

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 12th, 2025 – 7:30 pm

In Office at 2024 Cleveland St. E. Coopersville, MI. 494404

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Approved at March 12th, 2025 Board Meeting

Supervisor VanTimmeren called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, 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, 2024 Cleveland St. E. Coopersville, MI. 49404.

APPROVE AGENDA and ADDITIONS

- Motion made by Schoenborn supported by Dietrich to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE

- Motion made by Anderson supported by Frank to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$100,859.84 for January 2025 expenditures, and to accept as information the Treasurer's report as written. All ayes, motion carries,
- Motion made by Schoenborn, supported by Dietrich to approve meeting minutes from January 8th, and February 04, 2025. All ayes, motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Quirk commented on the wood still not cleaned up in the Marne Cemetery. Frank offered her apologies and let him know that there were some problems that are now taken care of, but it can't be done until Spring. He also commented on the people that stand on State Street and 16th Ave. with evangelistic signs and flashlights. He was told there is no Township Ordinance against it. Possible he could speak with the church they belong to.

REPORTS

- Ottawa County Commissioner District 11 – Allison Miedema was at the meeting with an Ottawa County Commission update. Ms. Miedema gives a detailed and interesting report of what is happening at the County. During the report green energy and Consumers Power was discussed regarding the Campbell Plant.
- No Fire Report was received by the Board.
- The New Town Hall Committee report was given by Steve Quirk. He shared with the Board that now that the new hall is finished the committee is ready to move on to the next step. They would like to meet with the Board on April 8th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss what way the Township is wanting to go from here. The public is welcome to this meeting, but no decisions or motions will be made at that time. The new address is 2024 Cleveland St. E. Coopersville, MI 49404. The E. after Steet is important, if not used you may end up on the other end of Coopersville. Mailing address (P.O. Box 255, Marne) stays the same, and all emails and phone numbers stay the same.

- Senior Services report was given by Dietrich. The program is running well.
 - Planning Commission report was given by Anderson. There was a January meeting regarding Benji Studio and Dykstra Excavating. Benji was approved to have the downstairs part of the building to be used as a small event center. Dykstra's portion of the meeting has been tabled to next month's meeting. The Planning Commission is wanting more information from E.G.L.E. before renewing Dykstra's excavating license.
- Election Report was given by Frank. She shared with the Board that the County will no longer be running early voting for the townships. This will now be the local Township Clerk's responsibility. Also shared was that there will be a May 06, 2025, school election. Frank reported that there is no early voting for local school elections. Sparta Public Schools will have a millage renewal proposal on the ballot, and Ottawa County Intermediate District School will have a proposal on the ballot which includes Coopersville Public Schools.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Andrew Postma from Berlin Raceway was at the meeting. He shared with the Board a tentative schedule for the upcoming race year. When the Board receives a set schedule it will be posted on the Township Website.
- Schoenborn motioned and Anderson supported adopting Resolution 2025-02-02 regarding dates for the Board of Review meetings with the taxpayers. Roll call was taken Five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays, and no one absent. Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.
- Frank motioned and Anderson supported the approval of Joe Looks for Sexton of all three cemeteries. He has let us know his prices will not change for this year. Four (4) ayes, one (1) abstained, and zero (0) nays. Motion carried.
- Schoenborn motioned and Frank supported approving J & F GroundKeepers for the mowing of all Township cemeteries, and for the new Township Hall. Four (4) ayes, one (1) abstained, and zero (0) nays. Motion carried.
- Approval of dust control for the township has been tabled until the next Board Meeting. VanTimmeren shared that he spoke with the County Road Commission, and they are thinking of getting the small Townships in the area together and possibly having the County arrange the dust control for all, which should make the pricing lower. The price of dust control has risen substantially. The Board would like to get more information and bring the approval of dust control up at the next meeting.
- Dietrich motioned and Frank supported the approval of Mike Keefe to replace Barb Saunier's seat on the Wright Township Historical Commission. All ayes, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- VanTimmeren shared with board that Coopersville is starting their Five-Year Master Plan.
- Fees for rental of the Community Room were discussed. It was decided that the fees for businesses to rent the room would be \$300.00. If the business had a resident rent for them, it would still be \$300.00. If a club would like to rent the room, they will get the regular rate of \$100.00 if in the Township, \$300.00 if outside the Township.

- Individuals who work for the Township follow all the same rules of renting the Community Room as other taxpayers.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Anderson mentioned an email that he received from Mr. Muir regarding a Coalition Against Bigger Trucks, a non-profit coalition. They are not against big commercial trucks, but they are against proposals to make commercial trucks bigger. Anderson wanted to know if the Board would be interested in meeting with Mr. Muir. The Board agreed that they would like to hear him out. Anderson will try to set up a date to have the Board speak with him.
- Dietrich questioned informationally if the Board heard that the bridge over the expressway on Fruitridge was coming down. Replies came from most that the whole interchange there was going to be redone, so traffic in the area will certainly be affected.

ADJOURN MEETING

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 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)