

# **WRIGHT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

## **TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022, 6:30 P.M.**

**IN THE FIRE STATION, 1565 JACKSON STREET MARNE, MI**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Schoenborn. Schoenborn, Frank, Dietrich, Taylor, and Anderson were all present. Also present was Wright Township Attorney Jeff Sluggett.
2. Approval of minutes from last Township Board meeting was tabled until the April 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.
3. Supervisor Introduced the topic for discussion as the Township purchase of real property. Schoenborn opened with answers to a few questions that had been asked many times. One of which was “why 80 acres?” Supervisor answered that the board had never intended to purchase and keep 80 acres, but seller would not split, and he also lowered the price to purchase all 80 acres. To take advantage of the opportunity the board approved resolution #2022-03-03 for the purchase of all 80 acres of real property on March 29, 2022. The board did this with the intention of putting out a survey asking the residents how many acres to keep for a future Township Hall, and how many to sell. There is a lot of interest in purchasing the remaining acres. The Supervisor also informed the residents that any actions taken by the board were with the Township Attorney’s direction.
4. Public Comments;  
After the Supervisor’s opening, he invited the residents to come up to the podium where there was a microphone to make comments and ask questions. At this time, several residents took advantage of this. There were many comments made with misinformation given to them from the two anonymous letters that were sent out to all residents. Some were negative because the board did not do things in a way the resident thought they should have. The majority of comments were regarding the board not being transparent, and not giving them enough information before the purchase agreement was signed. At which time the Supervisor said he had wished the board could have put out more information before hand, but through attorney direction, only so much could be shared to purchase property. Others thought the purchase should have come to them for a vote. There were also many positive comments showing support for the board. There were residents that said the board had made the correct decision, and ownership of property is never a mistake. Comments that the price of the purchase was a good one. The Supervisor and Attorney answered questions and cleared up as much of the misinformation as possible. Supervisor thanked the residents for their comments and for showing interest and coming to the meeting.
5. Board Comments: None.
6. Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Theresa Frank Township Clerk