

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP MEETING

7:00 P.M. July 20, 2020

MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 P.M. at the Remus Park 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
Others in attendance were Kevin Thiel, Tom Vansyckle, Ruth Diehm-Ray, James Taylor, Megan Erickson, Dee Powell, Ethan McNeal,

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor Fate reported that trees have been removed and cleaned up at Morgan West Wheatland, Pine Cemetery, and the Library. The Hall Parking Lot has been resurfaced and they will return to paint the parking spots this week. There have been 2 tractor pulls held by WATA. An issue was found at the Lift Station with the Electrical Pole needing to be replaced. WATA had an extra pole that Supervisor Fate will get to replace the old one at no cost.

MINUTES: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the Board Minutes as written from our June 15, 2020 meeting, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- June 15, 2020

TREASURER REPORT: Vern Doerr made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and payment of bills for June 2020, Mary Karcher supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT -June 2020

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that the permit is still in progress with the State of Michigan. An engineer from the corporate office was here and looking into the aeration system. This project continues to get bigger and bigger and they are in the process of getting new quotes for this project. Kevin also reported that the pole at the lift station needs to be replaced, Parkway will be the contractor for this project.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported that as of today the Fire Dept. has had 146 runs. He reported that it has been a busy month. All Fire Training is being held on-line which makes it a bit more difficult for the department, however they are making it work. The Fire Rescue Truck purchase has been completed and the title has been sent to the township.

LIBRARY REPORT: Cindy Diehm Ray reported that all is going well with the library and the reopening is running very smoothly.

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell was present and asked if the township would take over paying for the cost of the Flower project watering cost. Her understanding was that the DDA planned and

followed through with different projects and the township would take care of the upkeep cost. After a discussion it was decided for the DDA to come back in the Spring and revisit this idea with the township. Dee also said that the DDA wanted to get the Kitchen project completed if it was going to happen. After a discussion the township ask Dee to get a new quote for the kitchen project as it had been two years since the last quote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

James Taylor currently the Under Sheriff is running for Mecosta county Sheriff. He came to introduce himself, tell us about his accomplishments and what some of his goals are if he is elected sheriff.

Megan Erickson works for 911 dispatch and came to explain the 911 renewal/increase which will be on the ballot for Mecosta & Osceola Counties. She will send a flyer that explains what she was sharing with us about the proposal.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **BS&A Accounting Program Update** Mary Karcher explained that her and Kim Thiel had a remote training with BS&A on July 15. The discussion centered around the Sewer Utility Program. A follow up email was sent with questions for Amy to answer about the sewer program. Joe will call Gosling Czubak to find out where things are with our Sewer Rate Study they are doing.
2. **New Rescue Truck (Alexis) Financing Completed June 25, 2020**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Tree removal from Cemetery** Supervisor Fate reported that a tree was found at Morgan West Wheatland Cemetery that needed to come down and asked the board for \$500 approval to complete this project. After a discussion, the Fire Dept. volunteered to go out during one of their Thursday evening meetings and take the tree down for the township at no cost.
2. **Approve Language for both Library Proposals** Amy Snyder read the language presented for the renewal of two Library Proposals **Exhibit A & Exhibit B** that will be on the November General Election Ballot (which are attached). Amy Snyder made a motion to approve the language as presented for both of the Library's Proposals', Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
3. **Township Insurance for September 1, 2020 - September 1, 2021** After a brief discussion about renewal of the township's municipality insurance (with an increase), Mary realized that she did not bring the paper work to the meeting. She will email Amy Joe and Lee last years and this year's paper work and will drop off a copy at Vern's. We will revisit this during our August meeting.
4. **Ran Ads for Assessor and Sexton in 6 different Newspapers** A discussion about Seth Lattimore leaving our township as our assessor and as of July 20, 2020 we had received 1 letter of interest/resume from Gail Dolby.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE
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ADJOURN Vern Doerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Mary Karcher, Clerk

Wheatland Township