

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 13, 2019, 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 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.
3. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to approve the January 2019 bills in the amount of \$20,747.12 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 09, 2019 Regular Board meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. There were no public comments.
5. Mike Bursley from the Berlin Raceway was in attendance to present the proposed 2019 Berlin Raceway schedule for approval. The first race will be April 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The Raceway requested that the monthly Wednesday night open practices be changed to Friday night once a month from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to approve the 2019 Berlin Raceway Schedule as presented. Motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Karr to adopt Ordinance No. 136, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the Wright Township Zoning Ordinance to add Section 328, Entitled "Marihuana Establishments and Facilities Prohibited". A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Schoenborn, Carmody, Karr, Westgate. Nays: None. Absent: None. The Supervisor declared Ordinance No. 136 adopted.
7. Hopper requested that the board approve the closure of the Huntington Bank Money Market Account so that those funds could be moved to a different investment fund with a higher interest rate. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to approve the closure of the Huntington Bank Money Market Account. Motion carried.
8. Karr gave the fire report. There have been a high number of calls this year already, and he wished to express appreciation for the firefighters' hard work and dedication. Carmody gave the Planning report. At the January 21, 2019 Planning Commission meeting, there was a Public Hearing held regarding Ordinance 136, to prohibit marihuana establishments and facilities within the borders of Wright Township. The Planning Commission voted to recommend that the Wright Township Board adopt Ordinance 136. Carmody also gave a Cemetery report. There was recently an incidence of a car fire in the Marne cemetery when the vehicle of a person visiting the cemetery became stuck in the snow. Carmody is asking those who visit the cemetery to utilize common sense and not drive into the cemetery when there is snow on the ground. The drives are not plowed and are not accessible by vehicle during the winter months.
9. Westgate gave the Supervisor's report. He informed board members that there was a request by a local business owner for a 25-minute parking ordinance on State St. There was no board support for setting a time limit for parking in the village district.
10. Under board concerns, Carmody stated that as there are very few voters in the Sparta School district in Wright Township, the May 07, 2019 Special election will be held at the Wright Township Office, 1565 Jackson St., Marne MI 49435. Notices have been sent to the affected voters. Also, any residents who do not receive the Coopersville Observer may obtain a free copy of the Observer at various Coopersville businesses. Carmody will also contact the Observer to request that copies be available at local businesses as well.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk