

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. July 20, 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, Chief Kevin Thiel, Taylor & Chris Elder/Assessor, Amy Noggle, Michelle Newman, Jeanette Aldrich, Derrick McCall, Spencer Darter, Dee Powell, Kelly Simon. Representatives from MMPA: Brad Parks, Sheila Burkhardt, Doug Chapin, Katie Engle, Kurt Brauer, Ryan Belleville.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor Carte stated that the maintenance guys were out to the Waste water Plant spraying weeds and cattails, fixed soffett on ferric building and roof on office building. The guys are working, and doing a very good job on maintaining our town. The ditch work down at parks is complete and maintenance is to put fencing down there for safety of children.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Ethan McNeal to accept the minutes as written and amended for the June 15, 2026 Board Meeting, Mike Storey supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

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TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made by Ethan McNeal to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for June 15, 2026 Board Meeting, Mike Storey supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: June 15, 2026

MMPA REPORT: (Attached report) Adam Philipp was present and said that the meeting July 15, 2026 2:30pm went well. EGLE sounds pretty positive on the Phosphorus limit working on timeline for the monthly average. EGLE has requested we get a legal easement for the WWTP discharg point. And that EGLE is demanding a the ditch be cleared out from plant to Pony Creek (approx 1000ft) and pursuing a legal easement thru the privately owned property, submitted the NPDES permit. Clerk Thiel asked him about the SMOKE test that was requested to find the problems in the lines by the lift station and who would do this. Adam said he would look into it further on his end, and that we may have to go house to house to affirm if anyone has a sump pump hooked to their sewer line and if so remove. (Check our Sewer Policy for this). Adam also introduced his partner Katie Engle that has taken over for Matt Germaine who does not work for MMPA anymore.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported there are 136 runs to date. Jeremy Provas has another month or so to complete EMS classes. Chief stated that at the next Twp. Association Meeting they are addressing the Emergency Service Revenue Sharing monies to be shared with the County Fire Stations to purchase a new Dive Boat. He thought the monies was approximately \$6149.00. (Revisit August 17, 2026 Board Mtg.

LIBRARY REPORT: Jeanette stated that she received a check for tax increment finance and wondered of the monies were from the DDA? Julie stated she gets money from the State from Personal Property Taxes. Also Library had Historical Event July 8, went very well. marked Tax Increment Financing, it comes from America 250 celebration July 8, 2026 7-9 am. Wally & Rachel Ewing entertainment.

DDA: Amy Noggle President stated that the playground will be put in this weekend. They are still working and looking for different firms to assist them in their Plan. They are trying to get together a survey for the business' on how they think DDA should spend their money.

CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Chris Zimmerman stated that the county has given Paris Ponds \$250,000.00, \$5000.00 to each township for Brine, Sheriff's departments remodel. The Tonkin Drain is still on going waiting on a decision/vote August 6, 2026.

Clerk dispersed Sheriff Report.

Remus Heritage Days: Derrick McCall, Spencer Darter, Dee Powell and Kelly Simon were present. Derrick said everything went well this year for Heritage Days and next year even bigger for the 150th year of Wheatland Twp. Remus was established. Thank you for use of park and maintenance helpers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MMPA: a. Consider establishing an Industrial Development District.
b. Approve Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.

Sheila Burkhardt had presentation about MMPA for audience. Discussion on IFT and IDD.

a. **Resolution 2026-009** Establishing the MMPA Industrial Development District consisting of 5 parcels @ 1313.24 acres.

- b. **Resolution 2026-010** MMPA Approve Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.
Paragraph 3 corrected to Supervisor.
#6: added 12 years.
#11: added 12 years.
#13: Added

2. **School Lease Agreement:** Michelle Newman, Superintendent of Chip Hills Schools was present and she stated that the Board came to decision to demolish the Remus School/Mosaic due to State mandate. She had previously posted an amended and restated lease agreement with Wheatland Township signed by Supervisor Lee Carte previous to Heritage Days. She also stated that they would be willing to keep the lease with the township after completion of demolition. She asked if the township would be interested in leasing the property and keeping the parking lots, playground equipment and flagpole. The board agreed that YES we are interested in the property for numerous reasons that could be discussed later. Newman stated that they are hoping to get started with this project by September.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

ADJOURN:

Lee Carte to adjourn, supported by Mike Storey, passed adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly S. Thiel
Wheatland Township Clerk