

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. March 18, 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 x Lee Carte x

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that he met with Leprino's and they are doing valve work at the WWTP and putting in more silos for more milk storage. This is good news to the township as they continue putting more dollars into the company. Also, the auto-dialer has been installed and the new phone system at the WWTP is up and running. Tom also mentioned the DDA pavilion project is all but completed. Still waiting on the roll up doors for the bar area. John will be stripping and waxing the township hall floors over the next two weeks. The BOR went very well and was very busy with 19 people walking through with questions and change requests.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the minutes as written for the Feb. 19, 2024 Board Meeting, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

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

TREASURER REPORT - Feb. 2024

LEPRINO REPORT: Supervisor Tom VanSyckle reported that they started discharging at the ponds last week and should be finished by the end of next week. The auto-dialer was replaced and the 3 valves that were replaced cost \$30,000. Leprino's is taking in 800,000 lbs. of milk a day and hope to increase it to 900,000 lbs. within a month.

FIRE REPORT: Fire Chief Jason Stadtfeld reported all is running well at the fire station and they have had 59 runs to date. They are looking into selling the old tender engine possibly to a department in the Upper Peninsula.

LIBRARY REPORT: Jeanette Ulrich reported that the tax prep is going very well. Troy Graham will be coming back in September for another performance and they hope to tie his performance into a fund raiser for the library parking lot.

DDA REPORT: No report

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Howard, County Commissioner, reported that the Nichol's house across the road from the township hall had been granted 60 extra days by a judge to complete the demolition project and now they have been granted another 60 days which will expire the middle of May. Every county in the state will be required to have a Waste Management Recovery Plan and Mecosta County is

looking to partner with Isabella County. She will keep us updated on this new partnership. Howard also reported that Gotion has filed a Federal Lawsuit against Green Township as they have rescinded on the paperwork that had been signed for Gotion to come into the area. The County of Mecosta will be receiving \$886,000 in marijuana money and suggested we start putting our thoughts together about the fencing project that we would like to do for the park. The Village of Mecosta is reconsidering selling Marijuana within the village limits.

Spencer Darter was present from the Remus Heritage Days Committee and asked the board if we would allow camping to go on during Heritage Days this year in July. The Wheatland Township Board agreed as long as Spenser keeps us up to date on everything that goes on with it. He also reported that this Saturday, there will be a bowling tournament to raise money for the Fireworks during heritage days.
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CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Mary Karcher read a letter received from the OSRW secretary, Diana Green.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Consumer's Power Waste Water Treatment Plant Update:** Mary Karcher reported that this month was around \$2200.
- 2. Leprinos:** This report is up in the supervisor report.
- 3. Elected Official's Salary:** The board had a discussion about the board not having a raise since 2012. Mary Karcher will compile a countywide township wage table and present it at the next meeting.
- 4. Township Employee's Wages:** The board had a discussion about John McKenzie, Maintenance department and Kim Thiel, Office Assistant wages as their last increase was back in 2022. We will look at giving a cost of living increase on a yearly basis going forward for these positions and will be giving them an increase before the new fiscal year.
- 5. Scattered Garden Memorial Wall (Putting names on the wall discussion):** No information to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. PA116 Application for Rick Howard & Matthew Smith (Sept. 26, 2022):** After a brief discussion, Lee Carte made a motion to approve the PA116 Application for the Howard/Smith parcel # 12-024-008-100, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, motion passed.
- 2. 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Program:** Mary Karcher made a motion to send Mecosta, Osceola, Lake Conservation district \$300 for the Collection and Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Board of Review member's wages:** After a board discussion about BOR member's wages, Tom VanSyckle made a motion to give BOR member's \$15 an hour for the 2 days of BOR in March and \$25 per meeting called by the township assessor which includes March organization meeting, July and December meetings and any other meeting that may be required.

4. Municipal Parking for Childcare (Old Methodist Church) Permission from Township: Tamera LeVeque was present (Owner of 307 S Sheridan Ave) and asked the board if her Daycare Business could use the municipal parking lot Monday through Friday. Tom VanSyckle made a motion to allow Tamera LeVeque permission to use the municipal parking lot Monday-Friday for her daycare business, Natural Wonders Childcare.

5. Baumann Partner Sewer Fund Letter Request: After a board discussion the Wheatland Township board denies The Baumann Partners request for Utility Bill dated 1/10/24 to be reimbursed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

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ADJOURN: Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by Amy Snyder, all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township