

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9TH, 2016 – 7:30PM**

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The following minutes were taken at the NOVEMBER 9TH, 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, and Gary Karr. No parking in the reserved fire spots was announced.
Public present at the meeting; Mary Alt, Rich Houtteman, Maureen Carmody, Betty Brown, Mike Bursley, Nick Mesman, Russ Preston, and Randy Veldman.
Karr moved and Frank supported the approval of the absence of Rick Schoenborn, and Tracy Worrell. Motion carried with unanimous vote.
2. No Changes to the agenda.
3. Karr moved, and Westgate supported the approval of the bills for October 2016, in the amount of \$13,498.62. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
The approval of the Tax, Trust & Agency & Treasurers Report, was tabled until next month's meeting for lack of these reports at the meeting.
 - b. Budget was reviewed.
 - c. Karr moved, and Westgate supported the approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from October 12th, 2016, as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
4. There were no public comments on anything not on the agenda at this meeting.
5. Russ Preston, Vice President of the Berlin Fair Committee, gave a very positive yearend review on the Berlin Fair. The Fair for 2017 will be on July 3-8.
Mike Bursley from the Berlin Raceway also gave the yearend review. They were happy with how the year went.
6. Karr motioned, and Frank supported the approval of the Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance 128. Roll Call was taken; Three (3) ayes, Zero (0) nays, and Two absent. Supervisor declared the Ordinance 128 adopted.
7. Mary Alt gave the Annual Historical Commission Report. Centennial Farms in Wright Township, exhibited at the 2016 Berlin Fair, received very favorable responses. They are completing the one-room School's census, and it will be printed in the next MICHIGANA, West Michigan Genealogical Society's quarterly magazine. Also as a historical commission they are very

grateful to Mike & Judy Keefe for their good work and many efforts in the long overdue restoration of our cemeteries.

- 8.** Westgate motioned, and Frank supported the approval of new terms for the Historical Commissioners, Gary Karr, Betty Brown, and Julie Reams. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 9.** Karr motioned, and Frank supported the approval the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program (PA116), requested by Albert, and Kathleen Lothschutz. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 10.** Karr motioned, and Frank supported the appointment of Steve VanTimmeren for Commissioner on the Wright Township Planning Commission. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 11.** Frank motioned, and Karr supported the appointment of Maureen Carmody, and Steve VanTimmeren to the Wright Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 12.** Regarding Fire Board appointments, Worrell and Schoenborn are up for renewal but not present. The board decided to table until next month when they will be at the meeting.
- 13.** Ottawa County Michigan Township Association is having its Christmas meeting on November 28th, 2016.
- 14.** Marne Community Tree Lighting will be held November 26th, 2016.
- 15.** No Fire report, Karr reported that Best Drug and Gull Lake were applicants at the planning Commission. Frank reported that the November 8th 2016, Election went well. She was very proud of all the Precinct Inspectors very hard work.
- 16.** Supervisor reported that new lights were put in the Old Township Hall for the Elections by Gary Karr, who secured the lights at no cost to the Township! Supervisor Westgate expressed his thanks.
Council on Aging did the help with open enrollment for Medicare this week. There was a very good turnout at the township office.
Westgate had a meeting with the Road Commission meeting this month and was told that they want more regular meetings with the Townships for better communication.
Sheriff Rosema is retiring and there will be an open house for him at 1:30pm to 5:00pm on December 14th, 2016, at the Grand Haven Community Center.
Also he wanted to report that the Fire Departments Halloween Party was a very big success. A record turnout and fun was had by all.

- 17.** Under Board Concerns; Being Frank's last board meeting she asked the board for one more month of health insurance. Karr motioned to add one month of insurance. Westgate supported, and motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 18.** Westgate adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk