

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3RD, 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. Anderson motioned to approve the agenda with the addition to # 5 Reports. Mary Alt from the Historical Committee will give a report. Frank supported. All ayes, motion carried.
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 - a. Dietrich motioned, and Anderson supported to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$74,758.65, and accept as information the Treasurer's Report as written. All ayes, Motion carried.
 - b. Frank motioned to approve minutes from October 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Anderson supported. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **Public Comments**
Randy Reeds and Nick Noel were present for the meeting. At this time Anderson, who is on the Planning Commission reported to the Board what P.C. had said regarding the 24th Avenue property of Noel. Brad reported that the Commission feels there needs be an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance rather than a Special Land Use. The Board agrees to have the Planning Commission start the language for an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.
5. **Reports**
 - a. Mary Alt gave the Board a report on the Historical Commission. She began by reminding us that we have been a township for 175 years! The Commission had displays at the Memorial Day celebration and at the Berlin Fair. They were very well received. The Commission members have been busy indexing and coordinating historical paperwork. Next year at the Berlin Fair the topic will be local race car drivers at Berlin. They have many photos to display. Betty Brown will be retiring after nearly a dozen years of service. Thank you, Betty, for all your hard work! Stanley Chesla has agreed to a new three-year term on the Commission. Dietrich motioned to approve the new term for Chesla, and to accept Browns retirement, Frank supported. All ayes, motion carried.
 - b. Fire report was given by Fire Board Member Adam Taylor. He reported there were 105 calls this last month. He also reported that call volume continues to increase. The department has two new members in the last few weeks. Wright Township Fire Department was represented at the Coopersville Fire Department Open House and Station Dedication. The Halloween Open House was held at the Wright Township Station. The Department would like to thank everyone for their tireless work to make this day a success.
 - c. Dietrich reported the Senior Services Events are going well. She was very happy to report that the number of people participating is rising! Also, the Senior Services Christmas Luncheon will be December 21st, 2022, at noon. Please RSVP to the Township Office by December 14th, 2022, at 616-677-3048. There is no charge.
 - d. Frank reported that the preparation for Elections was right on track for the November 8th, 2022, Election.

6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Selection of the steering Committee for the newly purchased Township property has been done. They were selected from people in the township who applied to be on the committee.
Motion was made by Dietrich to approve Kathy Lothschutz, Steven Quick, Stephanie Mayrose, Rich Dausman, and Tyler Austin. Also, approving Supervisor Schoenborn and Treasurer Dietrich as members from the Township Board. Supported by Frank. All ayes, motion carried.
 - b. Quarterly Budget was reviewed and some amendments will be made.
7. New Business
 - a. Dietrich motioned to approve Resolution 2022-11-01, to set a public hearing for consideration of an application for an industrial facilities exemption certificate for DeWys Metal Solutions, Inc., for November 4th, 2022, and Taylor supported. Roll Call; Dietrich aye, Schoenborn aye, Taylor aye, Anderson aye, and Frank aye. All ayes, Resolution 2022-11-01 is declared adopted.
 - b. Complete service agreement with Prein and Newhof was signed by Supervisor at this meeting.
 - c. Wright Township Ethical Conduct Policy was updated. It now reads Township officials, appointees, employees, and volunteers shall not accept meals, tangible goods or tickets to events, if the value of the gift or special benefit exceeds \$25.00. Gifts and special benefits received that are within the ceiling amount shall be reported in writing to the township board within one week of receiving the gift, or special benefits.
8. Supervisor's Report
 - a. Schoenborn reported that ITC is offering a donation to the township. He stated that a good use of the donation would be to give to the Lions Club for the Christmas Tree Lighting event.
 - b. Supervisor reported that Chester Township was approached for property for a hundred-acre Solar Garden from Consumers Energy. He would like the Planning Commission to complete our Ordinance regarding Solar Gardens. Anderson who is on the Planning commission reported that they are working on this and the migrant housing ordinance.
9. Board Comments
 - a. Frank commented that Township Ordinances need organizing, and reported its very expensive to have an outside company do this. We will try to do as much in office as possible, and then consider if we would need an outside company.
 - b. Dietrich commented that the upcoming winter taxes will be going out on December 1st. Payment must be in the office by the due date. Postmarks will no longer be accepted.
10. Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:47 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).