**Wayland Township Board Meeting Minutes- April 3, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor VanVolkinburg at 6:30 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by VanVolkinburg.

Roll Call showed all members present.

Approval of the March 13, regular board meeting and budget hearing and tonight’s agenda with a motioned by Miner with support from Stein.

VanVolkinburg opened the meeting with a report on the oil well fire from Monday, March 27, 2023, by having experts who attended the fire or were at the location, introduce themselves and give a report.

Jim Stoddard, Wayland Fire Chief, who stated 11 mutual aid departments attended, the cause is undetermined and they used 2,000 gallons of liquid with the diameter of the hose 1.5 to extinguish the fire. Stoddard commended his firefighters and all mutual aid who helped in their support with this unusual fire.

Sarah Clark, County Emergency Management Director reported in addition to the outgoing Emergency Manager. Shawn Lehman, EGLE came after the fire was out and is regulating the containment that is damaged. All things were contained, fire damaged seals on the tank and this is early in the process. Liner that was put in voluntarily will be replaced and brought up to current codes. A cleanup process is occurring and a fire in these tanks is very rare. Insurance Company for Goodale who own the wells, pumps, etc. have a fire investigator. Goodale has hired an Environmental Research company who will be sampling the soil. Lehman from EGLE reminded folks that crude oil is visible. Stoddard and everyone was very appreciative of all the fire fighters and mutual aid who helped contain this fire in such a short time.

Call came in at 1500, 1501 in route, 1506, arrived, 1616 controlled and last of the help was cleared at 1803. Thank you all!

**Audience (1st) –** Greta Gonzales from 919 132nd Avenue and others who came with concerns about the oil well fires thanked the Township and experts for addressing the issue. No further questions.

**County Commissioner** – Commissioner Mark DeYoung not in attendance.

**Planning Commission** – Matt Miner- Master Plan review discussion continues. By-Laws and Annual Report from the Planning Commission are still being discussed. Paperwork received from Fred Ross Williams for private road, T&M Partners for RV Park, L2L email of Framily event again in 2023. Township received a notice as we are neighbors of T&M Partners project. Public Hearing for first two on Wednesday, April 13.

**Sheriff/Deputy Report** – March – nothing received to date, Deputy Morse was in attendance.

**Cemetery Report** – Kuhtic reported spring cleaning and continued snow removal has been taking place. McInerney shared a from Proposal from Pontem software to add ‘online’ burial search to be discussed next month. Vezzetti finishing Hill Cemetery database project.

**WAEMS Report** – Sue Kamyszek shared that Judy Keizer a long time WAEMS board member and Wayland resident has passed. The meeting on April 13, without Judy will be difficult.

**Unfinished Business** – \*PCI – No invoice to date. 486 126th Avenue – Fire Dept. to use for training and burn on 4/16. Fire Department has changed their mind and McInerney requested Castello send a letter stating that. No copy of letter received yet. Also waiting for 3095 4th Street letter. New bight information shared with VanVolkinburg to review from other residents.

\*ARPA – SAM/s Updated – McInerney collaborating with Ross Sprague from Walker Fluke on the ARPA forms. McInerney gave Sprague additional info for him to access ARPA forms.

\*Kindy Lake – new GIS person @ Allegan County; has addressed our request and is also working on Google Earth to have this lake be known as Kindy Lake!

**New Business** - Quotes from Craig Atwood – Gregorville Road Project. VanVolkinburg made a motion following discussion to have Reith-Riley (lowest bidder) do this road work. Support from Kamyszek. Roll call vote, all yes, motion passed.

**Versiti Blood Drive –** Kamyszek presented a proposal for Versiti to do blood drives in the Township Hall. McInerney motioned for this proposal with support from Miner. All yes, motion passed. Kamyszek will contact Versiti.

**Approval and Review of bills** –Bills needing board approval list (see packet) and Balance Sheet shared by McInerney. VanVolkinburg made a motion to pay the bills and Stein supported it. Roll call vote, all yes, motion passed.

**Resolution R05-2023 – Budget Adjustment** -Final month of fiscal year. Correct items out of alignment. VanVolkinburg motioned with support from Kamyszek. Roll call, all yes, motion carried.

**Communication** – McInerney

\*Knights of Columbus Council Tootsie Roll Drive March 31 & April 1. Total to date is $7,431 with breakfast being held on April 16, where additional donations will be received.

\*New Ricoh copier arrived.

\*Safe Harbor – Children’s Advocacy Center – Pinwheel Garden & Open House – McInerney & Kamyszek will attend on 4/11 at noon in Allegan

\*Wayland School District Millage- Election May 2, 2023, Public Accuracy Testing 4/11 @ 11 a.m.

*Election Commission will meet following tonight’s meeting.*

\*McInerney sent an escrow account update to Dream Team/Rivertown RV as requested by applicant.

**Audience** (2nd): Nothing

**Board Comments** – *Stein* felt the oil well discussion went well and commended the experts for attending and VanVolkinburg for having them attend. *McInerney* has finished the new budget and is working on the payroll piece today. *VanVolkinburg* thanks to everyone who helped with the oil fire and all everyone does. *Kamyszek & Miner* nothing.

Adjourned with a motion from Kamyszek and support from Miner.

Ann McInerney, Clerk

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