

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. November 21, 2022
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 abs Lee Carte x
Others in attendance: Dee Powell, Dar Wernette, Barb Diehm, Terry Ventocilla, Kevin & Kim Thiel, Jason Stadtfeld,

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that on November 7, 2022 the Park Pavilion was vandalized by a couple of kids with the biggest issue being the drinking fountain. We have most of the activity on the cameras and Mecosta County Sheriff Department was notified and came in and spoke with Tom. Dave Frost, Statewide Camera Systems, was sending The Sheriff Department a video of the incident. Tom & Ethan fixed a water leak for the Township Hall on Sunday, November 13, 2022.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the Minutes as written for the October 17, 2022 Board Meeting the motion was supported by Amy Snyder, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- October 17, 2022

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the Treasurer Report and payments for October 2022 the motion was supported by Amy Snyder, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - October 2022

LEPRINO REPORT: Plant Supervisor Kevin Thiel reported that the discharging was going well and should be out of water by the end of next month. He also reported that the water heater element went out at the Waste Water Plant and asked the board for permission to replace it. Lee Carte made a motion to allow Supervisor Thiel to get a new water heater for the Waste Water Treatment Plant for up to \$2000 (which will come out of the Sewer Fund), Supervisor Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

FIRE REPORT: Fire Chief Jason Stadtfeld reported that they have had 224 runs to date and everything is running well. The Rescue Truck will be going in next week, to Allied Fire, to get repaired.

LIBRARY REPORT: Treasurer Barb Diehm was present and reported that John Mayer resigned as President from the Library Board. Treasurer Diehm will also be stepping down at the next Library Board Meeting, as the meeting was cancelled this past Saturday, due to weather. Treasurer Diehm also reported that the Library is looking at re-adding Saturday hours, looking at different programs to have at the Library and looking at different quotes for the carpet.

DDA REPORT: President Dee Powell reported that Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday Dec. 10, 2022 from 9-12 at St. Michael's Parish Center. The Organizations involved in this event include DDA, Knights of Columbus, Remus and Barryton Lion Clubs, and Wheatland Township Fire Department. Dee also asked Mary & Tom to be judges for the Christmas Light Decoration Contest that the DDA are having during the month of December. The 3 awards for (People's Choice, Best in Show, Most Unique) winners will receive \$100 each. Dee also reported that the DDA's goals for 2023 include Speed Limit Sign Reminders, A Veteran's Memorial and to partake in a recycling program for Wheatland Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NA

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CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Mary Karcher read a Thank You Card from KCI for helping to make the 2022 Election fair, safe & secure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Library Water Damage Roof Replacement:** Job is completed.
- 2. Electronic Signs Installation at Park:** Wiring of these signs will be taken care of in the spring.
- 3. Nichol's House:** Supervisor VanSyckle reported that after talking to the Building Inspector at Mecosta County, the Nichol's family need to report to the Building and Zoning Dept. when the house will be torn down or submit plans to get it fixed. Nothing further.
- 4. Rental Contract:** Clerk Mary Karcher reported that this contract is necessary to hold all renters accountable for making reservations. After a discussion the board agreed to implement the Rental Contract starting January 1, 2023. Changes will be made as we feel necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Mecosta County Drain Commission:** Invoice from Drain Commission for Special Assessment on Martin Drain \$5310 Geitzen Drain \$5637.50 (Pay Line) after a brief discussion, Tom VanSyckle made a motion to pay the Drain Commission, from the Maintenance GL Line, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Auditor's Suggestion about Sewer Fund:** Mary Karcher reported that the auditors had discussed with Tom, Mary & Amy that with inflation being at 8.5% we need to be thinking about what our annual increase will be on our sewer accounts. A discussion was had about the Board looking into what percent the sewer rates will increase in 2024. Also the late fees will be implemented January 2023.
- 3. Election Results:** Mary Karcher reported that the Election went very well and the team of Election Inspectors worked very well together. We had 1152 registered voters at the start of the election, 4 new voters registered on Election Day giving us 636 voters casting their ballots during this Election. That made up 64% of our voters had their voices heard. The Marijuana Proposal went down with 269 Yes and 350 No.
- 4. Storm Drain: (Behind Helen's)** After a discussion about who's responsibility it is to repair these drains, we also discussed John McKenzie's, W.T. Maintenance, concern about the Sewer Drains that need to be lifted up down by the Secretary of State building. Waste Water Supervisor Thiel stated that he

has work done by Engineer Cliff Young, Young Consulting he will request him to contact Maintenance John McKenzie to quote on these repairs, as requested by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Terry Ventocilla discussed the Library's \$18,000 TC Energy Grant that they received with the Board. Terry helped to write the grant and wanted the board to be made aware that those monies needed to be deposited into the Library's account before it was dispersed into the accounts that it was paying due to the fact that the Library was the entity receiving the Grant. Amy Snyder and Mary Karcher were unaware of this rule and said that they would correct it tomorrow. We certainly appreciate Terry taking the time to educate the board on this information. Terry also stated that she would help anyone in need of assistance with grant writing in the future.

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ADJOURN: Amy Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township