

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. January 20, 2025
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 Kim Thiel X Ethan McNeal Absent Lee Carte X
Others present: Commissioner Chris Zimmerman, Jeanette Aldrich, Lynn Wernette.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the Township has been pretty quiet. It's been extremely COLD!!! Leprino's running good. The aeration ponds are starting to freeze thus in the spring needing to add bugs to balance. (Permits not affected by this) Leprino's had a meeting with MMPA. MMPA had their contractor's laser inspecting building and environmentalists checking the grounds. Supervisor stated that he is having a lack of communication with Leprino heads. It was discussed with guidance help from Commissioner Zimmerman and Township attorney Steve Lobert to get involved with written correspondence. (Solids disposal and curtain for aeration ponds financing)

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

BOARD MINUTES- December 16, 2024

TREASURER REPORT: A motion was made by Lee Carte to accept the Treasurer Report and payments as presented for December 16, 2024 Board Meeting, Kim Thiel supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-December 16, 2024 Board Meeting

LEPRINO REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported on Leprino's above Supervisor Report.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel was absent, Supervisor VanSyckle reported the fire department has 10 runs to date.

LIBRARY REPORT: Jeanette Aldrich was present and reported for the Library. She stated that the Library will be receiving \$50,000 from Broomfield Township Treasurer, Isabella County's past 3.5 years of penal fines, thus helping sustain the Library for another year. Clerk Thiel did inform board on minimum wages as of 1/1/2025 to \$10.56, and 2/21/25 to \$12.48.

DDA REPORT: No one present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Chris Zimmerman was present and stated that he is Chairmen of Finance and is working strongly on his campaign items such as Motion resolution and lowering zoning permit costs. Lynn Wernette, from Little League stated the dugouts on Field 1 (closest to road) will be complete by start of season in April.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Kim Thiel handed out Mecosta County Sheriff's Report for December 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Leprinos:** Supervisor VanSyckle reported under the Supervisor Report beginning of meeting.
2. **Cemetery Policy:** Needs revisions in the next couple of months: Tabled February Mtg.
3. **Office Computers:** Quotes were discussed. Supervisor VanSyckle made motion to accept BlanTech as new computer install/purchase at no more \$8000.00 (4 stations, update to Windows 11) Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Thiel will be heading this.
4. **Cemetery Sexton:** Carl Moore, no longer employed with Wheatland Township. Supervisor VanSyckle stated that Randy Berger of Evert will be doing cemetery burials by using an excavator at same price as Moore, working with funeral homes.
5. **Road Commission:** Board agreed to status quo of 2 brines and a 3rd if needed signed contract and Clerk Thiel will send back to Road Commission.
6. **Park Ball Field Fencing:** Fencing companies unable to get to last year, but are working on next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1 **Letter from Diane Green:** Board discussed and asked to return letter for an invite to discuss further with board at meeting.
2. **Deputy Treasurer:** Treasurer Julie Sellers presented Lynn Wernette as her Deputy Treasurer. Clerk Thiel presented Oath and Board welcomed Lynn.
3. **Sewer Rate Update:** Clerk Thiel informed the board of the 10% Sewer rate increase went in effect 1/1/2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

(3 MIN NOT ON AGENDA 5 MIN ON AGENDA)

ADJOURN: Supervisor Tom VanSyckle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Lee Carte supported the motion all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly S. Thiel
Wheatland Township Clerk