

-WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 10th, 2024 – 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, Clerk Theresa Frank, and 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

- Dietrich moved to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$67,242.51 and accept as information the Treasurer Report. Anderson supported this motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- Anderson moved to approve the minutes from December 13th, 2023, Taylor supported. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mike Ruegsegger made comments regarding the Board. He was not happy with the Assessor and felt the rest of the Board did not support him. In Mike's opinion, there was no law stating that he had to take payment for his work on the Board of Review. The Board was advised differently. He also felt that the record-keeping around this subject was not correct, stating the date of his oath was not correct.

REPORTS

- Commissioner Miedema was not at the meeting with a report.
- Fire report was given by Jon Alkema. There were 1,138 calls in 2023, 38 more than the previous year. The new Brush Truck is going into service on January 11th.
- New Township Hall Report given by Steve Quirk, Chairperson of the Steering Committee. The Committee met just before the Board Meeting and the main topic was their meeting with the designer to work on that part of the budget. The building's site plan paperwork is going to the Planning Commission on January 15th, 2024, for review. The whole package should be going to the Board for the February 14th, 2024, Board Meeting.
- Senior Services Report given by Dietrich. Bingo the first Wednesday of the month, and Senior Luncheon the third Wednesday of the month. She encourages seniors to come.
- Planning Commission Report given by Anderson. The Planning Commission has a Public Hearing on January 15th for zoning amendment updates. Also, the site plan for the new Township Hall will be reviewed. They are going to have discussions regarding zoning district changes.
- Election Report given by Frank. We received good news from the State of Michigan telling us they are going to pay for more of the Early Voting Election expenses.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- The date for a meeting to work on the upcoming budget was set for Tuesday, February 6th, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
- The 3rd quarter budget was reviewed, and amendments are needed. Dietrich motioned to approve the budget meeting date and to approve the budget amendments. Frank supported, all ayes, motion carried.
- Frank explained that because of the number of mailings that go out of the office, we are finding it would be more cost-efficient to purchase a machine that will fold, stuff, and stamp. Comparing the price of a machine to the price we pay for summer and winter tax bills, the amount paid to an employee for folding, stuffing, and stamping for election mailings, plus the Assessor mailings, it seems to make sense to look into a machine. After discussion between Board Members, it was decided to compare pricing for new and used machines with a few different companies.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- None

BOARD COMMENTS

- Dietrich reported that February 14th, 2024, is last day to taxes before interest and penalties are applied. Reminder that postmarks are not accepted. Treasurer will be in the office from 9 am to 5 pm on February 14th. February 29th is the last day the Treasurer can accept your tax payment at the Township Office. On March 1st, the taxes will be turned over delinquent to the county. Office will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on February 29th, 2024.
- Supervisor thanked the public for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 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)