

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. November 22, 2021
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
Others present: Dee Powell, Barb Diehm, Dean Morrison, Julie Sellers, John Wernette, Tosti Dutcher, Chad Paulson, Mario Porter,

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the Park Project is coming along slowly.

MINUTES: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the October 18, 2021 Board Minutes as written, supported by Amy Snyder, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- October 18, 2021

TREASURER REPORT: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the October 2021 Treasurer's Report and payments, supported by Ethan McNeal, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - October 2021

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel was absent, Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the WWTP is running good. Last Wednesday the new transformer was put in and all went smoothly.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel was absent, Supervisor VanSyckle reported that there have been 224 runs to date. He also reported that 8 of Wheatland Township's volunteer Firefighters participated in the Memorial for Morley Stanwood's Fire Chief, Dan Deyo, who passed away after 53 years of service to his community. Supervisor VanSyckle also reported that the pump test was completed on all the fire trucks and all were found to be in compliance with the test.

LIBRARY REPORT: Barb Diehm reported that the gutters have all been replaced at the library and that the insulation work should be completed very soon. The Friends of the Library are still working on getting their group up and going. The Library will be closed Dec. 24 & 25, 2021 as well as Dec. 31, 2021 & Jan. 1 2022 for the holidays. The library will be meeting this Saturday for their November meeting, they have canceled their December meeting.

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell reported that the DDA will not be meeting until January 2022. The DDA will be hosting breakfast with Santa at the hall Saturday, Dec. 11, from 9-12. There will also be a truck here for food donations for God's Helping Hands during the breakfast.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public Comment
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CORRESPONDENCE: NA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Dump Property Survey Bids Supervisor VanSyckle reported that he received 1 bid out of 4 put out there to surveyors for the Dump Property. Mid-Michigan Engineer's bid was \$1200. Lee Carte made a motion to accept the property survey bid from Mid-Michigan Engineers for \$1200, Mary Karcher supported the bid, all in favor, motion carried.

2. John Wernette John Wernette was present to continue our discussion about the Grow Facility that he would like to put in at his home on 7 mile road. Also present were Chad Paulson & Mario Porter who are interested in putting a Store Front in Wheatland Township.

After our discussion it was decided to have a lawyer and Ken Lind (Our insurance agent) present at a meeting to answer any questions that the board may have. We would really like the community to give us their input as well. Mary will contact the 4 interested parties when a meeting is set up with this request.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Kerri Waters Gwinn Girls Micro Brewer Liquor License Mary Karcher explained Kerri Water's request and after a discussion, Ethan McNeal made a motion to accept Gwinn girls Winery getting a Micro Brewer Liquor License, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Rental Rates for Park & Hall (Contract to Rent) 2022 After a discussion about rates at our township and park the Wheatland Township Board agreed that the rent for both (Hall & Park) would be the same. The new rates starting January 2022 will be: Daily rentals for reunions, bridal/baby showers, family holiday gatherings, \$100 for residents \$150 for non-residents, Benefits will be FREE for residents and \$50 for non-residents, Wedding Receptions will be \$375 residents and \$425 for non-residents with a Proof of Liability Insurance Certificate. Picnic Table rentals will still be \$2 a table until we are out of tables.

3. Estimate Quote for Camera Upgrade in Park The board received a quote from Dave Frost for upgrading the cameras at the park \$3606.00 (after the park project is complete). Tom VanSyckle will contact Dave and discuss the quote.

4. Gale Dolbee Reimbursement for 1 year License fee for Field Application Solution Set Up After a discussion about Gale's request the board had some questions for her: Is this an annually item? What happens if you leave the township? Is it just being used for Wheatland Township? If we pay for the license who owns the software? Mary will contact Gail and get back to the board with her answers.

5. Projected Road Projects for 2020 for Wheatland Township After a discussion the township put together numbers that they had to put towards road projects for 2022. There is \$214,000 in the road fund now, we will collect \$42,000 more during winter taxes, we need \$17,000 for 2022 brining, leaving \$9000 in the account gives us \$230,000 for projects, the road commission will be giving each township \$62,500 for road projects that puts us at \$292,500, possibly \$62,500 coming from the County Commissioners, which could put us too \$355,000. Amy Snyder will be looking at the General Budget To see if there is any monies that could be put towards the road projects. Further discussion at our December meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NA

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ADJOURN: Lee Carte made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amy Snyder supported, all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Karcher
Wheatland Township Clerk