

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. February 16, 2026
MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:03 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by all present.

ROLL CALL:

Tom VanSyckle X Julie Sellers X Kim Thiel X Ethan McNeal X Lee Carte Absent
Others present: Commissioner Chris Zimmerman, Kathy Smith, Amy Noggle, Dee Powell DDA, Jeanette Aldrich and MaryAnn Wernette Library, Matt Germaine MMPA, Kris & Bob Beers, Billy Fate and Scott Bell/Lapham Associates and Vern Young.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle stated things are running smoothly in the Township. We have had to remove snow two times already. There is a lot of trees down around town that need removing, slowly but surely with the snow melting this will happen. Clerk Thiel added Hazardous Waste to #4 New Business.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Ethan McNeal to accept the minutes as written for the January 20, 2026 Board Meeting, Julie Sellers supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
BOARD MINUTES- January 20, 2026

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made by Ethan McNeal to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for January 20, 2026 Board Meeting, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
Treasurer's Report- January 20, 2026

MMPA REPORT: Adam Philipp was absent, Matt Germaine, Corporate Director of Environmental Compliance MMPA, was present, he said that MMPA is still scheduled to open end of March. The Ferric spill has been cleaned up and completed there was a leak in the delivery pipe and has been repaired. In the return activated sludge there was a leak in the PVC piping that has been repaired. The entire system has been updated. He said they have been dealing with a few issues. 1.) The adjacent land owner neighbor has contacted EGLE complaining of his land being contaminated. EGLE did a site visit and the claim was unsubstantiated. Germaine stated there is a pipe crossing the landowner's property and he asked if there was a "Pipe Easement" for this piping. Supervisor VanSyckle stated that the piping does not cross the person's property. 2.) Germaine stated that EGLE did say NPDES permit from 2018 for discharging surface water expired in 2023 there was a 60 day extension issued, we are waiting for EGLE to contact us back and then we have to make it public. 3.) In 2023 there were state monitoring wells put in around the property to monitor the ponds for leakage. There is a high concentrate of ammonia nitrogen coming from the southwest lagoon and EGLE checking into this, knowing further in the Spring.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel absent. Ethan McNeal reported 40 runs to date.r 50/50 grant. Thiel stated that he will send the payroll to Clerk 1/20/26 and should be paid twice a month the 1st and 15th of the month.

LIBRARY REPORT: Jeanette Aldrich and Mary ann Wernette were present for the Library report. AARP tax preparing is very busy. They are purchasing a color printer. Becky has hired snowplowing and a snow shoveler that needs a W2 and all info for the individual.

DDA: Kathy Smith, treasurer, Amy Noggle President and Dee Powell Vice President were present. Amy reported that they are going with 103.9 Mar-Dec for radio advertising. Charles Smith for downtown flowers. They are excited for Spring to get the playground equipment set, Disc Golf Course opened. Amy Noggle asked why the request check to Skin Deep is not getting paid. The request for approval by Twp's attorney to pay \$500.00 for furnace repairs to Skin Deep was brought up and questioned as to why not paying by the DDA. Dee Powell stated so if we had Skin Deep do a public event then the DDA could give to that instead of furnace bill. Supervisor stated it is still with our attorney and when we know something we will share.

CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Chris Zimmerman stated that MERS lost 86 million and that is our retirement fund for the county, Green energy lost 53 million Wall Street study. The Tonka Drain is still a nightmare.

Sheriff's report: handed out.

Love Inc.: Flyer invitation.

Public Comment: Dee Powell stated on December 10, 2025 I emailed everyone on the board except maybe for Ethan McNeal questioning the Taco Bell interest and got no reply from anyone. She said this is unfortunate that no one could reply to her. Supervisor VanSyckle stated that they need to be hooked to the sewer.

Kris Beers requested to put another Public Comment after New Business because her discussion is based from that, this was denied. Beers was offering questions to the Board for the Mobile Home Park. Just some citizen information on questions to ask Needs, Property values, homes, rentals, neighbors impact, zoning, utilities, proposals licensing regulatory etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Road repair millage:** Supervisor VanSyckle made a motion two go with 2 brines and a 3rd if needed for the 2026 Dust control Contract, supported by Ethan McNeal, all in favor, passed. The Road repair millage is done and has to go on August Primary Ballot, verbage is due to county May 12, 2026. Discussion was to go with a renewal of 1mill for 10 years, no decision until March Board Mtg. The road wish list was discussed with an offer from Sheridan Twp. To split cost on 12 Mile Rd. for graveling, pushing back side of roadway and fixing culverts for already quoted \$36,000 a mile. Township very interested and will fill paperwork out on this get it ro Road Commision by March 2026.

2. **Maintenance Update:** Vern Young has been snowplowing part time for township couple months now and has taken the full time position starting Monday February 23, 2026 for the Maintenance position. \$20.00 Hourly pay further details discussed later.

3. **Sink hole on S. Fremont St.:** Supervisor has spoken to Karla Miller and she said that the hole in the road and all fixes comes from the County.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Broomfield Twp. Fire Contract:** Agreed and signed with the listed 5% increase, clerk will get that sent to Broomfield for signing.
- 2. MMPA IFT:** Supervisor VanSyckle stated that MMPA has spent over 40 million in the factory renovations. They are hoping to employ 20-30 people. He stated that the Capture in 2025 before construction we will still collect on that anything above that they get 50% just on the increase amount. Tom VanSyckle made a motion for the Resolution 226-002 for support for 12 years be entered this was supported by Ethan McNeal and passed with roll call vote unanimous yeas.
- 3. Trailer Park:** Billy Fate along with Engineer, Scott Bell from Lapham Associates were present, he presented the board with a drawing of a proposed mobile home park. Fate said that he is tentatively at the planning commission stage and trying to get it rezoning from C2 commercial to MHP/Mobile home park. He plans to put both single and double wide trailers no older than 4-5 years old. He said that they have to wait for zoning to go any further. He is NOT getting any permits until he knows the zoning. He has been in contact with LARA, EGLE, soil conservation/erosion, land use/AG fields, traffic-driveway/MDOT, water/EGLE-couple wells own distribution system, SEWER 7-8000 gallons of waste daily unsure if hook up to WT sewer or build own. Just planning stages, will keep informed.
- 4. Hazardous Waste Collection:** Brooke Baumann requesting payment for 2026 collection. Tom VanSyckle made a motion to give \$300.00 to the Mecosta Conservation District for the 2026 hazardous waste collection, supported by Julie Sellers, passed. Dates for Haz Waste: August 6, 2026 2-6 pm Mecosta County Fairgrounds Tire Collection: August 13, 2026 3-6pm Mecosta County Fairgrounds .

ADJOURN: Trustee Ethan McNeal made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Treasurer Julie Sellers supported the motion all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly S. Thiel
Wheatland Township Clerk