

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2016 – 7:30PM

The following minutes were taken at the April 13, 2016, Regular Board Meeting and are currently unapproved.

1. Josh Westgate called the meeting to order with a pledge and a prayer at 7:30 P.M. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Theresa Frank, Tracy Worrell, Gary Karr, and Rick Schoenborn. No Parking in the reserved fire spots was announced.
The public present at the meeting are as follows; Matt Fenske, Larry Williams, Richard Barkel, Marie Barkel, Dan Martin, Maureen Carmody, and Steve Afendoulis.
2. Additions to item on the agenda; Number 5, will now be Steve Afendoulis, with a movie company. Number 6, now is Berlin Raceway requesting to have fireworks approved. The other agenda numbers will move down one.
3. a. Karr moved, and Worrell supported the approval of the bills for March, 2016, in the amount of \$117,319.18. Also approved were the Tax and Trust & Agency Report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
b. Budget was reviewed.
c. Worrell moved, and Karr supported the approval of the minutes from March 9, 2016, Budget Prep Meeting, March 9, 2016, Regular Board Meeting, and March 28, 2016, Special meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
4. Public Comments; Marie Barkel brought to the Boards attention some problems they were having with a neighboring property at 3950 Arthur St. The look of the property, the safety of the large camp fires that have been being burned with building materials on weekends, and the safety regarding the fact that there is not a restroom associated with the trailer parked at the back of the property. Supervisor Westgate advised the Barkels to call 911 when the fires are burning. Also he will be in touch with the building inspector to take a look at this property. Mrs. Barkel showed pictures of the problems.
Commissioner Matt Fenske was at the meeting to give the Board the Ottawa County updates. Daniel Martin introduced himself at the meeting to report that he is running for Circuit Court Judge.
Resident Larry Williams was at the meeting to report on the condition of Roosevelt Street between 40th Ave. and 24th Ave. The road is in bad shape. There was some repair, but after the winter all the tar used for repair was now in resident's ditches, and on the sides of the roads. He reported it was in bad need of repair again. Trustee Karr agreed, and let him know the Board had been discussing this very matter. The Road Commission is going to be contacted to see what can be done about this.

5. Stephen Afendoulis, an executive producer for a Christian based movie company, was at the meeting to ask to have their Schedule approved to make movie scenes for a movie at Berlin Raceway. The movie is called, God Bless the Broken Road. Two other movies made by this company were, Gods Not Dead 1 & 2. Worrell asked if there would be a notice to the residents in the local paper. Mr. Afendoulis replied that they would have a press release ahead of time to invite residents, because they will need about 300 extras on the 4th turn at the raceway for one of the scenes. Westgate asked if there would be any loud explosions, he replied that there would not be. Worrell motioned to approve the schedule that the company needs, they are as follows; Wednesday, May 11th, 2016 8am to 8pm, Thursday, May 12th, 12pm to Friday May 13th, 1am, and Friday again, 8pm to 8am Saturday, May 14th. May 16th, 2016, for a rain date. Schoenborn supported. The Motion carried with unanimous vote.
6. Schoenborn motioned, and Karr supported the approval of Berlin Raceway fireworks permit, for dates April 16, 2016, May 28th, July 2nd, and August 27th. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
7. Schoenborn motioned, and Frank supported the approval of an Application for Farmland Agreement, (PA116), submitted from Charles Rasch, and Susan Boomgaard Rasch. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
8. Frank motioned, and Worrell supported to approve the bid from the Advance Newspaper for 2016. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
9. Karr motioned, and Schoenborn supported the approval of the Memorial Day Parade and Marne Fest. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
10. Worrell motioned, and Schoenborn supported the adoption of Resolution 16-04-01, for the fire millage. Roll call was taken; Five (5) ayes, Zero (0) nays, and Zero (0) absent. Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.
11. Worrell motioned, and Frank supported the adoption of Resolution 16-04-02, for the Senior Citizen Services Millage. Roll call was taken; Five (5) ayes, Zero (0) nays, and Zero (0) absent. Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.
12. Reports were given; the fire report was that Chief Gavin is looking into the response time with Life Ambulance. Also large barn fire in Marne this month was discussed. Planning Commission member Karr reported there will be an April, 2016 Meeting. On the agenda is the Master Plan Review.
13. Supervisor reports:
Gull Lake Marina will be having an open house on May 13, 2016. Everyone is welcome.

On April 28th, 2016, Ottawa County MTA Quarterly Meeting topic will be Active Shooters. The free meeting will be at held at Tallmadge Township, at 7:3 PM.

Ottawa County Central Dispatch (911) is having an open house at the Fillmore Complex on May 21st, 2016, to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Everyone is welcome.

Historical Commission has their new I-Pad and is now putting it to good use.

Thank you to Tim Brower for cutting down a diseased tree in the Veterans Park, at no charge to the Township, and to Maureen Carmody for the great job she has done with the update to the Marne Cemetery. It has been a two year project for her as Deputy Clerk, and it is almost done. New maps have been made, and will be a huge help to us all.

Road Commission has said they are going to chip seal coat Roosevelt St.

14. Board Concerns:

Schoenborn has asked for more description to what is being paid at the township. He wants more explanation on all reimbursements, including personal use of credit cards on the townships behalf. Also more information on what is paid out in payroll. Westgate said there is a policy on this, and Worrell let him know where to find all the backup paperwork on reimbursements. Schoenborn handed out pages from a Trustee guide on office practices, for the Board to read. After reading this report the subject is going to be discussed at the May 2016 meeting. A policy on this matter will be looked up and presented at the May meeting also.

15. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk