

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2016 – 7:30PM

The following minutes were taken at the AUGUST 10, 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.
2. No additions to the items on the Agenda.
3. Schoenborn asked for correction of Mike Keefe's name on payroll records. It was listed as Mike Keefe's JR. Frank reported she would correct the typo. Schoenborn also asked about the townships web site. He asked why it was paid with Supervisors credit card, rather than a bill being sent to the township. Supervisor Westgate reported that they require a credit card for payment.
Schoenborn moved, and Karr supported the approval of the bills for July 13, 2016, in the amount of \$25,694.08, and the Tax and Trust & Agency Report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
 - b. Budget was reviewed.
 - c. Karr moved, and Schoenborn supported the approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from July 10, 2016, as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
4. No Public Comments.
5. Worrell motioned, and Frank supported to table the adoption of Ordinance 127. (Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance). The Township legal advised the board to table this for lack of information. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
6. Reports were given. Karr asked that the board give Denise Ruwersma a Letter of Appreciation for her service to the Community. Denise has been on the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals for many years. She will be retiring these commissions in September 2016.
7. Under Supervisor reports it was shared that Imperial Municipal Services, the Townships building inspector, will now be paying the Township 5% of the revenue collected. Also there are now No Parking signs on 16th Ave., In front of the Maggini Building. The Supervisor reported that there is nothing the township can do to rectify the situation.

There has been some maintenance on Pratt Drain, and Ottawa County wants to know if the township wants to make the payment at large, or have the \$3,916.00, assessed to the property owners. After some discussion the Board wants to pay at large.

Supervisor requested the Board's thoughts on having another application of dust control. After some discussion it was decided that because it has been so dry this summer it would be wise to have another application put on this year.

8. Under Board Concerns Schoenborn reported that he had been contacted regarding too many trucks using Garfield Street. Westgate let the Board know that he has contacted DeWys and asked them to have their drivers, vendors, and suppliers to utilize Comstock Street. They replied they would send out a mass email requesting them all to do so.
Schoenborn also reported that he had been contacted with information regarding the newly repaired stones in Marne Cemetery. Some are cracking and falling over. Schoenborn did look into the situation himself, and found that some were cracked and falling over. He is asking for a cap to be put on the work being done in the cemeteries. Karr suggested we ask Mr. Keefe for an estimate on price, and time for the project to be finished. Betty Brown was in attendance at the meeting, and gave the Board a report on some of her findings at Wells Cemetery. She let the Board know that the sign at the entrance was repainted, and the Board was grateful for that. The historical Commission is also looking at Wells Cemetery to help get the township records updated. Betty also had questioned whose responsibility was it to maintain the railroad tracks on 16th Ave., in Marne. The Supervisor let her know that it was the Railroads responsibility. The Road Commission has been contacted regarding this, and they are getting in contact with the Railroad.
Frank reported that the August 2nd, 2016 Election went very well. Frank also wanted to respond to the comments made at the last Board Meeting by Maureen Carmody, about the Clerks name being written on an absentee envelope, and that this was against Michigan Election Law. Frank did take this matter to Justin Roebuck, the County Clerk. He replied that yes this was a newer law put in place because some Clerks were putting their campaign signs at the doorway of precincts. He suggested that if it was not reported, to just ignore it, and don't put the name on the envelope any longer.
9. Meeting was adjourned by Westgate at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk