WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. October 19, 2026
MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL:
Lee Carte X Julie Sellers X Kim Thiel X Ethan McNeal X Mike Storey X

Others present: Commissioner Chris Zimmerman, Amy Noggle , Kris Beers, Jeanette Aldrich, Mary Ann Wernette, Betsy Moskowitz, Linda Howard.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Many things going on in the township. The school tear down is in effect. They decided this months ago and are in contract works to lease the property to the township. The township has not made any decisions on the use of property as of yet. Township purchased a tractor that had to be a quick sale, we got a great price for a 2025 Diesel John Deere with 100 hours pristine condition for $55,000. Myself and the Clerk had a meeting with MMPA on the agreement updates, cost structure of repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. They are getting quotes for work to be done per EGLE standards, EGLE agreed on extension of 1-2 months. (Supervisor thought good project for DDA to replace liners at the ponds) ITC/Copperton Project powerlines from Ludington, Supervisor stated he has attended two meetings and no one knew anything about this, but they did state that the previous Supervisor was informed of this. He said there is informnation on the website, meetings posted all the time for info on this.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Ethan McNeal to accept the minutes as written presented for September 21, 2026. Mike Storey supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
BOARD MINUTES- September 21, 2026.

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made by Ethan McNeal to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for September 21, 2026 Board Meeting, Mike Storey supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
Treasurer's Report: September 21, 2026.

MMPA REPORT: (Attached report) Adam Philipp reported that there are 3 aerators and is taking longer than expected to install. New liners are needed for ponds 1 and 6, #3 has an upstream well and it should be ok. There are grants—grant writers out there with help from the MWRA

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel stated they have 214 runs to date. One new firefighter is attendig Firefighter One. Clerk Thiel will post sealed bid in paper for November 16th, 2026 for Topkick 1993 Fire Truck. Lee Carte made motion and Julie Sellers supported, passed. Chief Thiel was informed that we checked with our auditors on insurance for the EMS payroll and they said that when an employee is paid a cash in lieu of insurance, because it is cash, it is taxable, so the same as if he still made $20 an hour.

LIBRARY REPORT: Jeanette Aldrich and Mary Ann Wernette were present. They asked why listed on the agenda is the little bldg. Repairs. Clerk said Maintenance was out and inspected building as

requested by Becky. At this time Isabella Bank had trees cut down around it and our maintenance will be taking care of the debris. They agreed to bill the library for any repairs done by township maintenance. They said they are still working on quotes for parking lot paving. They requested the light on the end of building flickering. They are having a trunk or treat on Halloween from 11-3.Christimas Party 12/19/26. They are switching their phone system from Frontier to Point Broadband.

DDA: Amy Noggle President and Kris Beers present. Amy stated they have received only one reply from their business survey. They are actively looking for someone to do the playground equipment as Joel Sherman is not wanting to do it or have time to do it , his summer help went back to school.The Scarecrow contest in full swing and will present winners on Halloween. They are looking for people to be on their planning board for DDA project. Supervisor stated to them it would be in their best interest to make their project the Sewer pond liners.

CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Chris Zimmerman stated that the county board is filing non support for the ITC/Copperton Project and he will be attending the Township Association Mtg. To voice their opinion there. The Paris Ponds project that the county gave $250,000. is underway and progressing well.
Clerk Thiel dispersed the Sheriff report for September.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
1. **Park fencing**: Complete looks very nice , thank you to maintenance department.
2. **Wheatland Twp. Industrial Pretreatment Program Wastewater Discharge Permit** (Permit#MI002450) Supervisor and Clerk met with MMPA and Wastewater employees this week discussion of the invoice payment percentages that MMPA pays monthly. Changes were Supplies changed from 50 to 75%, Uniforms/Laundry 50to 100%, Workers Comp 50 to 100% and the Lease payment will be taken off. MMPA requested that a $1.00 be left in Lease Payment area for their records , but agreed on everything else. Supervisor Carte signed the IPP.
3. **Fates Sewer hook Up**: (Projected Rates) This was tabled till November due to Paul Fate being absent. It was discussed that Paul Fate was given the Sewer Ordinance. He will be charged a $500.00 hook up fee and Clerk Thiel figured his quarterly bill to be $782.64 with confirmation from Treasurer Sellers.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Purchase Maintenance Tractor: Township was advised of a tractor sale needed immediately. Clerk notified each member of board of their request to purchase separately, with unanimous over email. John Deere Diesel 2025 100 hours, cab, bucket, pristeen condition for $55,000 from Kenneth Aldrich (231)580-1628, 10327 17 Mile Rd., Rodney, MI 49342. HUD approved use of monies of $16,500.00 and $38,500.00 from the general fund. Julie Sellers made a motion to purchase this tractor , supported by Lee Cart, passed.
2. **Glatfelter Insurance Presentation**: No show
3. **CMS Internet**: Township was in agreement with Chip Hills School that the CMS tower will be moved further away from school for demolition. Later CMS confirmed to customer that the tower will be removed and the people would have to find other internet service.
4. **ITC Project**: ITC/Copperton Project powerlines from Ludington, Supervisor stated he has attended two meetings and no one knew anything about this, but they did state that the previous

Supervisor was informed of this. He said there is informnation on the website, meetings posted all the time for info on this. And this will be addressed again in November.

5. **Maintenance Wish winter project wish list**: Board agreed that maintenance can go ahead with his wish list as it comes up. There were a couple wishes from the audience also.
6. **Drain Special Assessment 2026**: Clerk Thhiel presented the board with the special assessment's township portion to pay. Mike Storey made a motion to accept the bill of $3825.00 for the Cummins/Hewlett/Pine drains, Julie Sellers supported, passed.
7. **Morgan/West Wheatland Cemetery Memorial Wall**: Clerk Thiel received letter from Diana Green which was read to the board for reporting purposes. It was discussed that this board is interested in doing a project at the Morgan West Wheatland Cemetery and is tabled until November with maybe Diana Green present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Howard expressed her concerns on the cemetery as to the township should do something. Chip Hills School contacted her and informed her of two time capsules and are opening them on November 9, before their School Board Mtg. And giving the info to the museum.

Kent Blackmer was present and apologized for his FaceBook post about the school, but it is extremely sad that it come to this.

ADJOURN: Ethan McNeal made motion to adjourn, supported by Mike Storey, adjourned 8:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly S. Thiel
Wheatland Township Clerk