

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 13TH, 2022 – 7:30 PM
Wright Township Offices
1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI. 49435**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Rick Schoenborn with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer. Board members present at the meeting: Supervisor Rick Schoenborn, Clerk Theresa Frank, Trustee Brad Anderson, Treasurer Sharyl Dietrich, and Trustee Adam Taylor.
2. Frank, motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of 7f rental discussion, and 7g resolution adoption. Taylor supported. All ayes, motion carried.
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 - a. Dietrich motioned and Anderson supported to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$66,824.91 and accept as information the Treasurer's Report as written. All ayes, motion carried.
 - b. Update to June payroll was zero. No motion made.
 - c. Anderson motioned to approve minutes from June 8th, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Dietrich supported. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Public Comments;
 - a. Mercedes Watts is running for 20th Circuit Court Judge. She is at the meeting to introduce herself. This is a new position created for the Family Division of the Ottawa County Courts. She says she wants to be a judge because she believes a Judges can make a difference in people's lives. Ms. Watts has experience as a district attorney for Family Law.
 - b. Paul Kraus was at the meeting to introduce himself for the same position. Mr. Kraus is the Sr. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Ottawa County. Mr. Kraus also has quite a bit of experience with Family Law.Both represented themselves as great candidates for this new position. The term for the new positions is eight (8) years. They will be on the November 8, 2022, bipartisan section of the ballot.
5. Reports;
 - a. Fire report;
Chief Gavin reported a busy month with 85 emergency calls. Fire Department food station at the Berlin Fair was very successful this year. New brush truck and handheld scanners are in use.
 - b. Pat Rapp and Kate Terpstra spoke on the North Bank Trail. They are requesting Township Board support for the trail to come through the township. After much discussion, and finding out what that would entail for the Township of Wright, the board is going to support it, much like the surrounding municipalities.
 - c. Senior Service Program Report;

Dietrich reported that the program is not going well. There is very low participation. Dietrich is thinking the low participation is because it is summer time. Because of this she may have to cancel some of the activities until fall. All activities have been advertised in the Observer, newsletters, sent to emails that she has, and flyers hanging in nearby businesses, with no luck.

d. Election Report:

Frank reported that the preparation for the Primary Election is going as it should with no problems.

6. Unfinished business

Township has requested bids in the Coopersville Observer for roofing and painting, but have not received any.

Motion was made by Dietrich to accept the bid from CenterPoint Concrete, LLC, in the amount of \$15,350 for the cement work needed in the township. Anderson supported, all ayes. Motion carried.

7. Under New Business

a. Anderson motioned to approve amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 401, to rezone specific property from AG to LD Residential. This matches the Township's Future Zoning Map. Dietrich supported. Four (4) ayes and one (1) nay. Motion is carried.

b. Anderson motioned to adopt Resolution number 2022-06-02, regarding minimal tax overpayments. Frank supported, roll call was taken all ayes; Anderson, Schoenborn, Dietrich, Frank, and Taylor. Resolution is declared adopted.

c. Frank motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-06-01, regarding who are tax payments designees for the Township Offices. Taylor supported. Roll call taken all ayes. Dietrich, Frank, Anderson, Schoenborn, and Taylor. Resolution is declared adopted.

d. Anderson motioned to approve amendments to the Fee Schedule as follows;

1. Compensation for preparing and submitting minutes for Planning and Zoning Commissions amended to \$20 per hour.

2. Adding compensation for non-statutory duties was not approved.

3. Add to Compensation Schedule - AV Counting Board under Elections; \$17 per hour. Taylor supported, all ayes. Motion has been carried.

e. Quarterly Budget Review;

Dietrich motioned to amend the budget;

Add Legal Fees to \$5,000

Add Audit Fees to \$2,500

Add Engineer Fees to \$2,500

Add Liability Insurance to \$3,000

Add Milage-Township Board to \$500

Add Education/Travel Expenses to \$1,000

Add Seniors Salaries-staff to \$1,500

Add Seniors Social Security and Medicare to \$100

Totaling a \$16,100 amendment to the Budget. Supported by Anderson. All ayes, motion is carried.

f. An example of a Rental Ordinance was discussed. Wright Township does not have, but needs a rental ordinance. The Board will review further at the August 10th regular board meeting.

- g. Dietrich motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-07-01, regarding apportioning Residential Equivalency Units (REUs) for 15146 - 16th Ave. Marne MI, from 7 to 25 REUs, effective 07/13/22. Anderson supported. All ayes, and Resolution is declared adopted.
- 8. Supervisor's Report
 - a. Supervisor commented on how well the Berlin Fair went this year.
 - b. Schoenborn reported that with the new boiler now installed, the Township needs (5) thermostats. Two (2) programable thermostats in the Fire Department part of the building, and (5) zone re-build kits. The cost for the Township is \$2,975.
- 9. Board Comments
 - a. Dietrich reported that the surveys regarding the newly purchased property are still coming in. The cut off date August 15, 2022. Most sound very positive.
 - b. Dietrich is saying that the new web-site should be up close to the date of the Township's next Board Meeting.
- 10. Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk. www.wrighttownship.org
(Any documents referred to in the minutes are available at the Clerk's office).