

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 11, 2015 – 7:30PM**

The following minutes were taken at the November 11, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and are currently unapproved.

1. The Meeting was called to order with a pledge and a prayer at 7:30 P.M. by Josh Westgate. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Theresa Frank, Tracy Worrell, Rick Schoenborn, and Gary Karr. No Parking in the reserved fire spots was announced.
2. No Additions to the Agenda.
3. a. Karr motioned, and Worrell supported the approval of the bills for \$20,072.29, and the Treasurer's report of Tax, Trust & Agency. Motion carried.
b. Budget was reviewed.
c. Karr motioned, and Worrell supported the approval of October 8th, 2015 Special Board Meeting minutes with correction. Motion carried. Karr motioned, and Worrell supported the Minutes for October 14TH, 2015 Regular Board Meeting with corrections. Motion carried. Because of error the minutes for October 21st, 2015 Special Meeting were not approved.
4. No public comments for any items not on the agenda.
5. Jessie Triick gave an annual report on the Raceway. In the report he let the board know that they had a very good year. Attendance was up 12%, in 2015 and up 35% since 2013. The Maranda Park Party brought in 4,000 people; also the 5K run/walk went very well. April 16th, 2016 will be opening day for the next season. Trustee Karr reminded Jessie of the noise levels and complaints from the ARCA Race. Jessie replied that he is addressing that subject.
Jim Kishman, President of the Berlin Fair, gave the annual report for the fair. Jim reported that this year's Berlin Fair was the 160th year anniversary. He was thankful to Mary Alt, the President of the Wright Township Historical Commission, for the book that was put out this year covering 160 years of the fair. The fair was in early June again this year. The fair dates come from the availability of the carnival company. The carnival company the Fair is using is available for the week of the 4th of July for the next two years. After those two years the Fair will go back to the third week of June. Jim said he thought that the overall fair went well, and the attendance was up from last year.
6. The President of the Wright Township Historical Commission, Mary Alt, gave the Commission's annual report. She started with thanking her staff for the great work they do. The Commission was very happy with how their 160th Anniversary of the Berlin Fair Book project, and the display at the fair turned out. The current project the Commission is working on is gathering information on the Township's *One Room Schools*. The Commission is looking forward to the preservation of the tax record books. The plan for the Commission for the next Berlin Fair exhibit is to gather information on local Centennial Farms.

Trustee Karr stated that he was impressed with all the archiving that the Commission does. It is an excellent resource for the history of our Township.

7. It was announced that The Ottawa County Michigan Township Association's Christmas Party is November 30th, 2015.
8. The Township Social Security Number Privacy Policy has changed. With help from the Townships legal counsel, wording for an amendment to the Policy was made. The Policy needed wording regarding accidental release of Social Security Numbers. Karr motioned and Worrell supported to approve the addition to be put into the Social Security Number Privacy Policy. Motion carried.
9. Marne Community Tree Lighting will be held on November 28th, 2015 at 6:00pm to 8:30pm, at Marne Veterans Park. Christmas Music and warm beverages will be offered. The tree lighting will be at 6:30pm. Then follow Santa on a short walking parade to the Wright Township Hall for more free fun.
10. Reports were given; a. no report for the Fire Department.
b. The Planning Commission is having an Ordinance Amendment Public Hearing at the November 16, 2015 meeting.
c. Report on Election of November 3, 2015 went well. Clerk is looking for more new Inspection Workers for the upcoming year of Elections
d. In the cemetery report the Clerk said that the clean-up of leaves crew would be there Saturday 11.14.15. Also some clean-up has been already done. The Supervisor took a crew from the Serenity Point Rehab Center. The Supervisor was very impressed with what hard workers they were, and was glad to have them help us save the Township money on this large project we have every year.
11. Supervisor Reports:
 - a. The Supervisor reported that the Assessing Audit went well.
 - b. Fire Department will no longer respond to Serenity Point for emergency calls unless it is a major call. They will use an ambulance company for anything else.
 - c. Ottawa County is looking at a Mental Health Millage.
 - d. Central Dispatch is looking at new 800 megahertz radios.
 - e. There was a ceremony at Tallmadge Township's Board meeting to promote Tim Gavin and Kyle McClellan to Lieutenant.
 - f. Mike Keefe Sr. has been doing a lot of work in the Marne Cemetery on a regular basis. The Supervisor reports that he would like to hire him so that we have an employee that can handle the kind of work he does. He has been setting up stones, cleaning stones, and repairing them, for quite some time now. Supervisor reported it would be two to four hours a week. Karr motioned and Schoenborn supported to hire Mr. Keefe. The motion carried.
12. In Board Concerns, after errors in the minutes being reported by Treasurer Worrell, Frank stated that she would record all meetings in the future to help prevent errors.

13. Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm.

14. Respectfully submitted by Theresa Frank Wright Township Clerk