

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2020 - 7:30 PM
Via Teleconferencing
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1. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Supervisor Schoenborn via teleconferencing. Board members present include: Schoenborn, and Frank, Trustee Karr, Trustee Anderson, and Treasurer Dietrich were present remotely via teleconference.
2. Additions of any items to Agenda.
Frank requested an approval for a Budget Amendment. Schoenborn, placed this as number 5 on the agenda.
3. Karr moved to approve bills, and payroll in the amount of \$34,344.63, supported by Frank. Roll Call taken, Schoenborn aye, Karr aye, Anderson aye, Dietrich aye, and Frank aye, motion carried.
Motion was made by Anderson to approve the October 14, 2020 Minutes, supported by Dietrich. Roll Call taken, Schoenborn aye, Karr aye, Anderson aye, Dietrich aye, and Frank aye motion carried.
4. Various Board Appointments.
 - a. Board of Review – Frank motioned to approve Mike Ruegsegger for the one seat open on the Board of Review, and Dietrich supported. Roll Call, Schoenborn aye, Karr aye, Anderson aye, Dietrich aye, and Frank aye, motion carried. Mike Ruegsegger is approved through Jan. 1, 2021, and will have to be reapproved in January 2021, for the 2-year term.
 - b. Planning Commission – Frank motioned to approve Brad Anderson to the one seat open on the Planning Commission, and Dietrich supported. Roll Call, Schoenborn aye, Karr aye, Anderson aye, Dietrich aye, and Frank aye, motion carried. Brad Anderson is approved through Jan. 1, 2021, and will be reapproved in January, 2021 for the 3-year term.
 - c. Fire Board – Frank motioned to approve Sharyl Dietrich, and Adam Taylor, to fill the two seats open on the Fire Board, and Anderson supported. Roll Call, Schoenborn aye, Karr aye, Anderson aye, Dietrich aye, and Frank aye, motion carried. Sharyl Dietrich, and Adam Taylor are approved.
 - d. Senior Citizens – The Board appreciates Sharyl Dietrich for taking the roll of the Board Representative for the Senior Citizens Committee.
5. Item added to the Agenda. Frank requested to make an amendment to the budget by way of transferring \$5,000.00 from the Department 248-970 (Capital Outlay) to Department 248-726 (Township operations and supplies) to cover six (6) new office chairs, and for updates to the Township's IT Department. Dietrich Motioned for the amendment to the budget, Anderson supported, Roll Call, Schoenborn aye, Karr aye, Anderson aye, Dietrich aye, and Frank aye, motion carried.
6. Public Comments. Public who introduced themselves at the meeting via teleconferencing were Adam Taylor, Treasurer Sharyl Dietrich, Trustee Gary Karr, Lloyd Hopper, Fire Chief Mike Gavin, and Trustee Brad Anderson.
In Public Comments Mr. Hopper had several questions regarding what the new Board was spending for the Township.
 - a. Mr. Hopper wanted to know why we were getting new computers, and updating Windows 10. Clerk Frank reported that we are not getting new computers, or updating Windows 10. We are updating the server. Mr. Hopper also wanted to know who was doing the updating. Supervisor Schoenborn reported that we have new IT department.
 - b. Mr. Hopper wanted to know how much new help we had now. He would see a lot of cars in the parking lot all the time. Schoenborn reported that the cars were here all the time because the Clerk and Treasurer were here all the time. Also, that there is an office admin. that was helping out. Frank reported that the office had an Election Inspector helping out with the election until it was over.

- c. Mr. Hopper requested to know when Supervisor was at the office. Supervisor reported he does not have posted hours. He is not a sitting supervisor in the office full time. He stops daily for messages and concerns. He can be reached by phone numbers posted on the website, or residents can leave messages with staff. He also reported we are getting new phones and it will be much easier to leave messages.
- d. Mr. Hopper wanted to know how much building maintenance was being done. And how much it was costing. Supervisor reported the shower for the Fire Department needed a plumber. It was a big job. Blocks from the wall had to be taken out to fix the pipe line. Also, a Masonry had to replace the block. Mr. Hopper reported his neighbor or he could have done the job.
- e. Mr. Hopper wanted to know what was going on with the Sub Station, now that there is a new Supervisor. Schoenborn let him know there is no change happening at the substation just because there is a new Supervisor, he also let Mr. Hopper know that there is a Hot Line phone number for this on the website, and he could get any answers from them.

7. Reports.

- a. Fire – The Fire report was given. Treasure Dietrich wanted to know if Fire Department budget came through the payments by Tallmadge and Wright Township. Supervisor reported that it did.

Fire Department Chief Mike Gavin reported just how much Covid was impacting our area. He said about 30 % of the calls were now Covid related. It is affecting the department also. Nine (9) Firemen were out at this time, due to quarantining for being in contact with Covid victims. And one man has Covid. Day time staffing is low, and would like to know how to go about getting a temp position filled to make up for men down, and to correct staffing. Chief Gavin felt their budget could handle this. Treasurer Dietrich asked if there was any State Covid relief funding out there. Schoenborn said a Special Fire Board Meeting called by the Chairperson would have to be set up to approve, be assured Wright Township will give support to all that is needed.

- b. Planning – No meeting this month.

- c. Other - None

- 8. Supervisor Report – Supervisor Schoenborn wanted to let Gary Karr know how much we will miss his community service given for so many years. If not for Covid we would have loved to have done something special to send him off. Gary said thank you, and let us know he would be dropping in on some meeting to put his 2 cents in 😊
- 9. Board Concerns – Trustee Anderson requested to know if Bonnie Thom got answers for her questions about the drive on 16th Ave for the Sub Station. Schoenborn let him know that yes, he did talk to her, and let her know that as far as we have heard the drive is going to come out as soon as the drive on Arthur is opened.
- 10. Supervisor Schoenborn adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk. www.wrighttownship.com

(any documents referenced in these minutes are on file in the Clerk's office)

