

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP 2025-2026  
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MEETING  
MARCH 24, 2025 – 7:00 PM  
Wright Township Offices  
2024 Cleveland St. E.  
Coopersville, MI 49404**

**Approved at April 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting**

1. The Special Budget Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by the Supervisor. Board members present at the Meeting; Supervisor Steve VanTimmeren, Trustee Rick Schoenborn, Trustee Brad Anderson, Clerk Theresa Frank, and Treasurer Sharyl Dietrich.
2. Frank motioned to approve the agenda as is, and Dietrich supported. Four ayes, Motion carried.
3. BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.
  - a. Supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.
  - b. Budget was presented and reviewed. At this time all was reviewed and any last-minute changes were considered. Schoenborn requested to have the Land Sale taken off the revenue part of the budget because it is at zero. Also, he requests that Township staff salaries be brought down to \$18,000.00. His last request was to bring Contracted Dust Control up to \$47,000.00, because the charge for this has gone up again. The Board agreed upon these changes to make the budget final. Anderson questioned why Repair-Roads was at \$20,000.00. Schoenborn replied that it has to be in the budget in case there were to be emergency work needed. Anderson also wanted to know why the amount for Drain Repairs had gone up. Dietrich replied that she got an email from the Drain Commissioner with \$26,600.00 as the estimated amount for 2025-2026. Dietrich explained how the Wright Tallmadge Fire Department Funds for Equipment and Operations was paid out. She also reported that the Senior Services millage would not be levied this year. There are plenty of funds to support them at this time. It will be looked at again in 2026.
  - c. PUBLIC COMMENTS; None.
  - d. Supervisor closed the public meeting at 7:31 p.m.
4. SALARY RESOLUTIONS.
  - Dietrich motioned to approve Resolution # 2025-03-01, for a Supervisor Salary of \$26,450.00. Supervisor's salary will stay the same for the new fiscal year beginning 04/01/2025. Schoenborn supported. Roll Call; Anderson aye, Schoenborn aye, Frank aye, VanTimmeren aye, and Dietrich aye. Resolution # 2025-03-01 has been declared adopted.
  - Anderson motioned to approve Resolution # 2025-03-02. As of 04/01/2025, the salary for Clerk shall be \$28,043.00 annually. Schoenborn supported. Roll Call; Schoenborn aye, Dietrich aye, VanTimmeren aye, Frank aye, and Anderson. Resolution # 2025-03-02 has been declared adopted.
  - Schoenborn motioned to approve Resolution # 2025-03-03. As of 04/01/2025, the salary for the Treasurer shall be \$28,043.00 annually. Anderson supported. Roll Call; Anderson aye, VanTimmeren aye, Frank aye, Schoenborn aye, and Dietrich aye. Resolution # 2025-03-03 has been declared adopted.
  - Frank motioned to approve Resolution # 2025-03-04. As of 04/01/2025, the salary for the office of Township Trustee shall stay the same at \$1,700.00 annually. Dietrich supported. Roll Call; Dietrich aye, Frank aye, VanTimmeren aye, Schoenborn aye, and Anderson. Resolution # 2025-03-04 has been declared adopted.
  - Schoenborn motioned to approve the Resolution 2025-03-05, the Wright Township Investment Policy. Frank supported this motion. Roll Call; Frank aye, Anderson aye, Schoenborn aye, VanTimmeren aye, and Dietrich aye. Resolution 2025-03-05 has been declared adopted.

- Dietrich motioned to approve the Resolution 2025-03-06, the Poverty Guidelines. Anderson supported this motion. Roll Call; Frank aye, VanTimmeren aye, Dietrich Aye, Schoenborn aye, and Anderson aye. Resolution 2025-03-06 has been declared adopted.
- Schoenborn motioned to approve Resolution 2025-03-07, the Wright Township General Appropriations Act (2025-26 FY). Dietrich supported. Roll Call; VanTimmeren aye, Frank aye, Anderson aye, Schoenborn aye and Dietrich. Resolution 2025-03-07 has been declared adopted.
- Frank motioned to approve the 2025-2026 Projected Budget with the following changes;
  1. Take Land Sale off of the revenue part of the budget. Account # 101.264.693.
  2. Raise Building and Property Capital Outlay to \$43,000.00. Account # 101.265.970.
  3. Raise Dust-Control to \$47,000.00. Account # 101.440.801.
  4. Lower Staff-Salary to \$18,000.00. Account # 101.261.703.
  5. Correct typo on Fund page of the Budget. In the column reading Est. Fund Bal. 3/31/2025, it should read 3/31/2026.

Anderson supported this motion. Roll Call; VanTimmeren aye, Anderson aye, Frank aye, Schoenborn aye, and Dietrich aye. 2025 -2026 Projected Budget has been approved.

Long range planning for the Township Board. Fire Barn Roof and Retention pond fence.

5. Frank motioned to approve the 2025-2026 meeting dates, and times. Schoenborn supported. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Schoenborn motioned to approve the Compensation Report with the condition of the following changes;
  1. Deputy Clerk & Office Assistant raise hourly to \$23.00.
  2. Senior Services Assistant raise hourly to \$18.00.
  3. Cleaning Community Room will be paid \$50.00 per hour.
  4. Election Inspectors raises as follows;
    - a. Election Preparation \$18.00 per-hour.
    - b. Election Chairperson \$20.00 per hour plus \$50.00 stipend.
    - c. Election Co-chairperson \$20.00 per hour plus \$25.00 stipend.
    - d. Election Inspector on Receiving Board \$ 20.00 per hour plus \$25.00 stipend.
    - e. Election Inspectors \$20.00 per hour.
    - f. Absentee Voting Counting Board \$20.00 per hour plus \$25.00 stipend.

Dietrich supported. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Dietrich motioned to approve the Township Fee Schedule, with the following changes;
  1. Cemetery Department Fee changes;
    - a. Full Grave (resident).\$600.00 – (non-resident) \$1,000.00.
    - b. Crémation Grave (resident) \$300.00 – (non-resident) \$500.00.
    - c. Administration Fee for Opening of grave \$50.00.

Anderson supported. All ayes, motion carried.

8. SUPERVISOR REPORT; None.

9. Board Comments;

- a. Frank discussed compensation for volunteers. The Township cannot compensate volunteer work. It is not allowed to use the taxpayers' funds to pay volunteers. They would have to be a contractor with a Certificate of Liability and receive a 1099.
- b. Anderson reported information regarding Planning Commission's application for a land use issue. They want to put a Church, School, and an Adult Care Home in Wright Township. This does not look likely to happen at this time, because of the location. He also spoke of an applicant regarding Labor Housing. The applicant wants to update and add on to housing already there so he can have more space for more workers. If this would be for more than 100 workers, there would have to be an amendment made to the ordinance. This subject is still being considered.

10. Supervisor adjourned the meeting; 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk.

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