

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES  
July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025- 7:30 P.M.  
TOWNSHIP OFFICE – 2024 CLEVELAND STREET EAST - COOPERSVILLE, MI 49404  
<https://wrighttownshipottawami.gov>

**Approved at Planning Commission Meeting Dated August 18, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Rich Dausman. Also present at the meeting were Commissioners, Steve Gray, Ken Zahm, Vice Chair Tyler Austin, and Secretary Brad Anderson. With no members absent. Planner Alexis Gulker from Fresh Coast Planning was present for support. Clerk Theresa Frank was present to take minutes of the meeting.

1. Anderson motioned to approve the agenda. Austin seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Anderson motioned to approve the May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, minutes, and Gray seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Public Comment; None
4. New Business:
  - a. Public Hearing – Special Use – Vermeer Midwest – 1098 Franklin St. Marne.  
Dausman ask applicants if they wanted to add any information for the Commissioners. Justin Longstreth with Moore & Bruggink with Consulting Engineering introduced himself as representative for Vermeer Midwest. He let the Commissioners know that they wanted to replace the surface basin with an underground water system that will function the same as the surface basin. Doing this will give Vermeer more storage space. At this time, the Commissioners discussed how underground water systems work Alexander DePoy also with Moore & Bruggink introduced himself and added to the conversation with more information on the water system. Commissioners had concerns regarding an overflow saturation. Wanting to know if that would flood the neighboring properties. Alexis Gulker from Fresh Coast Planning stated the Ottawa County Water Resources Commission will also have to approve their plan.

Dausman opened the public hearing portion of the meeting at 7:44 p.m. With no public present at the meeting, he decided to open the meeting up for more discussion from the Commissioners.

Regarding the overflow situation it was discussed that the County would be determining if this would be a problem or not. Hearing no comments from the public, Dausman closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Gray motioned to approve the Special Use request with the following conditions;

1. Compliance with Engineer Gritters' letter and conditions.
2. Compliance with Township Fire Department letter.
3. Shall Comply with Storm Water Ordinance of Wright Township and provide a maintenance agreement to insure the system is maintained properly.
4. The applicant must provide the Township with a written construction plan approval from Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner's (OCWRC) Office prior to construction.

Anderson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Old Business: None

6. Commissioner Comments:

Zahm wanted to know what the Fair Board does to re-zone the residential property to Fair Zoning. Alexis from Fresh Coast Planning let Zahm know that they would have to get an application to re-zone from the Township to start the process.

Zahm also asked if the Commission had any idea where all the dirt hauling was going and what it was. For on 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. near Cleveland St. E, Anderson replied that a property in Marne needed to find a place for their extra dirt and the property owner on 24<sup>th</sup> took the dirt. This brought on a discussion wanting to know if they had a permit, and does the Township know if it could be contaminated dirt. Anderson replied that the Supervisor has been in contact with the property owner. Trustee Anderson will contact the Supervisor for more information to share with the Commissioners at the August Planning Commission Meeting.

Dausman wanted to know if there is going to be a meeting in August, and Alexis replied yes, there is a meeting regarding Farm Labor Housing.

Dausman also commented that Ottawa County Board of Commissioner is thinking of changing their motto "Where Freedom Rings" to something else.

7. Township Board comments:

Anderson reported that the Wright Township Board meeting had the Township Auditors at the meeting to go over the Township annual audit. The Auditor shared that the audit was positive, even with having built a new building. He also shared that the Township's coffers should be back up to 100% within one or two years. He was impressed that the building was done with no loans or bonds.

The Board has the new roof on the Fire Department building starting the last week of July.

Dausman asked Trustee Anderson to bring up to the Township Board his request for dark blinds on the windows behind the Commissioners. Anderson will do so.

Georgia Noel wanted to know when we would have automatic doors in the building entrance. Anderson let her know that Frank is working on a grant with the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks to get the doors done before Elections next year.

**8. Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., and Gray supported this motion. All ayes, motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Theresa Frank / Any documents referenced in these minutes are on file in the Clerk's office.