

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 09, 2017

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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 and a Prayer. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Maureen Carmody, Nancy Hopper, Rick Schoenborn and Gary Karr.
2. There were no additions to the agenda by Board members.
3. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to approve the bills in the amount of \$39,227.78 and to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Westgate to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2017 Regular board meeting and the July 19, 2017 Special meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. County Commissioner Matt Fenske was in attendance to give a report. The Ottawa County proposed Budget Public Hearing will be August 22, 2017, 1:30 p.m. at the Ottawa County Fillmore Complex. The Ag Preservation Board is having a fundraiser on September 19, 2017 in Zeeland to support the Ottawa County Farmland Preservation Fund. Ottawa County is doing an online public survey regarding internet access and encourages all county residents to participate. There will be a 23.1 K race on October 21, 2017 on M-231. The road will be closed for the event. Funds collected will go toward improvements for paved trails and bike paths. County residents can check water quality at area beaches online with the Ottawa County Health Department. Lastly, Fenske reported that Joe Bush, County Water Resource Commissioner, was able to obtain a \$600,000 grant from the Michigan DEQ for non-point source pollution control for Sand Creek. Betty Brown wondered if another reminder could be published regarding removal of items in the Marne Cemetery.
5. Resolution 17-08-01 -Partial Termination of PA 116 Agreement. A house and three acres, located at 14426 40th Ave., was split in 2009 from a larger parcel in the PA 116 program, but the house and three acres inadvertently remained in the agreement. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to approve the Partial Termination of the PA 116 Agreement involving the house and three acres at 14426 40th Ave., Coopersville, Michigan. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Karr, Carmody, Hopper, Schoenborn, Westgate. Nays: None. Absent: None. The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.
6. Resolution 17-08-02 -Adopting Ottawa County Hazard Mitigation Plan. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Carmody to adopt the Ottawa County Hazard Mitigation Plan. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Westgate, Carmody, Hopper, Schoenborn, Karr. Nays: None. Absent: None. The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.

7. There was no fire report and the ZBA meeting scheduled for August 08, 2017 was cancelled. There was no Planning meeting in August.
8. In the Supervisor's report, Westgate informed the board that the Marne Postmaster had approached him with a request that the Township create a 15-minute parking zone along State Street in front of the Post Office. The Postmaster was concerned about elderly drivers having difficulty with parking in the Post Office parking lot, and she wanted to restrict parking in front of the Post Office so that it would be more readily available for customers. The Board discussed the issue, but Board members were not in favor of restricting street parking in the village area due to the limited parking available. It was felt that any inadequacies in the Post Office parking lot need to be addressed by the Postal Service. Westgate also informed the Board that it has been four years since the office floors had been refinished and were in need of refinishing again.
9. Under Board Concerns, Karr informed Board members that he has received many complaints regarding dust on gravel roads. The board was unwilling to commit to the high cost of a second application at this time and decided to wait to see if the township gets any rain in the next few weeks, which would reactivate the original application.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk