

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 12TH, 2022 – 7:30 PM  
Wright Township Offices  
1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI. 49435**

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, Trustee Brad Anderson, Treasurer Sharyl Dietrich, and Trustee Adam Taylor. Clerk Theresa Frank was absent.

1. Dietrich motioned to approved agenda with correction to 7a annual subscription. Should be Lakeshore Advantage. Anderson supported and motion carried.
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  - a. Anderson motioned, and Dietrich supported to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$51,321.75 and accept as information the Treasurer's Report as written. All ayes, motion carried.
  - b. Dietrich motioned to approve minutes from September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Taylor supported. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Public Comments:
  - a. Marge Gilde asked the Board what ordinances the township had in place regarding Solar Gardens. It was conveyed that the Planning Commission is currently checking into this issue.
  - b. Randy Reeds and Nick Noel were present to speak about the ordinance that does not allow building and splitting property in the Low-Density Districts of the township. If the township would amend these ordinances to allow a homeowner to split their property within the Low-Density District, provided that the lot area, width, and all setbacks are met, this would open up new opportunities to use the land that is already zoned for and set aside for residential use. This flag lot configuration is already allowed within the agricultural zoning district.
5. Reports:
  - a. Fire report was given by Fire Board Member Sharyl Dietrich. She reported there were 89 calls during September. Two members went to Crash Course Heavy in Dayton, Ohio. This was a specialized extrication class for heavy trucks and buses. We responded to an extensive extrication that involved multiple fire departments and AirCare. Coopersville Fire Department is having an open house on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:30. This is a great opportunity to see their new fire station and meet their new chief. The national shortage of EMS personnel has created challenges with response times for transporting ambulances. We continue to meet with Medical Control and our local transporting partners to address these concerns.
6. Dietrich gave the Senior Service report. Senior Services involvement is starting to pick up. Frankenmuth trip planned for October 19.

6. Unfinished Business:  
None
7. New Business
  - a. Presentation given by Beth Blanton of Lakeshore Advantage and the benefits our manufacturing industries gain from their services. Motion was made by Dietrich, supported by Taylor renew the annual subscription with Lakeshore Services.
  - b. Snowplow Bids. Motion made by Anderson, supported by Dietrich to accept the bid from JB Outdoor Services for winter snowplowing. An anonymous donation was made to JB Outdoor Services, specifically designated to snowplowing for the township. There will be no cost to the township for the 2022-2023 winter season. Thank you to this donor! Also, JB Outdoor Services will supply an additional contract for cemetery plowing at \$30 per plow.
  - c. Update to Investment Policy. Motion made by Taylor, supported by Anderson to update the Investment Policy to include Horizon Bank and Chase Bank. Roll call was taken: Anderson-aye, Dietrich-aye, Schoenborn-aye, and Taylor-aye. Motion carried.
  - d. Nominees for committee for new property. This was tabled until the November Board Meeting due to absence of Clerk Frank.
  - e. Budget Review. This will be tabled until the November Board Meeting.
  - f. Discussion of change in date for the November Regular Board Meeting. Due to absences and the November election, the regular board meeting date will be Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 7:30pm, instead of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - g. There will be a Public Hearing on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 9:00am, at the Township Offices for consideration of a request from DeWys Manufacturing, Inc, whose property located at 15300-8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Marne, to have issued to it an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.
8. Supervisor's Report;  
Supervisor recently attended a Supervisor's meeting in Spring Lake for local supervisors. This was the first meeting of Supervisors since COVID. The following were issues discussed:
  - Paul Sachs, Direct of the Department of Strategic Impact, commented on how the county is stepping in to help municipalities with their respective Master Plans. The county may be asking local municipalities to contribute to help defer the cost.
  - Solar Gardens are becoming another issue in the county.
  - Low water is another issue in Ottawa County.Sidewalk repair will be next week.
9. Board Comments:  
Dietrich reminded taxpayers that post marks are no longer accepted, and this includes the drop box. On the last day taxes are due, the office is opened from 9:00 to 5:00.
10. Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharyl Dietrich, Wright Township Treasurer. [www.wrighttownship.org](http://www.wrighttownship.org)  
(Any documents referred to in the minutes are available at the Clerk's office).