

Wheeler Township

Minutes

Tuesday

April 13, 2021

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Board Members present: Jerry Rohde, Supervisor; Neil Jenkins, Trustee; Marguerite Cooper, Treasurer; Kelly Bushre, Clerk; Brian Goward, Trustee.

2. Pledge of Allegiance recited

3. Public Comments – none

4. Approval of Consent Agenda – Motion by J. Rohde with support from B. Goward to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried. 5 yes and 0 no votes.

5. Approval of Agenda – Motion by B. Goward to approve the Agenda as presented. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

6. Guest – none

7. Approval of Minutes –

Township Board Minutes - Motion by N. Jenkins and support by M. Cooper to approve the minutes of 3-9-2021 as presented. Motion carried. 5 yes and 0 no votes.

8. Approval of Invoices – Motion by B. Goward to approve bills as presented, Support by N. Jenkins. Yes Votes: Rohde, Jenkins, Cooper, Bushre, Goward. No: 0 votes. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

9. Report by:

Supervisor:

- 1. Zoning Permits:** 3 Pole Barn permits: Gallahan - J. Stoneman - Squanda
- 2. Assessing update:** discussed the DTE Tribunal Case, J. Rohde Assessor is working on getting all his training classes completed.
- 3. Land Division:** none
- 4. Complaints** – The old Greta's Kitchen on the corner of M-46/M-30. Discussed.
- 5. Planning Commission** – will be working on updating the Zoning for Solar, discussed the County Road plan for the Township. Supervisor Rohde gave an update of the projects that are going on in the Township.

6. **MMWA** – the meeting was held by Zoom. Talked about the Waste authority budget. They are in the process of putting together programs for the Waste authority to be able to take unwanted items.

Treasurer:

Tax update – waiting for info from the County Treasurer on the delinquents Taxes to complete settlement.

Clerk:

1. **Update** – May Election is on the 4th. **Hall** rentals are being made. Leaving up to the renters on doing the social distancing.
2. **New phone system** – discussed, but will made no changes at this time.
3. **Postage machine** – been talking with a new vendor. We are under contract until 2025 with Pitney Bowes.
4. **MTA Conference** – Jerry, Maggie, Kelly have signed up to do the virtual Conference which will begin on Monday April 19th.

10. Fire/Rescue Department

1. Added a new person to the departments. He is already trained for Rescue and Fire. Air packs have been certified. Budget was approved. Insurance with EMC approved. \$175,000 of the PPT funds will be put into a 1 year CD.

11. Unfinished Business

1. **McClelland Rd. Project w/Village of Breckenridge** – discussed. Motion by B. Goward to approve up to \$85,000 Wheeler Townships cost for the Road fund Project on McClelland Road in the Village of Breckenridge, Support by M. Cooper. Roll call vote. Yes: Bushre, Goward, Jenkins, Cooper, Rohde. No: 0 Motion carried.
2. **Sewer Pump** – the pump has been repaired by Kennedy Industries Inc. and inserted back into the sewer station.

12. New Business

1. **Blight update** - discussed
2. **Breckenridge Phase II in Industrial Park** – discussed

3. Lawn Mowing agreement – received a bid from Bernie’s Lawn Service. Motion by K. Bushre to accept Bernie’s Lawn Service of \$4,000 for the 2021 mowing season. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried. Yes: Bushre, Cooper, Goward, Jenkins, Rohde. No: 0. Roll call vote.

4. Summer/Next school year co-op – we will be having Miranda Rohde as our Co-op Student. She will begin this summer and go thru the school year.

5. Road Agreements – discussed.

Motion by B. Goward to approve the 9 miles of graveling on roads that were presented. At \$7,134 per mile for total of \$64,206. Support by N. Jenkins. Roll call vote. Yes: Bushre, Cooper, Jenkins, Goward, Rohde. No: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by K. Bushre to do 3 applications of brining on the Township Roads at a cost of \$46,869. Support by J. Rohde. Roll call vote. Yes: Bushre, Goward, Cooper, Jenkins, Rohde. No: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by B. Goward to do ¼ mile of chip/seal on Woodbridge Road. Starting from M-46. Cost at \$750. Support by M. Cooper. Roll call vote. Yes: Cooper, Goward, Jenkins, Bushre, Rohde. No: 0 Motion carried.

13. Public Comments – Gratiot County officer Dishaw gave some information of the work the Sheriffs are doing in the County.

14. Board Comments – none

15. Adjournment - J. Rohde adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Jerome Rohde, Supervisor

Kelly A. Bushre, Clerk