

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2015, 7:30 PM

The following minutes were taken at the 02/11/2015, Regular Board Meeting and are currently unapproved.

1. The Meeting was called to order with a pledge and a prayer at 7:30 P.M. by Josh Westgate. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Theresa Frank, Tracy Worrell, Gary Karr, and Rick Schoenborn.
2. Additions to the Agenda: None
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 - a. Karr moved and Schoenborn supported to approve bills in the amount of \$25,557.24, and to accept Trust & Agency, Tax & Treasurer's reports. Motion carried.
 - b. Budget was reviewed.
 - c. Karr motioned to approve the January 14, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes as drafted. Worrell supported. Motion carried.
4. No public comments (for items not on the agenda. Public present at the meeting is as follows:
Jim Kishman
Chris Danielson
Jesse Triick
Faye Umlor
Wayne Umlor
JoAnn Becker
Mike Gavin
Julie May
Larry Williams
Nick Oziemkiewicz
Mark Lucas
Mike Keefe
5. Berlin Raceway was at the meeting to get approval for their 2015 preliminary schedule. Chris Danielson and Jesse Triick spoke for the Raceway. A copy of the schedule was provided for the Board and the public.

Tracy Worrell asked what the timing was for the three concert events on the schedule. Chris replied they would be in the evening; times were to be determined, but most likely 7:00pm to 11:00pm. Because of the challenges with the concerts attempted last year the raceway is wanting to be sure everything is within the township guide lines.

Mr. Oziemkiewicz asked what the decibel levels were last year at the concerts. Mr. Triick replied that in the complex it was at 92 decibels, and at the road it was less. Mr. Triick said he took pictures of the decibels recorded at the time taken, at many spot around the raceway campus. Mr. Oziemkiewicz replied with the comment that while that may have been the case it was still making things fall off the walls in his barn. Mr. Lucas also commented that the glass was rattling in his home. Mr. Danielson let them know that the particular band that caused these problems was not being asked back this year. He also said that he could not promise their windows were never going to rattle. But he did say he would be sure to keep within the ordinances of the township.

Mr. Danielson let the board and public know that they are really trying to make the raceway financially viable. He reported that many raceways in the Tri-State area were closing. He cannot promise there will be no noise, and if the right opportunities present themselves he would like the support from the township to take advantage of them even if they are loud. And even if this means a change in the 2015 schedule as written.

The issue of the bad language from the concerts last year was addressed. Mr. Danielson said that this would not be acceptable this year.

Other than the request for the tree concerts there are many more items on the schedule. 5K run; benefit races (Helen DeVos Children's Hospital), Maranda Park Party, Lantern Fest, Farmers Market, Art Fair, and many more. Supervisor Westgate had some question on the Lantern Fest regarding fire hazards. Fire Chief Mike Gavin was at the meeting and agreed that the raceway would have to work with the Fire Department regarding this event. Westgate also wanted the raceway to know that regarding security, for major events, the township is requesting a prepayment into our escrow account for the Fire Department, and multi Sheriff Deputy services. Mr. Danielson said that would be fine.

Mr. Oziemkiewicz mentioned that on the schedule for 2014, it showed week day practices, etc., but it does not show this on the 2015 schedule. Mr. Danielson said that this was because they don't have any scheduled yet. The drivers training and race car tests are something the raceway has to sell and they do not have any committed yet. But they will sell any training and test times they can. It is part of the business. The times for this sort of thing are between 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Test and Tune Days will be April 4, and 11, 2015. The drivers know that they have to be no more than one hundred (100) decibels, and mufflers are a must or they will be fined.

A motion was asked for; Schoenborn motioned to approve the 2015 Raceway Schedule. Worrell supported. Motion Carried.

6. Regarding roads, Faye Umlor was at the meeting to address how bad the gravel roads are in Wright Township. The road she lives on is just about impassable. She let the board know that a group of people living with this problem have gone to the Ottawa County Road Commission Meetings, and have spoken with Ottawa County Commissioners. They were told that the county

had nothing planned for gravel roads. The trend now is local townships taking care of their own. Faye gave a challenge to the board to address the situation and help find revenue for this problem. Westgate let her know that the road commission must have heard some of what the group said because he received an email from them saying they have heard many concerns regarding the gravel roads in Ottawa County. The email said the commission would do a yearly evaluation on the expense of resurfacing gravel roads, and that it would start in 2015. The group living on gravel roads did not seem to feel they would see any satisfaction from this. Karr commented that the State is wanting the townships to take care of this but the township is not receiving any revenue to do so. JoAnn Becker spoke about the new millage for fire operations. She thought that should free up some money from the general fund for other needs. Worrell explained that we will still be taking large amounts from the general fund because there has been a significant raise in the amount we have to pay Tallmadge for operations. There was talk about looking into private contractors which would save the township a lot of money. But the County would have to okay this. Faye commented that there is over Three Hundred (300) miles of gravel roads in Ottawa County. Possibly the board could get some ideas from other townships. In conclusion the Township Board will brainstorm for some answers. The board thanked the group for their efforts, letting them know the township will keep pressure on the Road Commission along with them.

7. The board looked at two dust control bids. One bid from Michigan Chloride Sales, LLC. and one from Great Lakes Chloride Inc. Schoenborn motioned to approve the bid from Great Lakes Chloride Inc. Karr supported the motion. Motion carried.
8. Bid for township legal postings with Advance was requested. The bid was received and there has been an increase. Not having much choice, because of lack of choice, Karr motioned to accept the bid. Frank supported the motion. Motion carried.
9. Schoenborn motioned to approve resolution 15-02-01, Supporting Ottawa County Farmland Preservation Program. Worrell supported. Roll Call was taken, Five (5) ayes and Zero (0) nays. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.
10. Karr motioned to approve the Board of Review appointments for, 1/2015 – 2017, for Ben Looks, Robert Molyneux, and Maureen Carmody. Schoenborn supported. Motion carried. At this time the Wright Township would like to thank Bruce Robach for his many years of service on the Board of Review. It is greatly appreciated.
11. Reports were given. Worrell reported 1 building fire, 29 rescues, 2 service calls, 9 good intent calls, and 1 false call.

Karr reported for the Planning Commission that the meeting (January 19, 2015) with Best Drug went very well. Their representatives were very positive.

12. Supervisors reported the deed for the small part of the cemetery we have acquired has now been recorded.

There was some contact from local businesses asking about fiber optic internet. There was a meeting with Charter and it sounds like it could be a possibility to have it in our area.

We have two new street lights in the township, and good comments have come in regarding them..

The townships old fax machine has been with a new one.

13. No board concerns.

14. Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Frank

Wright Township Clerk