

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2020 - 7:30 PM
In Township Office and Via Teleconferencing
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1. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Supervisor Schoenborn, at the Wright Township Office at 1565 Jackson St., Marne and via teleconferencing. Board members present include: Schoenborn, Frank, Dietrich and Anderson. Trustee Karr was present remotely via teleconference.
2. No additions to the agenda
3. Karr moved to approve bills in the amount of \$58,654.38, supported by Dietrich. All ayes, motion carried.
Motion was made by Dietrich, supported by Karr, to approve the September 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. All ayes, motion carried.
4. In Public Comments, Bonnie Thoms, through teleconferencing, asked to know who at the Township oversees the ITC Substation Projects. Schoenborn replied the Supervisor. Ms. Thoms had a question about the road (or drive) put in on 16th Ave. She thought the Planning Commission had said the drive would go in on Arthur. Trustee Karr, who is also on the Planning Commission explained that the permanent drive has now been approved to be off Arthur, and the 16th Ave. driveway is temporary, and will be put back to the way it was before the driveway was put in.
5. Sue Gender, and her husband Thomas, were at the meeting seeking approval to place a cache at Cole Memorial Park. Sue explained that a Geocache is a small water proof treasure container hidden outdoors. Geocachers seek out these hidden boxes guided by a GPS enabled device, such as the free App GEOCACHE on a smart phone. A cache is a small trinket like a whistle, stickers, buttons, or tokens, etc. When found they travel from place to place, for others to find. The Board as a whole thought this would be good for the township. Anderson motioned and Frank supported, all Ayes, motion approved.
6. Raymond Passchier was at the meeting to explain, and ask for approval, to have the Beat the Train event in Marne. This is a 5K where runners board a train, and are dropped off outside of town and then race the train back to town on the roads. The event date is November 7th, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Raymond wanted approval for picking up riders in Marne, and having the event finish in Marne. Proceeds of the race go through the Health Department for a Handicap Car. Trustee Anderson requested information on the plan for parking. Also requesting if Coopersville, and the Railroad were approving. Regarding the parking, several spots were talked about, and Raymond said he would get the Board more information on this. Regarding if Coopersville, and the Railroad were approving this, the answer was yes, they approve. Schoenborn motioned, and Anderson supported the approval for the race. All Ayes race approved. Board will be waiting for parking question.
7. Ryan Loucks, a resident on Cranberry Lake, was at the meeting requesting a letter of support from the Board to help pay for setting up testing of the lake water. Mr. Loucks gave very interesting information about the lake and its problems. Schoenborn asked what the support

would mean, and Mr. Loucks said it would mean some sort of financial support. Schoenborn questioned who else was involved. Trustee Karr reported that this something that our Township could not commit to. No commitment will be made until Ottawa County is consulted.

8. Two bids were submitted for snowplowing the Township Office parking lot from JB Outdoor Services, LLC, and one from Turf Plus Lawn Care & Snowplowing. After discussion Anderson motioned to take the bid from JB Outdoor Services, Dietrich supported. All Ayes, motion carried.
9. Treasurer Dietrich is requesting a safe for the office. All the board agrees that this is needed. Frank motioned, and Dietrich supported the purchase of a safe for the Township Office. All Ayes motion carried.
10. Ottawa County has requested that we approve a contract with them to accept a County Assessor in case of a loss of the one the Township has. Brian Busscher MMAO, Ottawa County Deputy Equalization Director, would be who would step in if needed. Frank motioned to accept the contract with the County, and Dietrich supported. Roll call taken, Schoenborn – Yes, Dietrich – Yes, Frank – Yes, Anderson – Yes, and Karr – Yes. Nays – none. Motion carried.
11. A Resolution was adopted on March 11th, 2015 for credit card use by the Township. Per Supervisor Schoenborn we could use one in the office. It would eliminate reimbursement to Township employees. The use of the credit card would be a very good way to keep purchases for the Township very clear with a monthly statement. The whole Board agrees, and a credit card will be gotten for the Township.

12. REPORTS;

Fire Department Report-24 calls for Wright Township, 42 calls for Tallmadge.

Planning Commission Report- Karr let us know there was no meeting in August to report, but there is a meeting October 19th, 2020, for two site plans.

Report Other- Frank reported on the Marne cemetery; we have been requested to approve a new grave for lot number 280 which already has 4 graves. Upon visual inspection it looks very possible. Trustee Karr said we should get an official inspection before approving. Frank will look into the inspection, and the Board will table this until next Board Meeting.

Supervisor Report;

Schoenborn reported that the Fire Department shower is out of order, and because of Covid, this is very needed by the Fire Department personnel. Plumber has inspected and his bill will be \$800. It will involve a hole in the brick wall to get to the pipes. We will also need a mason to replace the brick wall.

13. Board Concerns- A Newsletter to the residents, and Township website were discussed. A Newsletter will be worked on. Regarding the Township website, it needs updating and needs to be more user friendly to make updates.

Treasurer Dietrich shared that she would be making some changes with receiving tax payments in the future.

November 11th Board Meeting is being changed to November 18th, 2020.

14. Supervisor Schoenborn announced meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Minutes prepared by Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk

(Any documents referenced in these minutes is on file in the Clerk's office)