

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 13th, 2023 – 7:30 pm

In Office at 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI 49435

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Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Schoenborn. Board members present include Supervisor Rick Schoenborn, Trustee Adam Taylor, Trustee Brad Anderson, and Clerk Theresa Frank. Absent; Treasurer Sharyl Dietrich. The meeting was held at the Township Office, 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI. 49435.

APPROVE AGENDA and ADDITIONS

- Anderson moved to approve the agenda and Taylor supported. All ayes, motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE

- Frank moved to approve funds for the Building Project for \$10,784.24, and bills and payroll in the amount of \$52,153.34, and accept as information the Treasurer Report. Anderson supported this motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- Anderson moved to approve the minutes from November 6th, 2023, Board Meeting and the Special Board Meeting minutes for November 20th, Taylor supported. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- During public comments the high price of the township's sewer bills was discussed by the public.

REPORTS

- Commissioner Miedema was not at the meeting with a report.
- Fire
Taylor gave the Wright Tallmadge Fire Department report. The Department had ninety-one calls in the last month. The newly acquired drone, donated by David Long, is now in use. The Department would like to thank Mercury Broadband for donating a large screen used for the drone.
- New Township Hall Report
Steve Quirk, Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Township Owned Land stated the Committee met just before the Board Meeting and the main topic was getting things together to bring a site plan to the Planning Commission. The Committee is hoping to bring this to the Board for approval at the February Board Meeting.
- Senior Services Report
Schoenborn spoke about the excellent job Dietrich is doing with the Senior Services.
- Anderson reported that the Planning Commission is going to be discussing changes to the Master Plan before the Board approves it.

- Election Report
- Frank shared the locations for early voting in Ottawa County
 1. Polkton Township Hall: 6900 Arthur St., Coopersville.
 2. Georgetown Township Hall; 1515 Baldwin St., Jenison.
 3. Grand Haven Township Hall; 13300 – 168th Ave., Grand Haven.
 4. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Building Macatawa Room: 12185 James St., Holland.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Frank motioned to adopt Resolution number 2023-11-02, regarding approving the County Road Commission to put the County Wide Road Tax Millage on the ballot. Taylor supported the motion. Roll call was taken by Frank; Anderson aye, Taylor aye, Frank aye, and Schoenborn aye. The supervisor declared Resolution 2023-11-02 adopted.
- Frank motioned to approve the Fifth Extension to Sanitary Serwer Service Agreement with Grand Rapids, Schoenborn supported this motion, with three (3) ayes and one (1) nay, and the motion was carried, three to one.
- Anderson motioned to appoint Kelly Spence and Bryan Andrews to a new one-year term with the Board of Review. Terms are normally for two years, but the State now wants appointments made and approved on odd-numbered years. So, to get in line with the State’s requirements this appointment will be for one year. In 2025 the appointments will go back to two-year terms. The Board wants to thank Mike Ruegsegger and report how grateful we are for his volunteer work. However, the Board of Review is a paid Commission, and cannot be worked on voluntarily. We are blessed to have people like Mike and Deb Ruegsegger in our Township. Also in this motion, Anderson would like to accept the resignation letter from Randy Reeds. Randy is moving out of the Township. His excellent work on the Board of Review will be missed. Good luck Randy. Taylor supported this motion, all ayes, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- Short Board of Review meeting was held on December 12, 2023.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Frank commented saying it had come to her attention that false rumors regarding Mr. King had been reported to the Township Office Manager. Mr. King reported that someone told him there was a rumor that he had laid a hand on the Township Clerk during a conversation after a Planning Commission Meeting and that it was false. Frank reported it as false also.

The Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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)