

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. October 18, 2021
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 Present: Kevin and Kim Thiel, Chad Paulson, John Wernette, Toastie Dutcher, Barb Diehm, Denise Reichert, Dee Powell,

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that 39 employees from Isabella Bank participated in a work bee at the Wheatland Township Park on October 11, 2021. The bank does this annually and calls it Compassion into Action. A lot of work was accomplished such as painting, staining, building new bleachers, putting sand under the play equipment, and more. This group really spruced up our park and we are very thankful for their service to our community.

MINUTES: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the September 20, 2021 Board Minutes as written, supported by Ethan McNeal, all in favor, motion carried.

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TREASURER REPORT: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the September 2021 Treasurer's Report and payments, supported by Mary Karcher, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - September 2021

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that they have a Vac truck coming in to clean out butter fat that has settled in the sewer drains down by Leprinos. While the trucks are in town doing that work they are going to clean out a couple of drains down by the post office that our maintenance person mentioned needed cleaned out.

FIRE REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that there have been 204 runs for the year to date. They have had 1 person finish EMT class and 2 more have started MFR class. All is well.

LIBRARY REPORT: Barb Diehm reported that they are waiting for Nate Aldrich to give them a date on when he can do the insulation job and then re-gutter the library. Besides that nothing new.

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell was present and had nothing new to report. Mary Karcher asked Dee if the new report given for monthly financials was helpful. This certain report didn't have any totals. We will re-look at it and see if there is a box on the report that could be checked or unchecked to make this work.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Howard, County Commissioner, reported that they are working on the counties budget just over \$17,000,000. She reported that the county will be receiving \$8, 400, 000 from the State for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery monies. Linda said that the county was going to be very reserved with how they spend this Covid money. Linda Howard also is very involved with our

Historical Society Museum and said they had a tree blow over and asked if the township could help out with removal of this tree. Supervisor VanSyckle was already aware of this and has contacted Bandit and they would be in the area tomorrow and take care of the tree. Linda was very thankful for this being taken care of. Linda also asked about the Placards that the museum have had done up with some history of Remus on them and they would like to display them in Remus downtown. Mary Karcher mentioned that her and Dee Powell are currently working on a letter about the placing of the placards and would get it to her after the meeting. Linda also announced that the museum will be closing for the winter after their annual meeting in November.

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CORRESPONDENCE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Dump Property Survey Bids:** Tabled this until next month

2. **John Wernette:** John and his daughter Toastie were present to continue the conversation with the board about the township opting back into the Marihuana Ordinance to allow a grow operation. After a discussion we are hoping to hear back from our municipality lawyer about this topic before next month's meeting. Chad Paulson was also in attendance and mentioned to the board that he was interested in putting a distribution store in Remus.

3. **School Property Lease:** Tom VanSyckle reported that he and Mary Karcher attended a meeting with 2 school board members, Buzz Fate and Guy Stickler as well as Nila Young a community member. The meeting was about the school lease with the township and a discussion about if the township was interested in also having the Remus School in time. Tom shared his interest in looking into a Mental Health Building for the area. Tom will do some more research and report back to the board next month.

4. **Sewer Line Factory Street:** Tom reported to the board that the sewer pipe on Factory Street was replaced last week and all went well.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Transformer (WWTP):** Tom VanSyckle reported that the transformer needed replaced at the WWTP and that Consumers was selling a \$28,000 transformer for \$10,000. Lee Carte made a motion to approve the \$10,000 for the Transformer, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, roll call vote, Lee Yes, Ethan Yes, Tom Yes, Amy Yes, Mary Yes, and motion carries.

2. **Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:** Mary Karcher reported that she attached the letter to the board packet received about the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery monies that Wheatland Township will be receiving in the amount of \$145,575. We should be receiving the first half within 30 days.

3. **Rental Rates for Park & Hall (Contract to Rent) 2022:** Mary Karcher asked the board to be thinking about new rental rates (that have been talked about) for the upcoming year. With so many rentals coming in for next year for the township and park she would like to be able to give the renters the rental cost. Also, there will be a rental contract put in place for both the township and the park for all rentals starting in 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Howard asked about the Museum (Historical Society's) sewer bill.
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ADJOURN: Lee Carte made a motion to adjourn the meeting, a discussion was had about next month's meeting was scheduled for November 15, 2021 (Opening Day of Deer Hunting) the board agreed to move the November meeting to November 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Karcher
Wheatland Township Clerk