

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 08, 2017

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1. The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Fr. Ayub Nazar from St. Mary's Church was present to give an invocation. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Maureen Carmody, Gary Karr and Rick Schoenborn. A motion was made by Carmody and supported by Schoenborn to excuse the absence of Tracy Worrell. Motion carried. No parking in the reserved fire spaces was announced.
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to approve the bills for January, 2017 in the amount of \$16,034.60 and to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Westgate to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 Regular Board meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. There were no public comments.
5. The Board discussed bids for dust control on gravel roads in the Township. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to accept the dust control bid from Great Lakes Chloride, which included an increase of 1 cent per gallon for 2017. Motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Carmody to accept the 2017 Advance Newspaper bid for legal advertising rates at \$10.92 per column inch, unchanged from the previous year. Motion carried.
7. Westgate presented information regarding the State Games of America bicycle road race events that will be held on Sunday, August 06, 2017 in Wright and Tallmadge Townships.
8. Resolution 17-02-01 to Establish Fees for Cemetery Services and Other Related Costs and Conditions. Carmody explained to the Board that, as contracted labor will now be utilized for sexton services in Wright Township cemeteries, and as Wright Township Cemetery Ordinance 129 requires the Township to set fees for cemetery services and grave sales by Resolution, a schedule of fees for cemetery services and grave sales in Wright Township has been established for the approval of the Board. Fees remain the same for services and grave sales except that the Opening and Closing of Graves was increased to \$450.00. There will not be an additional fee charged for winter grave openings. The fee for the construction of foundations for headstones will be 25 cents per square inch. Also added was a \$25.00 administrative fee for opening and closing graves and setting foundations for headstones. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to adopt Resolution 17-02-01. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Westgate, Karr, Carmody, Schoenborn. Nays: None. Absent: Worrell. The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.

9. Bids for mowing in Wright Township Cemeteries were discussed. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Carmody to accept the bid from J & F Groundkeepers with the condition that they include a fall clean-up of Maple Hill and Marne Cemetery after October 20, 2017 without an increase in contract costs. Motion carried.
10. Karr reported that there was no Planning Commission Meeting in January. There was no fire report.
11. The Supervisor reported that Township Planner Greg Ransford has also been hired by Allendale Township, which has created a scheduling conflict for Planning Commission meetings. The Wright Township Planning Commission will temporarily schedule Planning Commission meetings on the second Monday of every month instead of the third Monday. There was discussion regarding the potential need to find a new Township planner if Greg Ransford's availability for Wright Township declines. The Supervisor also reported that Carmody was able to arrange a tribute for Robert Molyneux from the State of Michigan for his forty years of service on the Wright Township Board of Review.
12. Carmody presented information from Ottawa County regarding the 2017 Public Officials Conference on Emergency Management and Planning on March 15, 2017. Any Board members interested are invited to attend. There is no cost, but pre-registration is required.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody, Clerk