

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING
AT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

March 09, 2022 – 7:30 pm

In Office at 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI 49435

www.wrighttownship.com

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 Brad Anderson, and Clerk Theresa Frank. Trustee Adam Taylor was absent.
2. APPROVE AGENDA and ADDITIONS.
 - a. Dietrich moved to approve the agenda with no additions. Anderson supported. All ayes, motion carried.
3. REVIEW AND APPROVE.
 - a. Frank moved to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$25,854.46, and accept as information the Treasurer Report. Support by Anderson. All ayes, motion carried.
 - b. Dietrich moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from February 09, 2022. Anderson supported. All ayes, motion carried.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA.
 - a. Comments were taken regarding potential property purchase by the township.
 - b. Questions were taken regarding the Wright Tallmadge Fire Department. Deputy Chief Alkema provided answers to these questions.
5. REPORTS
 - a. Fire Report by Deputy Chief Jon Alkema. The Department has been very busy, and staffing is still an issue for the department. However, there two (2) people in training.
6. Final Review of 2021 -2022 Budget with one amendment to the Fire Fund.
 - a. Dietrich motioned to amend the Fire Operating Payments. It was budgeted at \$130,000, the motion is to amend it to \$165,800. Anderson supported. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Approve the Wright Tallmadge Fire Department Budget.
 - a. Anderson motioned to approve the fire department budget; Frank supported. All ayes, motion carried.
8. Budget Public Hearing Portion of the meeting. Roll Call was taken to open the public hearing. Anderson aye, Schoenborn aye, Frank aye, and Dietrich aye.
The Budget Public Hearing opened at 8:22 P.M.
Schoenborn explained the budget and the four funds we have. The General Fund, the Fire

Fund, the Senior Fund, and the ARPA Fund (the covid money from the Federal Government shared to the state and townships). To see budget totals, documents are available at the township office.

A list of what the ARPA money is going to be used for was given;

A new roof for the Township/Fire Department building.

A new boiler for the Township/Fire Department building.

Improved sidewalks for the Township.

Arch Street has been paved.

A new web site.

A new server.

Comments from the public was requested. A question was asked about paving the gravel roads in the township. Supervisor said that in the past there was a millage to last eight (8) years and one mile of dirt road would be paved a year. Unfortunately, the rates went up substantially each year, and all eight (8) miles would not get paved. They talked of renewing the millage, but in the end, they felt it was not feasible.

Another topic questioned was having more sidewalks in the Township. Supervisor reported that this would be a consideration, but at this time the ones we have need improving.

Another comment made was regarding announcements for bids on projects the Township is in need of doing. The person making the comment felt there was a lack of communication to the public that bids are being taken. The Supervisor reported that these things are talked about at meeting, but that his point was well taken, and more attention will be paid to this.

With no more comments given, the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:34 P.M., and the Regular Board meeting resumed.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- a. Dietrich motioned to accept Siegfried Crandall P.C. as the township's auditor. The bid from them was accepted at this meeting. Anderson supported. Roll Call; Dietrich aye, Schoenborn aye, Anderson aye, and Frank nay. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. Dietrich motioned to approve Chris Elzinga as the townships new Electrical Inspector. Anderson supported. All ayes motion carried.
- b. Dietrich motioned to approve Resolution 2022-03-03, giving permission to the Township Clerk to order street lights for the township. Anderson supported. Roll Call was taken; Anderson aye, Dietrich aye, Frank aye, and Schoenborn aye. Motion carried. Resolution approved.
- c. Frank motioned to approve Resolution #2022-02-03, stating the salary for Supervisor will stay the same at \$25,450. Dietrich supported. Roll Call was taken; Schoenborn aye, Dietrich aye, Frank aye, and Anderson aye. Motion carried. Resolution is approved.
Frank motioned to approve Resolution #2022-02-04 stating the salary for Treasurer will be changed to \$25,100. Anderson supported. Roll Call was taken; Anderson aye, Frank aye, Dietrich aye, and Schoenborn aye. Motion carried. Resolution is approved.

- Dietrich motioned to approve Resolution #2022-02-05 stating the salary for Clerk will be changed to \$25,100. Anderson supported. Roll Call was taken; Dietrich aye, Frank aye, Schoenborn aye, and Anderson aye. Motion carried. Resolution is approved.
- Dietrich motioned to approve Resolution #2022-02-06 stating the salary for Trustees be changed to \$1,700. Anderson supported. Roll Call was taken; Schoenborn aye, Frank aye, Dietrich aye, and Anderson aye. Motion carried. Resolution is approved.
- d. Frank motioned to approve Resolution 2022-02-02, the Wright Township Investment Policy, with no changes made to it. Dietrich supported. Roll Call was taken; Frank aye, Dietrich aye, Schoenborn aye, and Anderson aye. Motion carried. Resolution is approved.
- e. Anderson motioned to approve Resolution 2022-02-08, the Poverty Guidelines Resolution. Dietrich supported. Roll Call was taken; Anderson aye, Schoenborn aye, Dietrich aye, and Frank aye. Motion carried. Resolution is approved.
- f. Dietrich motioned to approve Resolution 2022-02-07, the Wright Township Appropriations Act (2022-23). Anderson Supported. Roll Call was taken; Schoenborn aye, Frank aye, Dietrich Aye, and Anderson aye. Motion carried. Resolution is approved.

11. SUPERVISOR REPORT

- a. Schoenborn reported that the township is looking for bids on the following;
1. New boiler / air conditioner
 2. New roof for the Township/Fire Station.
 3. Sidewalk repair.
- b. Supervisor also reported to the public that the Board of Review is will be held for tax discussion on March 14, 2022, 3:00 pm to 8:45 pm, and March 15, 2022, 9:00 am to 2:45 pm. Appointments are now being taken.

12. BOARD COMMENTS

- a. Dietrich reported that she is going to start contacting the volunteers for the township Senior Program. Volunteers are still needed.
- b. Dietrich also reported the township is working on getting a new, better web site. The web site we have now is not working out for us. We tried to save money working with the present web site company, but it did not save us anything. We may have to go with a higher priced company now to be able to share all information out to the public.
- c. Anderson asked if we have any more information about tree removal. Supervisor reported, no, not at this time.

13. Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully prepared by Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk.

www.wrighttownship.com

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