

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. October 21, 2024
MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL:

Tom VanSyckle x Julie Sellers x Mary Karcher x Ethan McNeal x Lee Carte x

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the fence has been taken down on ball field 1 at the Wheatland Township Park and the new fence should be put in yet this fall. Kevin and John put up a fence between end of the tractor pull area and the back baseball field 2 at the Wheatland Township Park. The Park has been winterized and the porter johns will be picked up by the end of the month. Supervisor VanSyckle would like to see the park stay open as long as possible for the Disc Golf Course to be used. The new township tractor was delivered in September and has been used. The company will be coming to take it back to the dealer to check into the hydrostat drive per lack of power. Our Clean-up Day with Sheridan Township went very well with 35 families taking advantage of the FREE dump morning. 5 dumpsters were filled. We will continue this partnership with Sheridan Township on the last Saturday of September next year.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the minutes as written for the September 16, 2024 Board Meeting, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- Sept. 16, 2024

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for September 2024 by Lee Carte and Julie Sellers supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - Sept. 2024

LEPRINO REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that all is going well at the WWTP. Adam started discharging last week. Discharging takes place twice a year, October & April. The company that installed the clarifier will be relining the inside with Leprino's picking up the cost.

FIRE REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that there have been 209 runs to date and there is 1 person in Fire 1 & 2 Class and 1 more person stopped in to fill out an application to join the fire dept.

LIBRARY REPORT: Jeanette Aldrich was present and reported that Story Hour is still going on with a smaller group. Becky can sign up for a grant through Mid MI Library League in October and March and they hope to have a morning with a picture with Santa. The library joined in on the fun with the DDA Scarecrow Contest and they are looking into doing a Family History Display with people from the community with help from the museum.

DDA REPORT: Amy Noggle, president of the DDA reported that the work be for the Disc golf course on Sunday, Oct. 6 had 10-12 people come to help. All 18 post were cemented in the ground and after the work bee was over Amy's family played the course and really enjoy the game. They are hoping that by this Saturday, October 26, the course will be open to the public to come in and play. The DDA is working

with Flying Acres Ag, a Drone company, to come in and video the course being played to put on Facebook. The Scarecrow Contest Entries were due by today, Monday Oct. 21, 2024. They had 7 entries this year. The DDA is planning a Christmas Event Day for Saturday December 7 starting at 4:00 p.m. with a possible chili cook-off, cookie decorating, ornament making and a parade of lights followed up with a tree lighting from Santa. Amy reported that the new Wheatland Township Park Signs will be going up this week and Amy has Decal clings advertising the Remus DDA and Remus.org website to give away.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Amy Noggle, Branch Manager of Mercantile Bank for the Remus Bank, shared information about the Sharing deposit rates for public entities as well as personal accounts. She has worked at the bank for 13 years and has been the branch manager for the past 6 years. She will be updating us every quarter with their rate sheet for different accounts.

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CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Leprino's:** Supervisor Vansyckle reported that there will be a meeting Oct. 28 with 8-10 people at Leprino's to discuss the Work Study that has been being discussed for those past few months. There will be people from the township, Leprino's, Mecosta County Commissure, and the State attending the meeting.
- 2. Scattered Garden Memorial Wall (Putting names on the wall discussion):** Mary Karcher reported that the first Bronze Plaque for the Memorial Wall has been ordered from Nila Simons Family. It will take 6-8 weeks to have the plaque made and the company will be installing it on the wall. The cost of the plaque was sent to Patton Monument and the township will be collecting \$100 per bronze plaque to help cover the cost of the wall and \$50 for people who choose to have their loved one's name on the granite.
- 3. 50TH Ave Road Project:** This project was completed before Wheatland Music Festival (September 6) and paid for October 8, 2024.
- 4. Waste Water Treatment Plant Study:** Supervisor VanSyckle talked to Mark Hurley of Gosling Czubak and reported that not knowing what we are studying at this point there is no need for the study at this time.
- 5. Bleachers (Ken Lind, Insurance Agent, Suggestions):** Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the bleachers at ball field 1 have a back and sides built on it as requested from our insurance agent. Supervisor VanSyckle will be sending pictures to Ken Lind and asking about the back field bleachers (field 2) about the height and if it is necessary to put a back and sides on that set as well.
- 6. Met Money Request \$15,000:** The Mecosta County Commissioners granted Wheatland Township \$15,000 out of the MET money request to help replace ball field 1. The township paid for the materials required to replace the fence and turned in the invoice to MCC and received a \$15,000 check the following week from the grant. The fence will be finished this fall with the township paying for the completion of the project.
- 7. Township Tractor:** Supervisor VanSyckle reported that he Spent \$800 over the \$25,000 that we agreed to last month to purchase the tractor. The \$800 covered a 10-year warranty on the tractor.

Lee Carte made a motion to support the \$800 over budget for the purchase of the tractor, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, and motion carries.

8. Cemetery Policy Needs Looked at in the next couple of months: After a discussion with the few changes that Mary Karcher, Kim Thiel & John McKenzie made with the cemetery policy the board would like a few more items changed and added so the work will continue the policy and we will look at it again next month.

9. Pay for Deputy Treasurer/Clerk for regular office duties: After a discussion, Mary Karcher made a motion to continue to pay Wheatland Township Deputy treasurer/clerk \$15.00 an hour not to exceed 1040 hrs. Annually, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Fencing:** The fencing project will be completed this fall.

2. **Credit Cards:** Julie Sellers made a motion to remove Amy Snyder from the Wheatland Township credit card and to put Mary Karcher on the credit card with Julie Sellers as the second signature on the card, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.

3. **Election Nov. 5, 2024:** Mary Karcher reported that there have been 276 Absentee Ballots sent out to voters as of today 10/21/24, there will be 11 Election Inspectors working throughout Election Day with 5- 6 inspectors always working. Mary Karcher also reported that all precincts in the county will have Challenger's present during the day of the Election.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

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ADJOURN: Lee Carte mad a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom VanSyckle supported the motion, all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Karcher
Township Clerk