

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2025 at 7:30 pm

In Office at 2024 Cleveland St East, Coopersville, MI 49404

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Minutes approve at January 14, 2026 Regular 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 Trustee Brad Anderson, Supervisor VanTimmeren, Treasurer Sharyl Dietrich, and Clerk Theresa Frank. Richard Schoenborn was absent. The meeting was held at the Township Office, 2024 Cleveland Street East, Coopersville MI 49404.

APPROVE AGENDA and ADDITIONS

- Motion made by Dietrich and seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE

- Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Frank to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$259,649.53 for November 2025 expenditures. All ayes, motion carried.
- Motion made by Dietrich and seconded by Frank to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 12th, 2025. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

REPORTS

- Fire report was given by Supervisor VanTimmeren.
 - Total year-to-date calls are at 1046.
 - 96 calls for service for the Month of November.
 - Two chassis have been produced for the pumper tankers on order. These two trucks were ordered as part of the capital improvement plan and will be replacing a 1995 Mack and a 2003 Mack.
 - The department has 31 paid on call firefighters on the roster. Department is considering this to be “fully staffed.” The last time they were fully staffed was pre-covid.
 - The State of Michigan is switching the reporting over to NERIS on 1/1/2026. The staff has been working diligently for this changeover.
- The Steering Committee Township Owned Land: No report.
- Senior Services report was given by Dietrich.
 - She anticipates another wonderful turnout for our December 17th, 2025, Christmas Lunch, and she would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the volunteers who generously gave their time to help make this event truly special. Shirley Andre, Denise Carpenter, Roxann Carr, Geri Chaidez, Barb & Ralph Hathaway, Alice Laansma, Cathy Sheneman, and Mary Walcott-your dedication is deeply appreciated.
 - She would also like to express her gratitude to the local businesses whose financial contributions made it possible for us to provide 20 gift bags to senior residents. Thank you to Raymer Wells, Schneider I-96 Shell, Schneider Tire, and a very generous anonymous

donor, for your kindness and community spirit. She could not have offered these gift baskets without their support!

- Looking ahead, on January 13th she will be hosting a public presentation on Social Security, including retirement benefits and Medicare. This event will be free and open to the public, but an RSVP will be required. Please watch the Observer for additional details.
- Planning Commission report given by Anderson.
 - No Planning Commission Meeting for December.
- 2025 Election Report
 - Election report given by Frank. No elections until possibly May 2026. The big elections will be in August and November 2026, with Early Voting. Clerk is still looking for Inspectors.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- A discussion was had regarding the Cambell Project. The Board approved two Resolutions to support the Campbell Plant to stay open. The first one was to support the project. This was requested by Joseph Parnell McCarter, from Georgetown Township, MI, the volunteer leader, from SaveTheCampbell.com. The second is a request to start an exploratory committee to look into the possibility of a cooperative to buy electric production and sourcing it to the township communities for a choice instead of blindly using Consumers Energy. There are a number of neighboring municipalities that have also resolved to look into this project. The Board does need more information and instruction before it can offer someone for the exploratory commission. Supervisor VanTimmeren will contact Mr. McCarter for more information.
- A discussion was had regarding the renewal of the farming lease for the Township property on Cleveland. A couple of changes are going to be made to the contract. The lease payment will now be paid once annually, and the tillable acreage is 65.
- Short discussion was also had regarding the Assessor's contract coming up for renewal. The Board would like their new contract before the January Board Meeting so they can use the numbers to get started working on the 2026-2027 Township Budget.
- SUPERVISOR REPORT
- VanTimmeren gave an update on the Board of Review. Eric Messing's term on the Board ends at the end of the year and he will not return for another term. Thank you, Eric, for the time you gave to the Board, it was appreciated. The other Board Members are Leigh Loman and Jason Kober. The Township will now be actively looking for a new Board of Review Member from Wright Township.
- VanTimmeren received a call from Joe Bush regarding a resident wanting answers regarding the Land Fill off 24th Ave. Mr. Bush suggested a call to E.G.L.E. and the County. Supervisor said that E.G.L.E. could do surface water testing for residents at no charge. They just need to fill out a form. The surface water above and below Sand Creek would be a good start. Wells have been monitored on these properties and it's possible we could get some of those records. Supervisor is also looking into Brownfield funding. It is possible there may be some grants that could help with expense. Supervisor will pursue this.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Frank mentioned a phone call she received from TextMyGov. It is a company that will help send out mass texts to residents. The cost for this is \$4,000.00 a year. None of the Board Members are interested in this. Too much money for too little service.
- Dietrich suggested The New Town Hall Committee Report be taken off the agenda.
- Regarding Township unused property the Supervisor wanted to bring up the point that even if we were to be awarded grants for recreational use of the Township property there is still maintenance for any kind of project once it is finished. The grants do not pay for that.
- Dietrich asked the Board to consider a commercial floor scrubber for the Community Center and hallway floors. Board decided to wait until next budget year.

ADJOURN MEETING

- The Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

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)