

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 14TH, 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, and Clerk Theresa Frank. Trustee Brad Anderson was absent. Meeting was held in Township Office at 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI. 49435.
2. APPROVE AGENDA and ADDITIONS
 - a. Dietrich moved to approve agenda with the changes made as follows;
 - 7 a. and b. Tabled until next Board Meeting.
 - Township Liability insurance renewal added to 7 g.Taylor supported, all ayes, motion carried.
3. REVIEW AND APPROVE
 - a. Dietrich moved to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$25,482.45, and accept as information the Treasurer Report. This was supported by Frank. All ayes, motion carried.
 - b. Dietrich moved to approve the minutes from May 10th, 2023, Board Meeting and Taylor supported. All ayes, motion carried.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS; Steve Farrugia asked what was happening with the property for sale on Hayes. Supervisor replied that area is zoned for development, but currently the sale is pending so there is not much to share.
5. REPORTS
 - a. Fire report by Taylor.

87 calls for the month of May. Six (6) fire academy students graduated with State Certifications. The three (3) graduates from Wright Township will be at the July meeting to introduce themselves to the board. Marne Fest went well and thank you to all involved with the planning and running of the event. With the extremely dry weather fire permits will only be approved by the department after rain events. Fire Board is currently looking at Pump Trucks which are in the Master Plan for 2026.
 - b. Senior Service report by Dietrich.

June 21, 2023, will be the last lunch for the summer. June 28th, 2023 will be the River Boat Cruise. RSVPs will be needed by June 21st, 2023. There will be no Senior Service events during July and August, except for exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am at the Baptist Church.
 - c. Election in 2024 report by Frank.

Regarding Early Voting. With the passing of Proposition 2 all jurisdictions in Ottawa County, along with local Clerks, will be hosting early voting for the next two (2) years. This is likely cheaper than doing it through the Township alone, but it is not for free. The

Township will be paying more for Election with the passage of Prop 2. There will be three locations for early voting. The locations have not been determined yet, but they will not be in Wright Township. Frank will share more as the decisions and information becomes available.

6. OLD BUSINESS; None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Ordinance # 2023-06-03 tabled to July Board Meeting.
- b. Approval of Ordinance # 2023-06-04 tabled to July Board Meeting.
- c. Dietrich motioned to approve Resolution 2023-06-01, regarding ARPA Fund Master Plan, and Frank supported. Roll call taken; Schoenborn aye, Dietrich aye, Frank aye, and Taylor Aye, Anderson is absent. Motion carried. Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.
- d. Frank motioned to approve Deputy Clerk, Denise Terpstra, as an authorized signer on bank accounts. Taylor supported; motion carried.
- e. Steve Quirk, Chair on the Township Owned Land Committee, gave a short update. They are meeting two (2) times a month, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the Month. They are currently working on a timeline to start building. It is looking like breaking ground will be Spring 2024. An RFP for the building will be posted soon.
- f. After over **30 years** of great service **Steve Hansen**, Wright Township Assessor, has retired. The Wright Township Board hired MSM Assessing, Inc. as the new assessor. Matt Smith and Caryn Rasch were at the meeting to sign the Assessing Contract.
- g. Taylor motioned to approve the renewal of the Wright Township Liability Insurance for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, Dietrich supported, and motion was carried.

8. Supervisor report; None

9. Board comments: Dietrich let the Board know that the Auditors would be in the Township Office on June 15th and 16th, 2023.

10. Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:50 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)