

## WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2019-7:30 P.M.

1565 Jackson St., Marne MI 49435

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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. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Maureen Carmody, Nancy Hopper, Rick Schoenborn, Gary Karr.
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. A motion was made by Westgate and supported by Karr to approve the November 2019 bills in the amount of \$28,814.71 and to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2019 Regular Board meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. During public comment, Randy Van Manen presented the 2019 Berlin Fair report. The 2020 Berlin Fair will begin on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a rodeo on Friday, July 10 and a youth rodeo on Saturday, July 11. Nick Mesman from the Berlin Raceway presented a draft of the 2020 Raceway schedule, which will be discussed at the January 8, 2020 Board meeting. They are considering the addition of some Snow Cross events this winter. The Board requested that more information be provided regarding this event. There was also discussion regarding future fireworks permits.
5. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Schoenborn to appoint Randy Reeds to the Board of Review for a partial term to expire in January 2021. Motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Carmody to adopt Resolution 19-12-01: To Change the Days of Appeals for March Board of Review due to a conflict with the March 10 Primary Election. The days for appeals of assessments will be Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 12, 2020, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Karr, Carmody, Westgate, Schoenborn, Hopper. Nays: None. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.
7. A motion was made by Carmody and supported by Schoenborn to adopt Resolution 19-12-02: For a Partial Termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement. The request was submitted by River Ridge Farms, Inc. and Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC., for approval to have 30.899 acres released from the agreement for the construction of an Electric Transmission Substation. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hopper, Schoenborn, Carmody, Westgate. Nays: Karr. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.
8. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to adopt Resolution 19-12-03: To Appoint Property Tax Payment Designees, for certain Elected Officials and Employees (other than the Treasurer) to be authorized Designees of the Treasurer in order to collect/receive property tax payments per Public Act 129 of 2019. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Westgate, Carmody, Hopper, Karr, Schoenborn. Nays: None. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.
9. Karr gave the fire report. There were 76 calls in November. Karr also gave the Planning report. At the November 18, 2019 Planning Commission meeting, the revised site plan with additional landscaping requirements was approved for Michigan Electric Transmission Company for an Electric Transmission Substation and associated buildings on vacant land located north of Arthur St. and west of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and south of Cleveland St., Marne MI 49435, parcel number 70-06-22-400-010.
10. Westgate reported that there was a good turnout for the Marne Tree Lighting event despite the inclement weather. A permanent tree for this event, donated by Legend Services, Inc., was planted in the park. Anyone who had pictures taken with Santa can pick up their photos at the Township Office on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
11. Carmody reported that Four Pointes in Grand Haven will no longer be offering tax preparation assistance to senior citizens in Ottawa County. Community Action Agency is now providing that service for the 2019 Tax Year, based on income eligibility. Those wishing to receive this assistance can call 616-393-4433 or 211 for more information.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody  
Wright Township Clerk