

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. October 16, 2023
MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 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: Bob & Kris Beers, Jason Stadtfeld, Dee Powell,

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported township is running smoothly. To follow up on the property on Michigan Ave who thought they were not hooked into the sewer...Waste Recovery Systems out of Wyoming came in and did a lateral launch and televised two laterals approximately 10 ft up in one and 8 ft up in another. Could not go further due to encrustation and roots in the lateral. Property owner was hooked to the sewer system they just needed to clean out their part of the system. Supervisor VanSyckle also reported that Miss Dig made an error when sending a Miss Dig ticket for a property on Poe Street. Consumer's was working on a gas line on South Poe and hit one of our sewer lines due to it not being flagged. Our maintenance personnel was directed to flag the area on North Poe and did so. Consumers has taken all responsibility and are paying for Invoice #23191 from Isabella Corporation who were called in to repair the broken section. Lastly, we have an electricity issue going on in the park and John McKenzie and Duane Karcher will meet Tuesday morning and try to figure out where the problem is coming from.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the minutes as written for the Sept. 18, 2023 Board Meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried
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TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for September 2023 by Lee Carte, Mary Karcher supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried
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LEPRINO REPORT: Adam Philipp's was unable to attend but sent Supervisor VanSyckle a report that is attached to minutes. Please see attached report.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Jason Stadtfeld reported there have been 242 fire/emergency runs to date. He reported that they received an air compressor for free that was worth \$80,000. The Dept. is talking about selling their old engine (6-5) and replacing it with a flatbed pumper station to make a more universal truck for their needs. Chief Stadtfeld also reported that he met with Ken Lind via a phone conversation and gave him all of the numbers needed to update the trucks to where they should be for insurance purposes. 1 firefighter is in the academy located in Big Rapids.

LIBRARY REPORT: No Report

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell was present and reported that Jeff Storey will be doing the drywall in the kitchen area in the pavilion before spring. Denise Reichert is working with M-dot on the signage project

that they have been trying to put into place in the township. DDA would like to go forward with the Disc Golf Course and wanted to know the board's thoughts. They would like to do an 18-hole course but it may require having a few trees removed. The board has asked her to bring a site plan of the course they have in mind. DDA is also exploring the topic of Security Cameras downtown as "not feeling safe" was one of the top five areas that stood out on their survey. After a discussion more thought needs to be put into this area. Dee reported: that the Scarecrow Contest is going on and the Scarecrows will be housed at the Farmer's Market area in town for the next two weeks, DDA will be participating in the Trick or Treat event which will take place at Janowicz Funeral Home on Saturday Oct. 28, 2023, Breakfast with Santa will be held here at the hall on Sat. Dec. 9, with the Fire Dept. cooking breakfast and the Lions Club and Knights of Columbus getting involved as well, and finally they will host another Christmas Light contest this year through the month of December. All this information can be found on remus.org website on the DDA page.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

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CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Consumer's Power Waste Water Treatment Plant Update:** Mary Karcher reported that the Savings for Sept. from last year was \$10,538.87. In the 3 months that we have been monitoring this the township has saved \$26,585.08. We will continue monitoring this bill monthly.

2. **Clean-Up Day Follow Up:** Mary Karcher reported that the shared clean-up day with Sheridan twp. went very well and more people are participating. Plans are to continue having the Clean-Up Day the last Saturday of September annually.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Mecosta County Drain Commission (Drain Special Assessment):** The Board discussed the invoice for the 2023 Special Assessment with a total of \$13,387.50 which is due by December 31, 2023.

2. **Wambold Cemetery Dirt Pile:** John McKenzie, maintenance personnel, would like to see the dirt pile removed and relocated down to the twp. park to help with drainage issues. Mary Karcher will call Dan Howard to see if he is available to haul the dirt for us.

3. **Purchase/Maintenance Front Door to Hall:** Supervisor VanSyckle will talk to John about the door.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

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ADJOURN: Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries, and meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.