

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP MEETING

7:00 P.M. May 20, 2019

Minutes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by all present.

ROLL CALL:

Joe Fate x Amy Snyder x Mary Karcher x Vern Doerr x Lee Carte x

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor Fate reported that everything is running smoothly. John is trying to keep up with the mowing and all is going well there. John and Joe did receive a call about a plugged sewer line on Hewlett St. and after a couple of days of investigating there was a man hole discovered and an 8 inch main is laying underneath (Jack Peterson's Old Pole Barn) a pole barn that is in-between Fremont St & Hewlett St which was plugged with roots. Mt. Pleasant Corp came in and took care of the problem.

MINUTES: Vern Doerr made a motion to accept the Board Minutes as written from our April 15, 2019 meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES-April 15, 2019

TREASURER REPORT: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the Treasury Report and payment of bills for April 2019, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT -April 2019

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that they are discharging now and it will be empty by the end of May. Kevin also presented the Board with the Contract Amendment for the Bio Solids Removal Service Agreement. The company that will be doing the removal of the waste is out of Bula Michigan.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported that the Wheatland Township Fire Association had a very successful Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 28, 2019. The Fire Department burned a house for training on 50th Ave a couple of weeks ago. There have been 93 Fire/Rescue runs to this date.

LIBRARY REPORT: NO REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Lionel & Cyndi Mackenzie talked to the board about starting a Vineyard/Winery Business at their home located north of Remus. They were requesting the board's blessings and approval before they moved forward with their journey. The board was very accepting and will give them a letter of approval for the upcoming business that will be named Heritage Hill.

2. Linda Howard (County Commissioner) was present and reported that a New 911 Director was hired through the county. There was also a discussion about the election equipment that is now required to be used in the State of Michigan. She did ask about the DDA paperwork that needed to be turned in, Amy Snyder felt that it had all been taken care of.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Office Storage: Bids** After a discussion about looking at other options for storage, looking at digitizing the storage, building shelving units on the west wall in the office, and re-looking at the retention records time period, Lee Carte made a motion to table this topic until further investigating/researching is done, Amy Snyder supported the motion, Lee, Amy, Joe & Mary in Favor, Vern no.

2. **Johnson Sign: Final Approval of Artwork** After a brief discussion and looking at the final Art Work for the new sign, Lee Carte made a motion to accept the approved Art Work, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc.** Supervisor Fate discussed that after reviewing the 3 bids the engineering company recommended to have Plummer's Environmental Services of Byron Center do the work. After a discussion Lee Carte made a motion to accept the recommendation, Mary Karcher supported the motion all in favor, motion carried.

2. **MML Loss Control Achievement Award** Mary Karcher read the letter explaining the award.

3. **Township Budget Proposals for 2019-2020 Fiscal year** Amy Snyder presented the proposed Township's General Account Budget for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. The DDA presented a budget as well but was not the correct information. The Library and Fire Dept. did not present a proposed budget. Will be getting them in the next week or so.

4. **Summer Newsletter 2019 (Ideas)** Mary Karcher explained that the upcoming newsletter would describe what Blight is all about and the importance of all of us doing our part to keep Wheatland Township a clean, wonderful Community to live in. We will also be thanking the people that do the road side clean-up and suggestions were made to thank the DDA for the Flower arrangements and the Phase 1 Kitchen enclosure at the park and to let the community know the museum's summer hours and that they are always looking for volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Howard spoke on the topic of the Mecosta County Road Tour, Road Projects, and communication between the township and the road commission. The question about what is the Ice Tea monies covering as well as Act 51 Monies.

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ADJOURN: Lee Carte made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher,
Wheatland Township, Clerk