

## **WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 7:30 pm**

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

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**Approved 10-08-2025**

Supervisor 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 Brad Anderson, and Trustee Rick Schoenborn. The meeting was held at the Township Office, 2024 Cleveland St. E. Coopersville, MI. 49404.

### **APPROVE AGENDA and ADDITIONS**

- Motion made by Frank supported by Schoenborn to approve the Agenda on the condition that Resolution 2025-09-01 and bids for easement maintenance on the township property be added under New Business. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVE**

- Motion made by Schoenborn, Dietrich supported this motion, to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$106,482.96 for August 2025 expenditures, and to accept as information the Treasurer's report as written for July 2025, and August, 2025. Expenditures larger than normal are as follows; BCI Construction for Fire Station new roof in the amount of \$66,000.00, and Vallier Fence Company for the black chain-link fence around the retention pond, in the amount of \$8,093.00. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.
- Motion made by Anderson, supported by Dietrich, to approve meeting minutes from August 13, 2025. Five (5) ayes, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Mr. Caleb Worpel – Community Outreach Specialist, with the Department of Veterans Services, was not at the meeting.
- Ottawa County Drain Commissioner Joe Bush and Emily Grasch from his office, were at the meeting in regard to drain number P290, which is owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation, (MDOT). Because of drainage issues in section 34 (I-96 & 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue), of Wright Township, the Board of Trustees are going to request an application for laying out and designating a drainage district and petition to locate, establish and construct a drain in Wright Township. MDOT will still retain ownership, and cover all costs, but it will become part of the Ottawa County Drain system. The Board has expressed that this is a win - win situation. It will help with the drainage problems at no immediate cost to the Township. Much more information is to follow in the future, which will include Public Hearings. If the application is accepted construction could begin in the Spring of 2026. Property owners in this area will be contacted by the County.

- Wright Township Assessor Caryn Rasch, and Deputy Assessor Matt Smith, were at the meeting to report on the State's P660 Audit. Our Assessors received good ratings, and the Board is grateful for their hard work.

#### REPORTS

- Ottawa County Commissioner Allison Miedema was not at the meeting.
- Fire report was given by VanTimmeren. There were 94 calls last month – 736 calls so far in 2025. Joe Keefe and Felicity Koets started EMT class and will complete it just before Christmas 2025. Conditional offers have been made to five individuals from our area for on-call positions. Fire inspector Thibault has started fire inspections of commercial buildings. This is a huge step forward with safety and prevention for our community.
- No New Town Hall Committee report.
- Senior Services Report was given by Dietrich. Senior Service events are back. Summer break is over. Watch our website for updates in the near future.
- Planning Commission Report was given by Anderson. He reported that there is no meeting for September, 2025. Also, using E.G.L.E.'s standards, there has been no reasonable indication that the fill brought in behind a home on 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue was contaminated.
- Election Report was given by Frank. It was announced recently that the State will pay for Inspector's compensation when they work Early Voting. Exceptionally good news.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Updating office computers to Windows 11 was discussed. It was decided that we must update to keep up with security for the Townships information. This will involve getting three new desktop computers, and two new laptops. Staff is working with the Township's IT provider to help with this project.
- Discussion was also had regarding Wright Township approving two resolutions regarding "Save Campbell." The resolutions requested by Joseph Parnell McCarter were brought to the Board at last month's meeting. The resolutions would help support keeping some fossil fuel in Michigan, by asking Consumers Energy to hold off on significant sums of money being spent so aggressively on clean energy plans in the State (Net Zero goals). Which in turn might help stop the raising prices to consumers. Schoenborn moved to approve the resolutions with the contingency that they would be written up in Wright Township's resolution format. Dietrich supported. Roll call; Anderson aye, Dietrich aye, VanTimmeren aye, Schoenborn aye, and Frank aye, motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of the purchase of automated door openers has been tabled until October 08, 2025 Board Meeting. The time will be used to contact BCI to request information on electric that was installed in the building around the front doors.
- Schoenborn motioned, supported by Dietrich to approve the 2025 Tax Rate Request (L4029).
- Discussion was had regarding a resident's request to see the Resolution that approved the 1% admin fee that is placed on the homeowner's property tax. It has been hard to find because of how old it is. It was decided to look into the passed budgets to find when it started and then get a copy of the Resolution that approved it.

- Schoenborn motioned and Frank supported the approval of Resolution 2025-09-01 regarding Sewer REU's. All ayes, motion carried.
- Bids were reviewed for cleaning up the easement on the Township property. There were still some questions that needed to be answered so it was decided to table the vote until these were answered and possibly hold a special meeting for a decision.

#### SUPERVISOR REPORT

- Supervisor shared that the drainage agreement with the neighbor in front of the Township Hall has not been signed yet.

#### BOARD COMMENTS

- Dietrich stated that taxes are due Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and she will be in the Office from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURN MEETING

- Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk.

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