

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>, 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 7d Fire Door Quote. Taylor supported. All ayes, motion carried.
3.
  - a. Anderson motioned, and Dietrich supported to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$92,345.96, and accept as information the Treasurer's Report as written. All ayes, motion carried.
  - b. Anderson motioned to approve minutes from July 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Dietrich supported. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Public Comments;
  - a. Joe Bush, the County Water Resources Commissioner, attended the meeting to update the Board on the County projects. A lot of projects (sub-divisions etc.) are going on in surrounding areas, but very little is happening in Wright Township until after fall harvest.
  - b. Kenneth VanderJagt and Elizabeth Dykstra both made comments at the meeting regarding the Township's purchase of new property. They did not agree with the purchase.
5. Reports;
  - a. Fire report was given by Deputy Chief Jon Alkema. Calls were way above average in July with a total of 119 calls! About 40 more than normal. Alkema also wanted to thank Wright Township residents for the passage of the Fire Millage.
  - b. Dietrich gave the Senior Service report. Reporting that participation is still low, but they did have a successful bus trip. Everyone who attended seemed to have a great time. Other events have been cancelled until September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
  - d. Election Report was given by Frank. She reported a good turnout for the August 2 Primary Election. Everything went quite smooth. Thanks and gratitude to Mike and Deb Ruegsegger for their volunteer help and to all the election workers. Frank shared that unless you have been an election worker, you don't understand how much work goes into one. Elections would not be run so well without these good citizens.
6. Unfinished business; None
7. Under New Business
  - a. Frank motioned and Dietrich supported the adoption of Wright Township Rental Ordinance 2022-08-02. Roll Call was taken; Anderson aye, Dietrich aye, Taylor aye, Schoenborn aye, and Frank aye. Motion carries, Ordinance declared Adopted.
  - b. Frank motioned and Dietrich supported to rescind Resolution number 2022-07-01, regarding Residential Equivalency Unit (s) apportioning. Number of current was printed as 7, it should have been 20. Motion carried. Dietrich then motioned and Frank supported to approve Resolution 2022-08-01, regarding the correction of the number of current REUs to 20, for 15146-16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and approving the new amount to 25. Resolution is

declared adopted.

- c. Dietrich motioned; and Taylor supported to accept the bid for office building painting from Allendale Painting Co. in the amount of \$2,800. All ayes, motion carried.
  - d. Anderson motioned and Dietrich supported to approve the bid from Environmental Door, Inc. for 4-T50 Lift Master commercial operators with 1-3 button wall station and photo eyes – 115 volt, single phase, 60hz, for \$5,344; bottom weather seal on all doors, black rubber seal and 1 white side weather seal on door #4 for \$590; and remotes for \$212. All ayes, motion carried. It was decided that ARPA funds will be used for this.
8. Supervisor's Report
- a. Supervisor reported on a fire at a local farm this month. He was at the fire and saw how the Fire Department does their work. He reported how amazing the firefighters are, and how they know exactly what, where, and when to do what is needed. The collaboration between townships at the fire was so precise. There were many firefighters at this spontaneous combustion fire, and the barn was saved. We should all be very proud of our Wright-Tallmadge Fire Department. Schoenborn applauded the passage of the Fire Millage in Primary Election.
  - b. Schoenborn also reported on the situation regarding complaints received from residents. He has been getting a lot of calls wanting to know why their complaints have not been resolved. The hard part to understand is that any complaint takes a long time to solve if the property being complained about does not comply. And usually that is the case. The township tries to stay out of court. Too many hard feelings, and the amount it costs the taxpayers to take residents to court is high. The Board has passed an Ordinance that will let us give out tickets and go as far as taking someone to court. It is a long process, but every complaint is being worked on.
  - c. It was decided that a better deadline date for the public surveys on the land would be September 14<sup>th</sup>, as this is tax day for 2022 Summer Taxes.
9. Board Comments
- a. Dietrich reported that the surveys regarding the newly purchased property are still coming in. Many are positive. All data is being recorded and will be on the website after the survey ends. A steering committee will then be selected.
  - b. Dietrich is saying that the new website should be having a soft launch on next Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Dietrich also reminded all taxpayers that post marks are no longer accepted as payment on time.
10. Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk. [www.wrighttownship.org](http://www.wrighttownship.org)

(Any documents referred to in the minutes are available at the Clerk's office).