

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 12th, 2023 – 7:30 pm

In Office at 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI 49435

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1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Schoenborn. Board members present include Supervisor Rick Schoenborn, Treasurer Sharyl Dietrich, Trustee Adam Taylor, Trustee Brad Anderson, and Clerk Theresa Frank. Meeting was held at Township Office at 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI. 49435.
2. APPROVE AGENDA and ADDITIONS
 - a. Frank moved to approve the agenda and Taylor supported. All ayes, motion carried.
3. REVIEW AND APPROVE
 - a. Dietrich moved to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$20,572.52 and accept as information the Treasurer Report. This was supported by Anderson. All ayes, motion carried.
 - b. Anderson moved to approve the minutes from March 08, 2023, Board Meeting and Dietrich supported. All ayes, motion carried.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
 - a. Ottawa County Commissioner Alison Miedema updated the Township Board on a few subjects from the County. It looks like good things are happening with broadband. The county has applied for a large grant for much better affordable internet in our area. If we are awarded this grant and the go-ahead, and all funding is secured, parties are committed to completing all work by December 31, 2026. The next update was regarding a new fire fighting foam. PFAS has been taken from the fire departments for environmental reasons. So now this new firefighting foam will become very important to the Fire Departments. Next update was regarding a resource in our county, pending approval from the County Board of Commissioners. The motion will be to approve a request from the Sheriff's Office to allow Crisis Aid International to occupy a designated office space at the Fillmore complex. CAP is a revolutionary new collaborative initiative that focuses on reaching children at risk for sex trafficking or other forms of Child Sexual abuse.
 - b. Lisa and Matt Potts also commented at the meeting. They had questions regarding home-based businesses. They were invited to go to a Planning Commission Meeting.
 - c. Steve Quirk reported he read something about the county stopping chloride spraying on gravel roads for environmental reasons. With no one else having any information on this he was directed to the County Road Commission to see if they anything else on this subject.
5. REPORTS
 - a. No Fire Report.
 - b. Dietrich gave the Senior Service report. Things are going well. There is a bus trip in May. June is bingo and lunch, and then taking July and August off for the summer.
6. NO OLD BUSINESS.

7. a. The Master Plan that was sent to the Board from the Planning Commission.
Anderson explained the few changes and showed the board the old and new Future Zoning Maps. Frank motioned to approve the Master Plan for distribution to the neighboring townships with a few conditions. Chapter 7, should say contributes approximately 6 million and should not say we share a park with Chester Township in Conklin. Dietrich supports with the condition these words are changed. Roll call was taken, five (5) ayes, zero nays, and no one absent. Distribution to neighboring Townships has been approved.
- c. Dietrich motioned to approve Ordinance Amendment 2023-04-01, regarding amendment to the zoning ordinance that will allow low density, long narrow lots to split, and have a shared drive with an easement to the back lot. Frank supported, and roll call was taken. Five (5) ayes, zero nays, and no one absent. Supervisor declares Ordinance Amendment 2023-04-01 has been adopted.
8. Supervisor reported that our Zoning Ordinances Books are in bad shape (multiple versions-very hard to work with). We have hired Julie Lovelace from Fresh Coast to update and reorganize for the cost of \$1,500.00. The Policing Ordinances are going to be updated by the office.
9. In board comments Anderson asked what was going on with the cemetery that so many hours were going to that department. Frank explained that there is a large amount of data entering to update Cemetery Books and the Cemetery Computer Software.
Frank let the board know that there is going to be a new Deputy Clerk, her name is Denise Terpstra, and she will be at the next board meeting to meet everyone on the board.
Anderson asked how the interview went with the replacement for our assessor Steve Hansen. He was told it went well and we will be calling them back to discuss details.
Supervisor asked Steve Quirk (head of steering committee) if he had any updates. They just did the last tour of newer townships in the area. Robinson Township had about the closest to what the committee would like to do for a new town hall. Anderson asked what size of building the committee was thinking for the new hall. Quirk replied they were thinking about 6 to 8 thousand square footages for size. That's about the size of the Chester Township Hall.
10. Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully prepared by Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk.

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(Any documents referenced in these minutes are on file in the Clerk's office)