

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 11th, 2025 – 7:30 pm

In Office at 2024 Cleveland St. E. Coopersville, MI. 49404

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Approved at July 09th, 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, and Trustee Rick Schoenborn. Trustee Brad Anderson was absent. The meeting was held at the Township Office, 2024 Cleveland St. E. Coopersville, MI. 49404.

APPROVE AGENDA and ADDITIONS

- Motion made by Schoenborn, to approve the agenda, and this was supported by Dietrich. Four (4) ayes, one absent, motion carries.

REVIEW AND APPROVE

- Motion made by Schoenborn, supported by Frank to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$141,366.18 for May 2025 expenditures, and to accept as information the Treasurer's report as written. Expenditures larger than normal for May 2025 are as follows; \$100,000.00 is to invest in a CD and \$1,954.84 was for the credit card. Four (4) ayes, one absent, motion carries.
- Motion made by Dietrich, supported by Schoenborn to approve meeting minutes from May 2025. Four (4) ayes, one absent, motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mary Alt, President of the Historical Commission reported they did receive the America250MI grant to restore the Old Town Hall. The intent for the restoration is to have the public enjoy speakers and displays that Wright Township Historical Commission will host. Taxpayers will not have to invest any funds for the restoration.
- Steve Quirk wanted to know if it was a law to have fencing around the pond that is located on the Township property. Frank said she would call the Township liability company and find out. He also felt the Township Board Meetings are too long.

REPORTS

- Ottawa County Commissioner District 11 – Allison Miedema. No Report.
- No Fire report. But VanTimmeren did comment that there are a few trainings going on.
- New Town Hall Committee report was given by Steve Quirk. He reported that he has given the Board quotes on signs and fencing. At this time Supervisor VanTimmeren reported speaking with Tyler Austin regarding water drainage tubes still above ground. Also, the easement survey needs to be looked at to get exactly where the easement is located before any improvements can be done. The easement is needed for agricultural use behind the building.
- Senior Services report was given by Dietrich. She reported there is a bus trip on Wednesday the 18th, and then the Senior Services are on break until September 2025.

- No Planning Commission report because Anderson is absent. At this time VanTimmeren mentioned that he knows Ordinance work is being done regarding Farm Labor Housing.
- Election report was given by Frank. Frank explained that Early Voting will begin in 2026 at the Wright Township Hall. Steve Quirk asked if Wright could share Early Voting with other townships. Frank said it's possible, but Wright will handle Early Voting just for its own voters. After reviewing the details, she found that sharing would likely cause confusion for both voters and the Clerk. Since the County is providing scanners, ballot boxes, and other equipment at no cost, the expenses would be about the same whether we do it alone or share.

OLD BUSINESS

- Frank motioned to approve the Ordinance 2025-05-01, regarding the cemetery, which was tabled from the May, 2025 meeting. Dietrich supported this motion and Roll Call was taken; Four (4) ayes, and one (1) absent. Motion carried and Ordinance was adopted.
- Schoenborn motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-05-02, regarding fencing, which was tabled from the May, 2025 Board meeting. Dietrich supported this motion and Roll Call was taken; Four (4) ayes, and one (1) absent. Motion carried and Ordinance was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

- Schoenborn motioned to approve Resolution 2025-06-01, regarding the Investment Policy, Frank supported this motion, and Roll Call was taken; Four (4) ayes, and one (1) absent. Motion carried and Resolution was adopted.
- Dietrich motioned to support Wright Township Policy regarding Employee Sick Time Act, (Wright Township Compensation for Commission Members Policy). Schoenborn supported this motion. Four (4) ayes, and one (1) absent, motion carried.
- Dietrich motioned to approved Ordinance 2025-05-07, regarding Farm Labor Housing. Frank supported this motion, and Roll Call was taken; Four (4) ayes, and one (1) absent. Motion carried and Ordinance was adopted.
- Schoenborn motioned to accept the Poverty Exemption Assessment Testing information offered by Wright Township Assessor Matt Smith, Dietrich supported this motion, all ayes motion carried.
- Schoenborn motioned to accept the quote offered for Four (4) security cameras for the Wright Fire Department Building on Jackson St. Dietrich supported this motion, all ayes, motion carried.
- Schoenborn motioned to accept the quote offered for new property fencing from Vallier Fencing Company. Frank supported this motion, all ayes, motion carried.
- Schoenborn motioned to approve Fire Station new roof bid from BCI Construction with the contingency that they will offer a 20-year Guarantee. If not, the vote will go to West Michigan Roofing. Dietrich supported this motion, and Roll Call was taken; Four (4) ayes, and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- Ninety-Five Thousand dollars was budgeted for the Jackson St. Fire Departments new roof. The new roofing is not going to cost that much. The building is in need of other costly repairs, such as windows, cracks in the brick walls, and a new air conditioner is needed. When the Board

knows the final cost for the roof, decisions will have to be made by the Board along with the Fire Department, on what the budget left over will allow.

- Dust control brine was laid on the dirt roads in May. Supervisor reported that the roads were looking great.
- Two of the newly posted NO ENGINE BRAKING SIGNS are gone, possibly stolen. Supervisor left a message for the Sheriff's Department but has not received a reply as of the meeting.
- Supervisor approved some changes to the Raceway schedule regarding rained out practice days.
- Supervisor mentioned that he is hearing a lot about auxiliary dwellings. At this time Wright does not allow auxiliary dwellings attached or separate to rent out except in High Residential zones. With the housing shortages he felt it was something to think about.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Dietrich reported that taxes will be sent out on June 30, 2025. Attached to the taxes will be a survey regarding Township property, and a newsletter from the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer.
- Dietrich let the Board know at the August Board Meeting, Caleb Worpel, Community Outreach Specialist from the Department of Veterans Services, will be here to report on what they have to offer for Ottawa County Veterans.
- Dietrich also reported that BS&A, the Township software service provider is moving to the cloud. This will be a very expensive conversion. In the Treasurers' opinion, we will wait until it becomes necessary and the bugs in the program are worked out.

ADJOURN MEETING

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 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)