

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 11th, 2021 – 7:30 pm

In Office at 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI 49435

1. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Schoenborn. Board members present include: Supervisor Rick Schoenborn, Treasurer Sharyl Dietrich, Trustee Adam Taylor, Trustee Brad Anderson, and Clerk Theresa Frank. Meeting was held at Township Office at 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI
2. Additions of any items not on the agenda.
 - a. Additions: Resurfacing of Arch Street: 16th Avenue to State Street is added under 7. New Business – c.
 - b. Dietrich moved to approve the agenda and Taylor supported. All ayes, motion carried.
3. REVIEW & APPROVE
 - a. Anderson moved to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$23,851.31, supported by Frank. All ayes, motion carried.
 - b. Motion was made by Anderson to approve July 14, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Support by Taylor. All ayes, motion carried.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
 - a. Public comments were taken: Mike and Deb Ruesegger had questions, wanting to know why we were not working more on fiber Optics, referring to the County working on updating internet and Wi-Fi. There was some discussion on the matter without much of a conclusion, so the Board will look into getting more information on the subject for the next meeting.
5. REPORTS
 - a. Fire: Assistant Fire Chief Mike Eppink gave the Board the Fire report. He reported that it was another above average month for calls. He reports the year should end with somewhere near eleven to twelve hundred calls. Mike also let us know he may be retiring at the first of the year. In the report Mike let the board know that there will be a blood drive at Tallmadge Fire house on August 24th, 2021, and has more information to come.
 - b. County Commissioner Matt Fenske was at the meeting with an Ottawa County report: The County Administrator Al Vandenberg is leaving. He has taken a position with Kent County. Matt is on the interview committee to interview applicants. American Rescue Plan Act-Ottawa County is getting \$57,000,000.00. They have put together an Advisory Committee to support the use of the large amount of money. The Committee is going to give suggestions on how to spend the money. They are considering five (5) investment categories: 1. County organization of Covid operations. 2. County organization of infrastructure. 3. Broadband coverage. 4. Social human needs. 5. Community, business economic development, and Infrastructure. The Coast Guard is leaving Holland. The County is wanting to keep that piece of property when they leave. Port Sheldon Consumers Plant is closing. The County is also looking at this property for trails and parks. Other subjects mentioned were the Counties loss of sheriff deputies to Kent County, because they offers a pension. The County has received a two (2) million-dollar grant for mental health of adults and children. The user of drones in Ottawa County must have permission before they can fly them.
 - c. State Representative Luke Meerman was also at the meeting with a report. Covid money to be disbursed sometime in October, 2021, will be connected to no covid mandates. Meerman is not in favor of mask mandates. Ambulance reimbursement rates from the State are going to go up. There has been no change in rates for 20 years. Ambulance companies have not been able to get better rates, while in actuality the company says about 70 % of riders are Medicaid and Medicare.

Meerman is working on having higher penalties for property that has been damaged by drunk drivers.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approve Cost Recovery Ordinance. Anderson motioned, and Dietrich support the approval of the Cost Recovery Ordinance. Roll Call was taken: Schoenborn aye, Dietrich aye, Anderson aye, Taylor aye, and Frank aye. Motion carries.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Frank Motioned with the support of Dietrich to approve a Partial Termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement – With Pre-Existing Structure for Vivian Armock. All ayes, motion carried.
- b. Supervisor presented Wright Township Principles of Governance. This is what the officials of Wright Township abide by. The Principles of Governance was ratified at the Board Meeting.
- c. Approval of the paving of Arch Street has been tabled until next month Board Meeting.

8. SUPERVISOR REPORT

- a. Supervisor reported on the storm dated August 10th, 2021, many trees down, and other emergencies. He wanted to make known how hard the Fire Department had to work to keep everything under control. Thank you Wright Tallmadge Fire Department for you dedication and hard work.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

- a. Frank wanted to thank all the people who helped with cleaning out the basement. Dietrich for organizing, The fire Department, Mary Alt, Linda Triick and Gary Karr for all the time and effort they volunteered on this project.
- b. Anderson wanted to know how the Seniors projects was going. Dietrich reported she is still working on it. Schoenborn said we need to watch what is happening with covid now, before we can go forward with any plans. We might be right back where we were a year and a half ago.

10. Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Township Clerk Theresa Frank.

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