

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. December 18, 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

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the Nichols house has a court date of Feb. 1, 2024 for a review of court orders. The mount for the snow blower on the township tractor is fixed and should get us through this winter (bids for new tractors will be discussed down in unfinished business #4). After receiving a late notice from the county for a water sample from the park John un-winterized the park took a sample on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 which was unable to be tested. John said that the health dept. testing lab is closed until after the first of the year. Tom will be calling the health dept. to ask about why they are asking for a nitrate test which has never been required before.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the minutes as written for the Nov. 20, 2023 Board Meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- Nov. 20, 2023

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for November 2023 by Lee Carte, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried

TREASURER REPORT - Nov. 2023

LEPRINO REPORT: No Report

FIRE REPORT: No Report

LIBRARY REPORT: No Report

DDA REPORT: No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Howard reported that the Hovercraft (amphibious craft capable of travelling over land, water, mud, ice) which was purchased by Mecosta County for primary use by Fire Dept. rescues, is built and will be in service soon. After the Hovercraft arrives in Mecosta County, logos need to be installed and numerous training sessions will be mandatory before use. Projected time frame will be May or June of 2024. Howard stated The County Commissioners have approved the 2024 budget.

(3 MIN NOT ON AGENDA 5 MIN ON AGENDA)

CORRESPONDENCE: Mary Karcher reported that the township received a holiday card from Countywide Septic and that the Sieffert Family stopped in and commented on how professional and wonderful our EMS Rescue staff were when they responded to their brother's house.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Consumer's Power Waste Water Treatment Plant Update: Dec. 2022 Consumers was \$19,836.77, Dec. 2023 Consumers was \$16,444.28 with a difference/savings of \$3,392.49.

2. Leprinos: Supervisor VanSyckle is maintaining an open line of communication with Leprino's during their downsizing process. The Township and Leprino's will be working with Gosling Czubak making sure it's a smooth transition, after January 1, 2024.

3. Remus Anime Club: Mary Karcher followed up on a question last month concerning the Anime Club, using the hall and reported that no alcohol will be served while this group is using the hall, per Karen Brookshear, group coordinator.

4. Township Tractor (Bids): Tom has bids for a new tractor, \$36, 000, however he will be getting different bids as he wants to be able to have comparison tractors to what we have now.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2024 Dust Control Contract: After a discussion the board agreed to keep it the same as last year, which was to have 2 Brine applications with the 3rd one to be applied if needed.

2. Increase Rental Rates (July 1, 2024): After a discussion about raising rental rates starting July 1, 2024 (with the start of our new fiscal year) Tom VanSyckle made a motion to raise rental rates by \$50.00, starting July 1, 2024, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Increase Cemetery Plots Jan. 1, 2024: After a discussion, the board agreed to leave all costs with the cemetery the same for 2024.

4. Double Door Reach-In Cooler Twp. Kitchen: After a discussion about the compressor going out of the reach-in cooler in the kitchen, Amy Snyder will look into this in the next couple of days and get back with supervisor VanSyckle.

5. Replace Halls Tables & Chairs: We will look into prices for the replacement of all tables and chairs in the township hall and report back to the board at our January meeting.

6. Collecting Sewer Debts from Tax Foreclosure & Mortgage Foreclosure: Mary Karcher reported that the township will not be able to collect any utilities monies owed when a property in town is lost to tax foreclosure.

7. Drain Valve for Winterization (A request from John): We will plan to do the water samples in the spring before the busy rental season gets under way.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 MIN NOT ON AGENDA 5 MIN ON AGENDA)

ADJOURN: Mary Karcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, and meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township