

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 22, 2020, 7:30 P.M.

Via Teleconference

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1. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Supervisor Westgate remotely via teleconference due to restrictions on public gatherings during the covid-19 crisis. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Maureen Carmody, Nancy Hopper, Rick Schoenborn. Gary Karr joined the conference call at 7:38 p.m.
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. A motion was made by Carmody and supported by Westgate to approve the March 2020 bills in the amount of \$118,407.78 and to accept the Treasurer's report. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Carmody, Hopper, Schoenborn, Westgate. Nays: None. Absent: Karr. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Westgate to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2020 Budget Prep Meeting, the March 11, 2020 Regular Board meeting, the March 24, 2020 and March 27, 2020 Special meetings as written. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Westgate, Hopper, Karr, Schoenborn, Carmody. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.
4. There were no public comments.
5. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Carmody to adopt Resolution 20-04-01-Fire Protection Millage Renewal for the purchase and maintenance of fire equipment and fire protection services. This question will be submitted to the electors of Wright Township at a special Township election to be held in conjunction with the primary election on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Karr, Hopper, Carmody, Westgate Schoenborn. Nays: None. Absent: None. The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.
6. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to adopt Resolution 20-04-02-to submit a Senior Citizen Services Millage Renewal Proposal. This question will be submitted to the electors of Wright Township at a special Township election to be held in conjunction with the primary election on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Carmody, Westgate, Schoenborn, Hopper, Karr. Nays: None. Absent: none. The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.
7. A motion was made by Carmody and supported by Schoenborn to approve the Planning Commission Term Renewal for Rich Dausman for a term to expire in April 2023. Karr expressed his appreciation of the work done by Rich Dausman as Chairman of the Wright Township Planning Commission. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Karr, Hopper, Schoenborn, Westgate, Carmody. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.
8. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Carmody to approve a change in pricing for cemetery footings, effective April 1, 2020. The cost for footings will be \$0.30 per square inch, with a 2- inch border and with an \$85.00 minimum charge. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hopper, Carmody, Karr, Schoenborn, Westgate. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.
9. Karr gave the Fire report. There were 85 calls in March, and the number of minor medical calls to date in April are significantly lower than normal. There were no Planning Commission meetings in March or April due to current restrictions on public gatherings, and future planning meetings are on hold until these restrictions are lifted. Carmody gave an update regarding the special election on May 5, 2020. Coopersville Schools elected to postpone their ballot proposal, but Kenowa Schools are proceeding with their ballot proposal for the May election. This election will be conducted by mail only, so all eligible voters will only be able to vote an absentee ballot for this election. The polling location on election day will be located at the Marne United Methodist Church, 1472 Jackson St., Marne MI 49435 due to the unavailability of the regular polling location at St. Mary's Church for this election.
10. Supervisor Westgate reported that the AED has been delivered to the office and is in service. He also stated that he is not sure if the next regular board meeting in May will be done remotely or in person.
11. Under Board concerns, Carmody reported that the Stopping the Bleed class scheduled for May 11, 2020 at St. Mary's Church has been canceled, and will hopefully be rescheduled for later this summer. Karr and Carmody reported issues with joining in the teleconference, possibly due to the inability of the platform to handle current volume.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk