Salary Resolutions for 2022-2023** Lee Carte made a motion to accept Resolution #2022-6, Clerk's Salary of \$16,000 for fiscal year 2022-2023, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, roll call vote 5 ayes unanimous, motion passed.
- **Trustee Salary Resolutions for 2022-2023** Lee Carte made a motion to accept Resolution #2022-7, Trustee Salary of \$2,000 for fiscal year 2022-2023, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, roll call vote 5 ayes unanimous, motion passed.

- 8. County Commissioners motion to use the \$62,500 toward road projects this year (2022)**
Tom VanSyckle made a motion to have the \$62,500 from the County Commissioners put towards our 2022 Road Projects, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 MIN NOT ON AGENDA 5 MIN ON AGENDA)

ADJOURN: Amy Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township