

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 8th, 2025 – 7:30 pm

In Office at 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI 49435

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[Approved at February 12th, 2025 Meeting](#)

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

APPROVE AGENDA and ADDITIONS

- Schoenborn motioned to approve the agenda, and Anderson supported. All ayes, motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE

- Motion made by Anderson, supported by Dietrich to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$ 81, 691.54 for December 2024, expenditures, and to accept as information the Treasures report as written. All ayes, motion carried. Bills larger than normal for December; Drain Assessment for \$10,840.72; Inspired Décor for \$8,960.72, for New Hall window covering, and BCI for \$34,367.47, for New Hall construction. All ayes, motion carried.
- Motion made by Dietrich, supported by Schoenborn to approve meeting minutes from December 2024. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mary Alt had a handout for the Board with the history of the Old Township Hall. The Board of Trustees in 1888 were Wm Silvers, Isaac Walker, Samuel Everhart, and Hiram Esner. They took sealed bids on June 15th of that year to build the new hall. James Scott was the contractor. At that time, the area was called the Town of Reno. The handout is available at the clerk's office or by email upon request.

REPORTS

- Ottawa County Commissioner District 11 – Allison Miedema was not at the meeting this month to give the County report.
- Fire report - for this month's fire report, Chief Mike Gavin and Deputy Chief Jon Alkema put a video of the Vermeer fire on the screen for us to see how structure fire calls work from the first alarm until the end of the fire. The Board was grateful and found it especially useful to visualize for themselves how it works. Deputy Chief Alkema also showed the Board how the donated drone they have helps to make the decisions for the process of putting the fire out quicker. Just before they were done, they got a call and had to do their job. The Board is immensely proud of the Wright Tallmadge Fire Department.
- The new Town Hall Committee report was given by Steve Quirk.
 - The New Township hall is now completed, and the move is taking place now. The Township closed on January 2nd and is opening in the new hall for business on Monday, January 13th, 2025.

- Senior Services report was given by Dietrich. Senior Christmas Luncheon was a complete success. Dietrich wanted to thank two volunteers who went above and beyond preparing for the luncheon. Geri Chaidez and Denise Carpenter went out and solicited donations from area businesses that made it possible for many to get gifts. Local businesses that contributed towards these gifts were the Depot and Rinaldis. Other businesses were Blains Farm & Fleet, J&J Hair Salon, Home Depot, Chick- Fil-A, and Sams Club. Not only did their solicitation make it possible to give gifts, but it also was enough to make and give gift baskets for some seniors in the community. Local businesses that were major contributors were Schneider Tire and Chulski's Salt. Other contributors were Meijer and the Tegna Foundation. Other volunteers Dietrich would like to thank for helping with the Christmas lunch were Shirley Andre, Roxanne Carr, Theresa Frank, Alice Lansma, Barb Hathaway, Cathy Sheneman, Mary Walcott, and the many seniors who brought desserts.
- Planning report; per Anderson no meeting for December, but there is a public meeting in January.
- No Election report.

OLD BUSINESS

- New signs were discussed. No Jake Braking for 8th Ave. and no parking for 16th Ave. will be ordered.
- New Bridge on Hayes will take place next spring.

New Business

- Schoenborn motioned to rescind the approval of Steve Quirk for Zoning Board of Appeals Commission and approve Steve Quirk as an alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals, supported by Anderson. All ayes, motion carried.
- Schoenborn motioned to rescind the approval of Dietrich for an alternate of the Zoning Board of Appeals and to approve Tyler Austin as the Planning Commissioner to be on the Zoning Board of Appeals, this was supported by Dietrich. All ayes, motion carried.
- Fire Department discussion tabled until next meeting. The Chief and Deputy Chief were called out from the meeting for an emergency.
- February 4th at 3:00 p.m. will be the date of the 2025 -2026 Pre-budget meeting.

Supervisor Report

- Some discussion of the Fire Department.
- Fire protection for new or upgraded buildings cannot be approved by the Planning Commission. This is taken care of through PCI at the time of getting permits for the project.

ADJOURN MEETING

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 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)