WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 12th, 2026 – 7:00 pm
In Office at 2024 Cleveland St East, Coopersville, MI 49404
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Approved September 09, 2026

Supervisor VanTimmeren called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Board members present include Trustee Brad Anderson, Treasurer Sharyl Dietrich, Trustee Rick Schoenborn, Clerk Theresa frank, and Supervisor VanTimmeren. The meeting was held at the Township Office, 2024 Cleveland St East, Coopersville, Mi 49404.

APPROVE AGENDA and ADDITIONS

- Schoenborn motioned to approve the agenda, with addition of 7.d and 7.e. This was supported by Anderson. All ayes, motion carried.
- Schoenborn motioned to approve bills and payroll in the amount of $109,723.72 for July 2026 expenditures and accept as information the Treasurer's Report as written. Anderson supported. All ayes, motion carried.
- Dietrich moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from July 8th, 2026, with the correction to the words Zoning Ordinance in the first line under Old Business. It should say moratorium, Anderson supported this motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- Dietrich moved to approve the Election Commission Minutes from July 9th, 2026. Frank supported. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Anna White was at the meeting to let the board that she was appointed to the Judge position for Ottawa County District Court early out of necessity, but she is still on the Ballot in November and would appreciate the Boards support and vote.

REPORTS

- Ottawa County Commissioner District 11 – Allison Miedema was not at the meeting.
- Fire report: No report
- Senior Services report was given by Dietrich. She shared that summer break is almost over and the schedule will start up again on September 2, 2026. All the information is on the Township website.
- Planning Commission report was given by Anderson. He reported that at their last meeting they approved the site plan for Westside Coffee, and that there is a Public Hearing coming up on August 17th regarding a Data Center Temporary Moratorium.
- Election Report was given by Frank. She reported that there was a poor turnout for the Early Voting days and that the payroll for the Early Voting Inspectors was high considering few voters took advantage of the chance to vote early. On the other hand, she reported that Election Day had a heavy turnout for a Primary Election.

OLD BUSINESS

- Data Centers – VanTimmeren reported that we approved the Data Center Moratorium to go to the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing and their recommendation.
- Discussion held on the path to Musketawa Trail from the Township parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS

- Frank reported that Scott Brown with Mercury Fiber was going to be at the meeting, but he called off because the work in the area got pushed back a month. He said he would be at the September 9th meeting.
- The City of Walker's Planning Commission let the Board know that they are taking comments during their Master Planning process.
- Dietrich moved to correct the Wright Township Fee Schedule. In error it was approved that the Sexton received $400.00 dollars per cremation and infant burials. The correct amount should be $300.00 dollars. Schoenborn approved this motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- Schoenborn motioned to amend the Election budget by $4,500.00 dollars at Clerk Frank's request. Dietrich supported this motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- One bid came in to paint the inside of the Fire Department Station. After a close look at the bid presented by Gordon Painting, Frank motioned to accept the bid from Gordon Painting for $19,896.00. Anderson supported this motion, all ayes, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- After receiving a complaint about the Village of Marne sidewalks, VanTimmeren went to see how bad it was. He reported in certain spots they are bad, but not all of them. After some discussion it was decided to take a better look at who is responsible for the sidewalks, and to see if there are any Township Ordinances or Policies regarding sidewalks. It will be brought up at a future meeting.
- VanTimmeren let the rest of the Board know that Fresh Coast Planning has raised their prices. A new agreement has been signed.
- VanTimmeren reported that the Township Supervisors in Ottawa County are bringing back the routine of Supervisors from Ottawa County meetings. This had been discontinued during COVID and is now going to start again.
- VanTimmeren gave a report on the water samples from Sand Creek near the old county landfill. The report was taken from above and below the old landfill. The report showed no concerns for the area. The levels were below what the EPA finds acceptable.
- VanTimmeren was told Juniper Drain will be commencing in about a week.
- VanTimmeren has been attending monthly meetings regarding the closure of the Campbell Plant. They would like to have a meeting with the U.S. Department of Energy to solicit support.
- Supervisor has received an agreement with Ottawa County regarding a designated Assessor from Ottawa County. According to the Township's Assessor, a designated Assessor with the County is a safety net in case something happens to the Township Assessor.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Dietrich shared a letter from the Auditors. It is all good news the funds are back up to where there were before the new Township Hall was built.
- Frank shared that she would like to have Wright Township lettering on the front of the Township Hall Building.
- Anderson requested that we talk to the ground keepers to have the grass clippings taken care of after mowing.

ADJOURN MEETING

- The Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 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)