

## WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 7:30 pm

In Office at 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI 49435

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

### APPROVE AGENDA and ADDITIONS

- Dietrich motioned to approve the agenda as is, and Taylor supported. All ayes motion carried.

### REVIEW AND APPROVE

- Anderson motioned to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$201,461.16 and to accept the Treasurer Report as written. Frank supported the motion. Four (4) ayes, one (1) nay. Motion carried
- Dietrich motioned to approve the minutes from the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board Meeting. Anderson supported the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Derek Dalman was at the meeting to introduce himself. He is on the ballot in the November Election for Probate Judge.

### REPORTS

- Ottawa County Commissioner District 11 – Allison Miedema was not at the meeting.
  - A fire report was given by Fire Chief Mike Gavin.
    - 81 Calls for service during the Month of September.
    - We had joint training with Allendale, Coopersville, Conklin, and Wright-Tallmadge Fire Departments. Buds Wrecker Service, Advantage Fleet Towing, and the NEOFC all played a role in making this event happen. It was a phenomenal training experience where we learned about extensive extrication from school buses and vehicles.
    - Our drone was called out to a barn fire that had spread to the woods, a field, and a couple of smaller structures. Using the drone technology, we were able to spot a tree that was burning on the inside. It has already proven itself to be an invaluable tool.
    - Last month we attended “Project Night Lights” at Helen Devos Children’s Hospital. Two children from our area were in the hospital so we went to wish everyone there a good night.
    - Vice President candidate JD Vance came to Berlin Raceway. We had staff at the event, as well as protecting our community. Neighboring agencies also stepped up to help protect our community. Our crew responded to two medical incidents at the rally.

- The new Town Hall Committee report was given by Steve Quirk. He reported that floors and landscaping are being started. Looking for a mid-December move-in. Steve Vantimmeren was asked how much seating would be available in the community room, and Steve replied that the room would seat 120.
- Senior Services report was given by Dietrich. She reported a mystery trip scheduled for October 16.
- No Planning Commission report. There was no September meeting.
- Frank gave the 2024 November Election Report. She reported that the Early Voting agreement with the county was a little less than expected. The office is getting busy with voter questions and requests for Absentee Ballots. Early voting starts October 26, 2025.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion was had regarding Jake breaking signs. It was decided that the Township would get one more sign after hearing more complaints.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion was made about moving into the new Township Hall. Dietrich reported she has started looking for bids for moving companies. The Township will be closed for a week while moving. The Community Room in the new hall will not be rented out this calendar year.
- Anderson asked if the request for snowplow bids has gone out. Frank said the request for bids would be in the Observer on the October 17, 2024, issue.
- Quarterly budget was reviewed. It is going as expected with only one amendment needing to be made for the Township's liability insurance. Dietrich motioned to approve the amendment to the budget line for the Township liability insurance by \$3,000.00. Taylor supported, all ayes, motion carried.

#### SUPERVISOR REPORT

- Cracks in the brick of the Township building were discussed. The Board has an estimate but will table until spring.

#### BOARD COMMENTS

- None

#### ADJOURN MEETING

- The Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:20 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)