

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. September 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: Chief Kevin Thiel, Amy Noggle DDA, Chris Zimmerman, Jeanette Aldrich Library, Taylor & Chris Elder.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that we have a community service worker helping our maintenance department. VanSyckle stated that Maintenance has Fall banners changed out. Wheatland Music Festival went well no major disasters, they had a new company running medical side and it seemed to have went well. Road Commission has started 3rd Brine. (Clerk Thiel stated adding computers to agenda New Business#2 and moving Tax Tribunal #4.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the minutes as written for the August 18, 2025 Board Mtg. Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES-August 18, 2025

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for

August 18, 2025 Board Meeting, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-August 18, 2025

MMPA REPORT: No representation. Paper update given to Board by Supervisor VanSyckle on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Certified Operator: Adam Philipp #19403. Supervisor stated he got email on Friday 9/12/25 from Brad Parks requesting reporting updates at another location NOT Board Mtg. Because some of their vital info from the main plant got out and caused burden on them. Board discussed and agreed we will respond to email that Wheatland Twp. Is still requesting per Leprino/MMPA agreement to have a representative from MMPA give in person update on Waste Water Treatment Plant at the Boards monthly meeting and this being in the minutes for community transparency. If the Board has any questions on the Remus Plant they will call a representative of MMPA and get this info and this will not appear in the minutes. Clerk Thiel and Supervisor VanSyckle will respond to email.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported the fire department has 189 runs to date. Thiel stated that the old brush truck is up and running with the new skid unit. The newer brush truck is still being worked on and the old skid unit will be put in that one. Chief Thiel will work at putting together a BID for the old fire truck so the Township can place an ad in paper.

LIBRARY REPORT: Jeanette Aldrich was present and stated that Library running fine. We got the card catalog on line and working out the quirks. They have a draft for the Earned Sick Time Policy. It was discussed that Becky Kurtz is only a 32 hr. a week employee and should be set with 40hrs. Front

loaded and the part time employees should get 1 hr. for every 30hrs. Worked. Jeanette stated that someone has picked up the yard and tree cleaned around the Library.

DDA REPORT: Amy Noggle stated that the DDA has 2 holes left in the Disc Golf area, with 2 being stolen and replaced, signs are going up and they are hosting a tournament in October. The playground equipment arrived and Fate's is housing until placement. Supervisor VanSyckle and Amy went down to secure placement. T-shirts are ordered. Ribbon cutting ceremony 9/17/25 5:45 for Credit Union. Trunk or Treat October 25, 2025 DDA teaming up with Fates and Janowicz Funeral Home. Fates 11am-1pm, Janowicz 12-2pm, Bowling Center 1-3pm, with a Scarecrow Contest.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chris Zimmerman: Commissioner Zimmerman stated the they have postponed the Tonkin Drain until 2026 due to contractors being too busy. Clerk Thiel shared Sheriff's report for August.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Update on hall restoration and painting:** After discussion about the four bids 1.) J&F Contracting \$16,840.00 2.) Extremely Clean \$9700.00. 3.) Paint Worx Plus LLC \$ 15,500.00. 4.) Booms Painting \$14,080.00. Motion made by Kim Thiel to go with Extremely Clean spending up to \$10,000, supported by Lee Carte, motion passed. Clerk Thiel will contact Extremely Clean to start project.
2. **Berger update(Ditch at park):** Supervisor VanSyckle stated that Berger will be out to start the ditch in the park and the White Garage project, as soon as they can find time.\
3. **Replace fencing at W.W.T.P:** Supervisor VanSyckle received estimate from Amish Miller for tearing out old, brush hogging and installing new fence \$54,143.00. Tom VanSyckle made motion to go with Miller @\$54,143.00, supported by Lee Carte, everyone in favor, motion passed. VanSyckle will contact Miller to get on the job.
4. **Maintenance Leave of Absence:** It was discussed if current maintenance John McKenzie goes off for surgery that we would fill the position at Maintenance pay of \$20.00 hourly. Motion made by Lee Carte, supported by Tom VanSyckle for \$20.00/hr pay, everyone in favor, motion passed. There are a few names for possible help that being Brad Sellers and Kirk Karcher.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Alley way clean up:** Clerk Thiel informed board on Julia Bushre stating she cannot use the alley that her driveway is attached to because it is overgrown with trees and brush. She also stated that she called the Road Commission and they said they do not maintain that alley. She is elderly and frail and cannot do this....help! Board discussion and conclusion of buying a pole saw and having the maintenance department clean the alley out and maintain this alley. There was also a complaint by passerby of the Nichol's home being grown up causing a visible traffic problem. Clerk Thiel had contacted Bldg. & Zoning they will not do anything due to it being nature growth. The Board discussed and they will do nothing if they start by doing one everyone will expect us to do all. Clerk Thiel will attempt phone call with family.
2. **Computers:** Supervisor VanSyckle was asked to update the board on happenings with office computers. He stated that after speaking with Benny Blanzky our IT guy it has come to a

conclusion of different ways to deal with this problem. The BSA software that we have on our computers is now being updated by Microsoft and when these updates occur it throws our system off they can't read our Network credentials. Different ways to fix, going to BSA CLOUD, New server both these \$20,000+. Going back to old way. Using a third party tech support VC3 for \$195.00/hr assistance. Supervisor will contact BSA and get their input. Clerk Thiel reported that Benny Blanzly called her 9/15/25 and stated that Supervisor said to go with VC3 support for now with \$195.00/hr. Wait to hear from IT Blanzly. It was said that maybe we should call VC3 directly?

3. **Earned Sick Time Policy:**(attached) Clerk Thiel passed the policy that was put together with her Deputy Kelly Simon out to the Board for review. Motion made by Lee Carte, Supported by Ethan McNeal on **Resolution#2025-003** for the Earned Sick Time Policy, everyone approved, motion passed.
4. **Tax Tribunal:** MOTION CLOSED SESSION 8:10PM. By Supervisor VanSyckle, supported by Ethan McNeal, motion passed.
MOTION TO OPEN SESSION and adjourn 8:26 PM BY Supervisor VanSyckle, supported by Lee Carte, motion passed.

ADJOURN: 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly S. Thiel
Wheatland Township Clerk