

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

The following minutes were taken at the July 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.
Public present: Maureen Carmody, Craig Jenison, Mike Keefe, and Jason Orton.
2. One addition to the agenda will now be Item # 8. Berlin Raceway Fireworks.
3. a. Karr moved, and Schoenborn supported the approval of the bills for June, 2016, in the amount of \$39,822.10, and the Tax and Trust & Agency Report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
b. Budget was reviewed.
c. Karr moved, and Westgate supported the approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2016, and Special Board Meeting June 23, 2016, as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
4. Public Comments;
Craig Jenison introduced himself to the Township Board, and the public present at the meeting. He wanted to share that he is running for District Judge for the 58th District.

In another Public Comment, Maureen Carmody brought to the board's attention a copy of a ballot envelope with the name of the clerk printed on it. Clerk Frank looked at it, saying she had not seen it before, but at closer look said, yes that it was her hand writing, and that she must have printed it on the envelope. Carmody then passed out a pamphlet for the board showing that printing the clerks name on the envelope broke one of the Michigan Election Laws. Carmody then asked to go through all the ballot envelopes that had been returned at that time to see if there had been any other ones with the Clerks name on them, and found none. Carmody felt the name written on the envelope was intentional, and Frank assured her she did not know of this law, and that it was not intentional. Frank assured the board that she would get in touch with the County Clerk to see what should be done, and that it would not happen again.

5. Jason Orton, with the David Chapman agency, gave the board a liability insurance renewal presentation.

6. Karr motioned to not approve the funding request from Ottawa Housing Next, a Lakeshore Housing Alliance, supported by United Way. Schoenborn supported this motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
7. Bids were taken for tree removal in Maple Hill Cemetery by two tree companies, Tree Works, and Brower Tree Service. Schoenborn motioned, and Westgate supported to take the bid from Brower Tree Service. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
8. Frank motioned to approve the National Fireworks Association, Inc, use of fireworks at Berlin Raceway. This motion was made on the condition that the neighbors within one half mile of the raceway are informed of the dates and times of the fireworks. They are planning on September 6th, through the 10th of 2016. They know they have to be done by 11:00pm. Karr supported the motion. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.
9. Reports were given.
10. Under Supervisor reports;
 1. Historical Commission had a great showing at the Berlin Fair this year.
 2. The Road Commission has said they will be looking into the water puddles left on State Street, after the road was repaved this summer.
11. Under board concerns, Frank shared that there is going to be a property survey done at Wells Cemetery.

Schoenborn told the board he was approached by a resident that wanted to know why the township pays an employee to take care of the cemetery when the lots are privately owned once they are bought. It was discussed that this was done to keep the cemetery looking good, and to keep up the cemetery records.
12. Supervisor Westgate adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk