

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP MEETING

7:00 P.M. February 18, 2019

AGENDA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by all present.

ROLL CALL:

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

SUPERVISOR REPORT: None Reported

MINUTES: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the Board Minutes as written from our January 21, 2019 meeting, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES-Jan 21, 2019

TREASURER REPORT: Vern Doerr made a motion to accept the Treasury Report and payment of bills for January 2019, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried

TREASURER REPORT -Jan 2019

SEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that the project at the Wastewater Plant was getting underway and would be breaking ground by the end of the month. Everything at the Water Plant and the Lift Station are all running well.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported that there have been 33 runs this year so far. Myra Vansyckle passed the MMR Test and is now EMS Certified. Chief Thiel also mentioned that the Potluck the firefighters had on the 26th of January was very well attended, with 40-50 people, great meal and a very enjoyable time.

LIBRARY REPORT: Cindy Diehm Ray said that the Library Board was working on the Summer Reading Program and that next month they will be working on their budget for next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Howard was in attendance and said things are pretty quiet on the County side.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Johnson Sign in Progress** A short discussion that the down payment to the sign had been taken care of and we are looking forward to getting it in a couple of months.
- 2. Storage Idea(s)** Mary Karcher started a discussion (following through from last month's agenda) about needing to be narrowing in on ideas for what to do about the storage issue. We will continue to investigate different ideas.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Kerri Waters New On-Premises License Application** Kerri Waters was in attendance. She was requesting that the Board Approve/Disapprove a New Small Wine Maker License (Resolution). Vern Doerr made a motion to complete the Resolution for the Following license: New Small Wine Maker License to be located at 3600 9 Mile Rd, Remus MI 49340 for Gwin Girls, LLC C/O Kerri Waters, Amy Snyder supported the motion, a roll call vote was taken, Lee Carte/Yea, Vern Doerr/Yea, Amy Snyder/Yea, Joe Fate/Yea, & Mary Karcher/Yea, With 5 Yeas and No Nays, all in favor the motion carried.
2. **CHHS May Special Election** Mary Karcher just let the Board know that Chippewa Hills School District will be on the ballot for the May 7, 2019 Special Election with their 18 Mill Renewal on Non-Homestead millage. There was a brief discussion as to why it would be voted on this year and not next year as well as who would pay for the election cost. Mary Karcher will make a couple calls and find out the answer to these questions.
3. **Update on MDOT Street Paving Project (See Attached email)** A brief discussion was held due to the fact that we received another email from MDOT that the cost of the non-participating resurfacing of the parking areas along M-20 would be \$12,000 plus \$2300 for the inspection for a total now of \$14,300. After attending a DDA meeting this afternoon, the DDA voted on and approved splitting the cost with the Township. There are still questions as to why we are being asked to pay for the parking areas during this project and when the inspector's fee came into the picture. Mary Karcher will make a call to address these questions.
4. **Summit Company/Township Hall Kitchen Range Upgrade to Code** After an opportunity to look at a Quote offered by the Summit Company to replace the non-UL300 compliant dry chemical fire suppression system and installing a (1) Ansul R-102 wet Chemical fire suppression system (Due to insurance reasons with the dry chemical being obsolete and the wet chemical needing to replace the dry for code-update) a question arose as to why we were being asked to do this? The reason being since this is an existing unit with no upgrades being done at this time it should be fine to keep the dry chemical fire suppression system. A call to the Insurance Company would be made by Mary Karcher and Kevin Thiel was going to call the State Fire Marshall to question if this change was necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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ADJOURN: Vern Doerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Mary Karcher, Clerk Wheatland Township

Per Phone Conversation with Patricia Johnson (MDOT) 2/20/19 2:30-3:00 p.m.

Discussing the Resurfacing Project in Remus on M-66 and M-20 in 2020

What is the project? (It's a 10-year maintenance project) They will be grinding off 1 ½ in. of pavement and putting down a new 1 ½ in. of new pavement.

When was the last paving project? They resurfaced this area in Remus back in 2010 and DID NOT DO THE PARKING AREAS. The parking areas were done back in 2003 (17 years ago). It will be another 10 years before they come back through (something to think about).

Where are the lines for the project and can it be moved at our request?

M-66 will start ½ way between Charles St. and Church St. and go North of Leprino's down to a green rd. sign that reads Remus. (The area South of Charles St. to M-46 will be Chipped and Sealed about a year after this project).

M-20 will start in front of the Post Office and go East to the bench just East of Hewlett St.

Why did the price rise to \$12,000 and Why was there an inspection fee included in the 2nd email? The price was rounded up just to be safe and yes, it is probably on the higher end, but she felt it was better to go high in the beginning. The inspection fee is for the Inspector that will be there throughout the project to make sure the asphalt is what was ordered and that the pavement is laid the correct way. She feels that the \$14,300 is high for the project but explained that just like the prices of gas-o-line going up and down the price of asphalt does the same. (She did mention that she based the price off from completing jobs in Stanton and Baldwin just recently).

Why did the Village of Mecosta not have to pay for their parking areas when they had their resurfacing project completed a few years back? There is a difference in the parking areas between Remus and Mecosta. Remus has the decorative curb system with the flower pots and grassy areas and the parking areas goes in from the road itself. Therefore, Remus has the concrete gutter pan system between the road and the parking area. Where Mecosta has a very wide-open area. If they can use of the parking area for road purposes (a straight shot) then they will include it in their project.

Would a member from MDOT attend one of our Board Meetings and discuss his project with us and answer any other questions we may have? Most certainly. However, they would rather have an Informational meeting during the day at the Township for all to attend (If this could be worked out). Patricia Johnson the project manager would be in attendance, she also mentioned that the project designer would also join her. She said that she is open the whole week of March 4, 2019 at this point.

Would you be willing to give us a quote for our municipal parking lot to be resurfaced during this project? She suggested that we wait until they know the contractor who will be taking care of the asphalt part of the project. (This project will be put out for bid next Feb. 2020). She also said that some contractors will have a meeting in the area that they will be doing these projects in and offer to pave the different parking areas in town while they are there. She also mentioned that they usually give a pretty good deal at this time. She did put in her notes to let us know who the contractor would be once the bidding was completed.