

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 11, 2016 – 7:30PM**

***The following minutes were taken at the May 11, 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, Diane Schindlbeck, Maureen Carmody, Nick Mesman, Scott Sanders, and JoAnn Becker.
2. No Additions to item on the agenda.
3. a. Worrell moved, and Karr supported the approval of the bills for April, 2016, in the amount of \$42,545.94, and the Tax and Trust & Agency Report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.  
b. Budget was reviewed.  
c. Schoenborn moved, and Worrell supported the approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from April 13, 2016, with corrections. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
4. Public Comments; Commissioner Matt Fenske was at the meeting to give the Board the Ottawa County updates. He showed a video from Ottawa County. It showed some very good statistics regarding The State of Ottawa County. The Commissioner thanked resident Larry Williams, for the information regarding the state of Roosevelt St., between 24<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Fenske gave the information to the Road Commission, they went out and reviewed the problems and agreed the repair did not work. The Commissioner will follow through with this issue.  
Diane Schindlbeck introduced herself at the meeting to report that she is running for County Commissioner.
5. Nick Mesmen, from Berlin Raceway, requested a date change on their schedule. They asked to have the Sunday date in September be changed to Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> for a 2pm to 5pm practice session. Karr motioned, and Worrell supported the date change in the schedule. Motion carried by unanimous vote.  
Nick Mesmen introduced Scott Sanders, location manager for the movie being shot at the raceway. Mr. Sanders reported that things were going well, and that they were very grateful to the Township Board for approving the dates they needed to get the movie shots they needed. At this time Mr. Mesmen request the Boards approval for a benefit concert on Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 to 9pm. Karr moved, and Worrell supported to approve the concert with the condition that all previous requirements regarding concerts at the raceway be followed. The sound levels and crowd control being a couple of those requirements. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

6. Regarding Soil Mining Permit renewals for J & M Development, the Townships Engineers Prein&Newhof, recommended that the Township approve the renewal of the J & M Development on Arthur Street. This is subject to the receipt of the updated topographic survey. The engineers recommended the Township consult with attorneys regarding the proposed change in use from a mining site to a filling operation at the Rusche Trucking Sand Mine. They recommended additional information be obtained prior to considering approval of the permit application.

Karr motioned, and Schoenborn supported the approval of J & M Development Soil Mine permit. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Karr motioned, and Frank supported to continue with the suspension of operations at Rusche Trucking until we can get better information from the engineers. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

7. Frank motioned and Worrell supported approval of the MABIS Agreement changes. Motion carried with unanimous vote.
8. Review of the policy regarding maintenance done outside of the statutory requirements for official positions was discussed. Schoenborn suggested more use of volunteers to keep the costs down, and more communication with the board when projects are being done, so that all can be involved

Karr Motioned that any amounts needed for reimbursement or compensation over \$500.00 must have the receipt copies in the board members meeting packets, Westgate supported. Schoenborn motioned to amend the motion, and have all reimbursement and compensation explanations and receipts, in the board packets for each board meeting. Frank supported. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. Reports were given. Details of Fire report given by Worrell is attached to these minutes. During the fire report JoAnn Becker, asked if the department's vehicles were going home with the Firemen, and are they being paid for this. Karr and Worrell explained that yes, when the Fireman is on call they take the vehicle home and are paid to be on call. After questions about the expense it was explained that it was that or a full time Fireman, which would be much more expensive.

Karr gave the Planning Commission report. He reported that the Commission recommended to the Township Board to okay an amendment to the Agricultural Special Land Use to allow use of existing barns for the gathering of parties such as weddings, graduations, and such.

Frank reported that the Election on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, went well, and that the spring cleanup for the cemetery was to be Saturday May 14.

Clerk also reported that the variance requested at the ZBA meeting was denied for lack of good evidence to support that there was a hardship, or special circumstance showing the need for a variance to the ordinance.

10. Supervisor reported that a movie crew was at Berlin Raceway.

Also at Berlin Raceway, in September, there is to be an exceptionally large firework display after the monster truck show.

And the destructive beavers are making problem on Cranberry Lake again.

One more item reported by the Supervisor was that Mike Keefe Sr has found a few buried stones in the Marne Cemetery.

11. During Board Concerns Frank requested her reimbursement check for May be approved at this April meeting. Not having a Township Credit Card the Clerk uses her personal debit card for office supplies, and sometimes needs reimbursement sooner than the next Township Board Meeting. It was decided that a reimbursement check could be treated like a utility check; it can be cashed before the next meeting. If it is known when the reimbursement is needed, it should be mentioned at the board meeting before it is needed, so it can be stated in the minutes. Karr moved to have a special approval for the reimbursement checks the Clerk needs, to be able to be cashed before the next meeting, but the paperwork for this check must be at the appropriate meeting. Schoenborn supported, and motion was carried by unanimous vote.
12. Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk