

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD ANNUAL MEETING
8:05 P.M. June 21, 2021
MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 8:05 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

Others in attendance: Dee Powell, Denise Reichert, Amy Noggle, Barb Diehm, Kevin & Kim Thiel, Tracy Simon, Dylan & Josh Eichenburg

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported on the Blight Issues in the township, some are getting cleaned up and others are not. There was a brief discussion about the township letting residents know in the July newsletter that Blight will be a focus in our township this year. There will be a Fall Clean-Up morning with dumpsters and garbage trucks for all residents to bring their items free of charge, as well as the Household Waste disposal that will be held at the Mecosta County Fair grounds for all other items in October. After the October disposal date Wheatland Township will be sending out Blight notices to the county.

MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes as written, with the correction of the date, for the May 2021 Board Meeting by Lee Carte, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- (May 17, 2021)

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report and payments for May 2021 with the correction of the date by Lee Carte, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - (May 2021)

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that the boat was delivered and the repairs will be starting tomorrow.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported that there have been 99 runs to date. He also reported that 1 firefighter passed training of Firefighter I & II and 1 medical responder is taking the EMT Class.

LIBRARY REPORT: Barb Diehm was present and reported that Becky Kurtz is getting bids for the asphalt for the parking lot as well as the repairs needed on the building. The library will be meeting this Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell was present and asked if the banner hanger fixtures could be moved from the far East pole at the end of town down to the pole in front of the Hot Spot. She also reported that Bandit will be donating the wood chips for the walking path at the park. She also asked about the Scattered Garden for Wambold Cemetery. She requested the Township and the DDA host an annual appreciation meal for the business owner's. It was agreed that Mary Karcher, Dee Powell and Nila Simon would discuss these two topics over lunch. Dee also requested that someone on the DDA committee have a key to allow them to get in the hall for their meetings. This was discussed and the Township will be trying a key lock/lock box on the side of the building for the time being.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NA

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CORRESPONDENCE: NA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Rate Study: (Update)** The Sewer Ordinance has been received back from the lawyers and now needs to be studied and possible changes or updates to the REU's implemented. There will be Special Meeting Tuesday, July 27 from 6-8 p.m. to go over the Ordinance as a group.
- 2. Central Sanitation request to purchase Dump on 7 Mile Rd.:** After a brief discussion, a call will be made to DEQ as well as the townships municipality insurance to ask legal questions about the selling of the dump property knowing it is contaminated and that it is zoned residential. This property will be sold.
- 3. Park renovations Bleachers/ Fence / Net on ball fields:** Supervisor Vansyckle reported that Mercantile Bank donated \$1000 towards the bleachers at the park and that he needs to get paperwork done for her for the donation from Isabella Bank. The two Banks are taking care of the cost of the bleachers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Remus Area Historical Society Location for placing Placards:** After a brief discussion about a request from Char Lennon the board asked that Char Lennon present this idea to the board at the July Meeting.
- 2. Consumers (LED Lighting):** Consumer no show, tabled to July Meeting.
- 3. Proposed Budgets/Adopt 2021-2022 Fiscal Year:** Lee Carte made a motion to accept the proposed budgets which includes: General, Library, Fire, HUD, DDA Road and Sewer Budgets for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, Amy Snyder supported the motion, rollcall vote, Lee Carte Y, Ethan McNeal Y, Tom VanSyckle Y, Mary Karcher Y, & Amy Snyder Y, 5 yeas 0 Nays, motion carries.
- 4. Salary Resolutions:**
 - Supervisor Salary Resolutions for 2021-2022:** Lee Carte made a motion to accept Resolution #2021-6, Supervisor Salary of \$12,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Amy Snyder supported the motion, roll call vote, unanimous, motion passed.
 - Clerk Salary Resolutions for 2021-2022:** Lee Carte made a motion to accept Resolution #2021-9, Clerk's Salary of \$16,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Amy Snyder supported the motion, roll call vote, unanimous, motion passed.
 - Treasurer Salary Resolutions for 2021-2022:** Lee Carte made a motion to accept Resolution #2021-8, Treasurer Salary of \$14,500 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, roll call vote, unanimous, motion passed.
 - Trustee Salary Resolutions for 2021-2022:** Tom VanSyckle made a motion to accept Resolution #2021-7, Trustee Salary of \$2,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Mary Karcher supported the motion, roll call vote, unanimous, motion passed.
- 5. Picnic Table Sale:** Village of Mecosta was requesting to purchase some picnic table from the Township. Mary Karcher made a motion to sell the Village of Mecosta up to 6 picnic tables at \$20 each, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Tractor Pull Cement Slab: Dylan and Josh Eichenburg were present to request a cement slab that WATA would like to put in at the Remus Township Park. After the discussion, the slab will be 18x70 X 5 inches thick. The stone is being donated and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the concrete. The slab would be parallel to the Pavilion and used for dead weight pulls for entertainment near the beer tent. The Wheatland Township Board said that this was fine by them to move forward with the project.

7. Wheatland Twp. Apartment Ordinance 3 year Extension Request: Tracy Simon requested an extension to the 3 year PILT Ordinance. This is to assist Medallion Management in the renovations to Wheatland Twp. apartments. Lee Carte made a motion to extend Ordinance 2018-001 for 3 years, Amy Snyder supported the motion roll call vote, unanimous, motion carried.

8. Static IP Phone Line: After a brief discussion it was found that a IP line needs to be added so that it is easier for the security cameras can be viewed on cell phones. Lee Carte made a motion to get a Static IP Line through Point Broadband at Wheatland Township Hall, Amy Snyder supported the motion., all in favor, motion carried.

9. Key for hall renters: (Driver's Training) a brief discussion about a key for renters to utilize instead of Township employees having to let them in. The Board requested more info on possible solutions to this problem. Possibilities are a remote key entry, lockbox outside doors.....

10. Part Time Help: After a discussion, it was decided that Supervisor VanSyckle will meet with John McKenzie, our maintenance employee, to address the situations at hand with Maintenance.

11. Amended 2020-2021 General Budget: After an explanation from Amy about the amended budget, Lee Carte made a motion to accept the amended changed to the general budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dee Powell let the board know that Remus.org is live and up and running and to check out the new website. It is very well done.

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ADJOURN: Amy Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, and meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township