

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2020-7:30 P.M.

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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. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Maureen Carmody, Nancy Hopper, Rick Schoenborn, Gary Karr.
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Westgate to approve the January 2020 bills in the amount of \$18,055.14 and to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Schoenborn to approve the minutes of the January 08, 2020 Regular Board meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. Juanita Bocanegra, a candidate in 2020 for 58th District Court Judge, was present to introduce herself and give information regarding her campaign. Bonnie Thoms, 16365 16th Ave. asked for information regarding the PA 116 request by RiverRidge farms that is number 10 on the agenda.
5. A motion was made by Carmody and supported by Schoenborn to adopt Resolution 20-02-01-Poverty Guideline Resolution. The resolution includes updated federal poverty income standards for 2020. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Karr, Westgate, Hopper, Schoenborn, Carmody. Nays: None. Absent: None. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.
6. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to adopt resolution 20-02-02-Sewer Service Charges Set by Township Board for Residential, Commercial & Industrial Customers & Adjustments for Certain Customers. At the Request of Peter DeWitt, as the industrial building formerly occupied by DeWitt Barrel is now vacant, REU adjustments of 0 Industrial REU and 6 Domestic REU were adopted by the Wright Township Board, effective February 12, 2020. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Carmody, Hopper, Karr, Schoenborn, Westgate. Nays: None. Absent: None. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.
7. Mowing bids were reviewed for Marne Cemetery, Maple Hill Cemetery and Wells Cemetery. Bob and Jake VanderMeulen from Shady Acre Lawn Care & Snow Plowing, Inc. were present to give information regarding their company. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to accept the bid from J & F Groundkeeper Maintenance, LLC for the mowing of the three cemeteries. Motion carried.
8. There was discussion regarding the possible purchase of an AED device for the Wright Township Hall. Karr will contact the Fire Chief to get his recommendation for board members to consider at the March 11, 2020 Board meeting.
9. Dust Control Bids for gravel roads were discussed. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Carmody to accept the bid from Great Lakes Chloride for a continuous application of 38% Liquidow. Motion carried.
10. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Carmody to approve the request by RiverRidge Farms, Inc. to enroll land in the PA 116 Farmland and Open Spaces Program. Motion carried.
11. Karr gave the fire report. There were 74 calls in January. Carmody gave the Planning Report. At the January 20, 2020 Planning Commission meeting, a request for a Special Use Permit by Cellco Partnership DBA Verizon Wireless for a 195-foot, three user monopole cell tower was approved. The tower will be located on land leased from Edmund and June Armock at 707 Taft Street, parcel number 70-06-01-300-013. Carmody also reported that both Coopersville and Kenowa School districts will have proposals for the May 05, 2020 election. Carmody also presented board members with an example of new signage proposed for all three cemeteries which will include more information and be more weather resistant.
12. Westgate gave the Supervisor's report. The well pump at the Township Hall failed recently and had to be replaced. He also gave a Senior Services update. Carmody included information regarding a free training that the Township is hosting for those age 60+. It is called Stop the Bleed for trauma first aid, and is provided by Spectrum Health volunteer instructors. The class will be on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church parish hall. Registration is required so that enough instructors are provided. Please contact Clerk Carmody at 616-677-3048 by April 10 to sign up.
13. Under board concerns, Schoenborn questioned the priorities of the Road Commission as it seems unnecessary work is being done on gravel roads, and more urgent work is being neglected.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk