

# WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2018, 7:30 P.M.

1565 Jackson St., Marne, MI 49435

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1. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Westgate with the Pledge of Allegiance. County Commissioner Matt Fenske gave the Invocation. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Maureen Carmody, Nancy Hopper, Gary Karr and Rick Schoenborn.
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Carmody to approve the bills for March, 2018 in the amount of \$120,096.99 and to accept the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Schoenborn to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 Budget Prep meeting, the March 14, 2018 Regular Board meeting with a correction to item number six, and the March 28, 2018 Special Meeting with a correction to item number five. Motion carried.
4. Matt Fenske presented his Commissioner's report. Included in his report was information regarding the Michigan proposal to legalize medical marijuana which will be on the November 2018 ballot. Fenske also requested that Wright Township adopt a Resolution opposing the recreational use of medical marijuana. The resolution will be discussed at the May, 9, 2018 Regular Board meeting. State Representative Roger Victory was also present to give a legislative update and to present information regarding his candidacy for the State Senate this year. Ken Zahm, 204 Garfield St., Marne, brought a chunk of Garfield St. to the meeting to illustrate the deterioration of Garfield St. between 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Kenowa. Luke Meerman presented information regarding his candidacy for State Representative this year. Bonnie Peck, 15774 48<sup>th</sup> Ave., Coopersville, inquired whether the City of Coopersville or the Ottawa County Road Commission has contacted Wright Township regarding possible upgrades to 48<sup>th</sup> Ave. between Ironwood drive and the highway. Westgate replied that the Township has not been contacted.
5. Nick Mesman was present from the Berlin Raceway to request an additional practice for April 18, 2018. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to approve the additional practice on April 18, 2018 from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Motion carried.
6. Joe Bush, Ottawa County Water Resource Commissioner, presented information regarding maintenance of the Walz Drain in Wright Township. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Hopper to adopt Resolution 18-04-01-Resolution Approving Expenditure of Additional Amounts. This Resolution authorizes the Water Resource Commissioner to expend funds in excess of \$5,000.00 per mile. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Karr, Carmody, Hopper, Westgate, Schoenborn. Nays: None. Absent: None. The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted. Bush also gave the Township an updated map of the Township Drainage districts. There will also be an

informational meeting regarding the Upper Sand Creek Restoration Grant Project on Monday, April 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Berlin Baptist Church, 14141 State St., Marne in the Gym.

7. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Hopper to appoint Josh Westgate as the Wright Township representative to the joint Senior Services board and Maureen Carmody as an alternate. Motion carried.
8. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to approve the 2018 Parade and MarneFest with the same route and road closures as previous years. Motion carried.
9. Tree cutting bids for the Marne cemetery were reviewed. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to approve the removal of one tree in the Marne cemetery by Brower Tree Service at a cost of \$1500.00. Motion carried.
10. The Township job descriptions which were distributed to board members at the March meeting were reviewed and found to be satisfactory.
11. Karr gave the Fire report. There was no Planning Commission meeting in March. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on April 16, 2018. Carmody gave a cemetery report.
12. Westgate reported on the DeWys sewer line expansion, the recent Senior Service Board meetings and the new dust control contractor.
13. There was discussion under board concerns regarding clean-up of the DeWitt barrel property on Comstock St.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody  
Wright Township Clerk