

## **-WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 7:30 pm**

**In Office at 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI 49435**

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The 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**

- Frank moved to approve the agenda and Dietrich supported. All ayes, motion carried.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVE**

- Anderson moved to approve bills and payroll, which includes the December BCI invoice for \$32,215.77, the January BCI invoice for \$24,150.00, and the Fire Operating 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter payment for \$47,475.00, for the total amount of \$136,862.82, for January 2024; and accept as information the Treasurer's Report as written. Dietrich supports, all ayes, and motion is carried.
- Dietrich moved to approve minutes from the January 10, 2024, Board Meeting. Anderson supported the motion, all ayes, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Joan Kutchin and Chad Horling with the Berlin Fair Board were at the meeting. Joan wanted to let the Board and the public know that they have entered into an agreement to purchase the King property on State Street. She stated it is with the contingency that they can change the zoning and split the house and four acres from the rest of the property.

### **REPORTS**

- Commissioner Miedema was not at the meeting with a report.
- A fire report was given by Taylor. There were 99 in January for service. Four members have completed the EMT class at the Fire Academy. The Fire Department 2024-2025 Budget is being discussed.
- New Township Hall Report given by Steve Quirk, Chairperson of the Steering Committee. He reported that they had just completed a meeting before the Board Meeting. They went through drawings and plans, with some design discussions.
- Senior Services Report given by Dietrich. She reported that she has a tentative schedule for 2024 but it still needs some tweaking. She will publish it as soon as it is finished.
- Anderson gave the Planning Commission a report saying right now most business is updating Wright Township Zoning Ordinances.
- Election Report given by Frank. We are quite busy in the office because Early Voting is starting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, we have been informed that we are to have a May Election. Kenawa Hills Schools are putting a request for a bond on the ballot.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Annual Berlin Racetrack year-end review was discussed. The upcoming year is much like the last year with fewer fireworks events. Also, the big race last year that had brought thousands of people to Marne will not happen this year because the company sponsoring the event has gone out of business. Frank motioned to accept the 2024 schedule, and Taylor supported the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- Dietrich motioned to approve two new Board of Review members. Leigh Loman and Eric Messing. Frank supported the motion, all ayes, motion carried.
- Anderson motioned to adopt Ordinance Number 2024-01-01 regarding amendments to update current Ordinances. Frank supported the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- Anderson motioned to approve Resolution 2024-01-01, and Resolution 2024-02-01, regarding sewer REUs. Frank supported the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Frank took roll call; Schoenborn aye, Taylor aye, Dietrich aye, Anderson aye, and Frank aye.
- Dietrich motioned to approve the amendment to the Master Plan as written and sent to the Board from the Planning Commission. Anderson supported this motion. Roll call was taken by Frank; Taylor aye, Schoenborn aye, Anderson aye, Dietrich aye, and Frank aye. The amendment was approved.
- Frank motioned to approve the second phase of the new Township Building, Dietrich supported, four ayes, one nay, motion carried. Frank took roll call; Dietrich aye, Anderson aye, Taylor nay, Schoenborn aye, and Frank aye.
- Anderson motioned to accept the contract with Great Lakes Chloride for dust control, \$40,200.00, on 25.5 miles. This was a small increase from 2023. Dietrich supported this motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- Anderson motioned to accept the small raise in pricing from Sexton Joe Looks. Taylor supported this motion, all ayes, motion carried.
- Anderson motioned to accept the bid for all Wright Township Cemeteries mowing and maintenance from J & F Groundskeeping, with the same pricing as last year, \$13,370.00. Taylor supported the motion, all ayes, motion carried.
- Frank motioned to approve Colleen Maine from Marne as a member of the Historical Commission. Taylor supported. All ayes, motion carried.

#### SUPERVISOR REPORT

- Bids are going to be taken for a new roof on the Township Building.
- Ottawa County requested well-monitoring at 2040 Cleveland St. (New Township Property).

#### BOARD COMMENTS

- Taylor wanted to explain his nay vote regarding the second phase of the new township hall. He disagrees with the location. He feels it should be in Marne where the constituents are. He doesn't think it is fiscally responsible.
- Supervisor thanked the public for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:20 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)