

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. December 15, 2025
MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 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 X

Others present: Chris Zimmerman, Mary Ann Wernette, Linda Howard and Chet Crystal.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that there was not a whole lot going on. Lloyd Thomas removed the snow from downtown. Park is closed for winter.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the minutes as written for the November 17, 2025 Board Mtg. Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES-November 17, 2025

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for November 17, 2025 Board Meeting, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-November 17, 2025

MMPA REPORT: Adam Philipp Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, was present and had a printed out report for us and the public. Adam introduced himself to everyone and explained his report on happenings at the WWTP. Clerk Thiel requested the Biosolids reports that were applied to land in our township this summer and he said that he has given them to Tom, Clerk reiterated that a copy of all reports be sent to her for filing purposes. Ending Adam asked if there were any questions from public, Linda Howard asked what was happening at the plant and how many hiring???. Clerk Thiel shut down any questions regarding plant and also Adam said he cannot remark on that. Adam was thanked and confirmed to be at all meetings for transparent reporting.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel was not present. Ethan McNeal stated there were 258 runs to date. Clerk Thiel asked how the Christmas Event went over last weekend, it was the biggest turnout for the Breakfast with Santa. Nothing on lighted parade.

LIBRARY REPORT: Mary Ann Wernette was present to represent the Library. She stated they are having Party with Santa day at the Library Saturday December 20, 2025 11-3pm. Pics with Santa make your Gingerbread House all free to public.

DDA REPORT: No one present.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chris Zimmerman: Commissioner Zimmerman present. He stated that he is on Planning Commission Board and they are looking to rezone commercial property next to Fate's foods for a possible trailer park coming in. Looking into 8 county recycling venture coming in 2027. Also forming

a "neighborhood" group with the Equalization Department as Property Tax Exemption and the Dept. of Treasury more to come on that.

Clerk Thiel shared Sheriff's report for November.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Howard representing the Remus Area Historical society requested a letter of recommendation on them getting a grant for new windows at the Little River School located in Morton Twp. School Section Lake. Simple a letter of support no monetary commitment. Lee Carte made motion for Office Assistant to draft a letter of commitment for the RAHS, supported by Ethan McNeal, all in favor, passed. Clerk Thiel did note that Office Assistant has been out of office on family business, but would get it to her promptly. Chet Crystal was present and he spoke about furnace replacement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Ditch work in park:** Supervisor Vansyckle stated that Berger is too far behind and will not be able to complete this project until Spring.
2. **Road repair millage:** Keep on agenda/tabled.
3. **Maintenance Update:** John McKenzie has had shoulder surgery December 3, 2025 and has come out well just recooling. Clerk Thiel has received his paperwork on file stating John will be off till March 3, 2026. Supervisor VanSyckle stated that John is retiring and will not be back full time is collecting social Security, possibly part time couple days a week in the spring. Supervisor VanSyckle stated that he hired Jeff Gariety, community service worker with John last month for part time at \$18.00/hr. This is not going to suffice for long. Board decided to post Maintenance Position starting at \$20.00/hr, 40 hrs PTO, cell phone, 7% Pension pkg. Send Resume' to wtsupervisor49340@gmail.com, Supervisor VanSyckle will be handling interview process. Clerk Thiel to post in paper, electronic sign and website.
4. **Hall furnace:** Board received quotes and went with McNeal & Sons allowing up to \$5000.00 on replacement furnace 135,000 BTU Comfortmaker 80% 1 stage installed asap.
5. **Alley work:** all work postponed until Spring. Ethan McNeal did state that he got signs from Amanda Simon 8 signs, will store until Spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Fire Contract Renewal with Sheridan Township:** Tom VanSyckle made motion to accept contract dated July, 2026-January 2029, supported by Lee Carte, all in favor, passed. Clerk Thiel had members sign and will send to Sheridan Twp.
2. **Taylor Elder:** Assessor was present requesting needing Poverty Exemption Resolution postponed till January. Declined Poverty request from Mary Archibald. Results from Board of Review Mtg. December 9, 2025 and to pay two members. Requesting Pivot Point access.

Adjourned: Lee Carte motioned to adjourn, supported by Tom VanSyckle, passed.

Adjourned 8:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly S. Thiel
Wheatland Township Clerk