

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD ANNUAL MEETING
(At Township Park)
7:00 P.M. August 17, 2020
Minutes

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
Also present included: Kevin & Kim Thiel, Tom Vansyckle, Cindy Diehm Ray, Gail Dolbee, Mary Ann Wernette, Amy Noggle, Dee Powell, Denise Reichert

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor Fate reported that the Twp. parking lot project is complete. He also reported that the pole at the Lift station had not been installed (although that was corrected when Kevin Thiel (arrived late) letting Joe know that the pole had been installed last Thursday but nothing is hooked up at this point. Supervisor Fate also reported that Peacock's took the tree down in Morgan West Wheatland Cemetery, saying they did not get the message **not** to do it. Amy and Joe will meet with a rep from Gosling Czubak tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the sewer rate analysis. Joe also mentioned there is an issue with the road at 10th Ave and Taylor Rd. The culvert is smashed from logging trucks driving over it and the county is saying that it's the Twp.'s responsibility to fix it. Complainants, Gary and Nancy Campbell live in this area.

MINUTES: Vern Doerr made a motion to accept the Board Minutes as written from our July 17, 2020 meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

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TREASURER REPORT: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and payment of bills for July 2020, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT -July 2020

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported the project that is going on at the Waste Water Treatment Plant is being divided into 2 projects (1. Needing to be completed this year. 2. The rest will be taken care of next year). Mary Karcher asked Kevin Thiel about the WWTP Renewal Permit and he reported that it's still at the State Level being reviewed and that they are aware that Leprino's is operating under an expired permit.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported all is going well with the Fire Dept. and they have had 164 runs as of today, 8-17-20. They have been very busy.

LIBRARY REPORT: NO Report

DDA REPORT: All is well with DDA. Dee Powell asked if Mary Karcher could send Denise Reichert an email after checks are sent out to let her know it was taken care of and the date it was sent out. Mary Karcher will start doing this when cutting checks for DDA.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. BS&A Accounting Program Update: Mary Karcher reported that her and Kim Thiel spent two days working with BS&A (Amy Snyder joined in for a half-day session) as BS&A walked us through the program accounts and how they follow the State Chart of Accounts guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gail Dolbee (Assessor Applicant): Gail Dolbee was present, she addressed the board. Lee Carte made a motion to accept Gail Dolbee's assessor contract as Wheatland Township's Assessor on record, Vern Doerr supported the motion. Roll call vote: Lee Carte yes, Vern Doerr yes, Amy Snyder yes, Mary Karcher yes, Joe Fate yes, motion carried.

2. Dee Powell DDA Park Pavilion Addition: Dee Powell addressed the board with an estimate from JBS for additions to the Park Pavilion (see attached). Dee said that the DDA had \$55,000 towards the project and asked the board if they would put \$60,000 toward the park project. After a discussion, Mary Karcher made a motion to give the DDA \$60,000, from the HUD Account, for the next phase in the park pavilion addition, upon approval from HUD, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Township Insurance for Sept 1, 2020-Sept 1, 2021: Amy Snyder made a motion to approve the upcoming Insurance Premiums from EMC for September 1, 2020- September 1, 2021, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Tri County Homework's Metro Act Permit: After a discussion about the Homework's Tri County Electric Cooperative building a high-speed fiber network which will bring high speed internet to our area. Mary Karcher made a motion to accept and sign the Metro Act Permit, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Mecosta County Township Association Mtg. Information: Mary Karcher attended this meeting on Monday, July 27, 2020 and the main topic of discussion was the State requiring all counties to have a Designated Assessor. This will be a cost of \$58.00 for each township in our county.

6. Election Day Wrap Up: Mary Karcher reported that all went well on Election Day, with 403 Ballots going thru the tabulator (217 being absentee ballots and 186 people coming into the

poles to vote). Wheatland Twp. residents were very respectful wearing face coverings while voting. We had 6-8 people refuse to wear a face cover.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Denise Reichert asked the board if they charged WATA to have tractor pulls on the property up behind the school that the Twp. Leases? The Board explained to Denise that they do not charge anything for the tractor pulls.

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ADJOURN: Vern Doerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, and meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township