

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 08, 2020 -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. 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 December 2019 bills in the amount of \$46,287.92 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 December 11, 2019 Regular Board meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. Lee Fisher, a candidate in 2020 for Ottawa County Prosecutor, was present to introduce himself and give information regarding his campaign.
5. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to approve the 2020 Berlin Raceway schedule as presented. Nick Mesman and Mike Bursley from the Berlin Raceway stated that the potential Snow Cross events will not be included on the schedule due to the mild weather and lack of snow. Motion carried. The fireworks permit for the Berlin Raceway will be considered at the February or March regular board meeting in order to have a representative from the fireworks company present to answer questions.
6. Dates were set for the 2020-2021 Budget. The Pre-Budget workshop will be on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. The Budget Prep meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., prior to the Regular Board meeting. The Special Meeting with Budget Public Hearing will be Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
7. There was no fire report available, but Westgate stated that the total number of fire calls in 2019 was 1,036. Karr gave the Planning report. At the December 16, 2019 Planning Commission meeting, a site plan was approved for Little Farms Chapel, 2518 Arthur St., for a 6,400 square foot addition to the existing structure for classroom space.
8. Westgate reported that there will be new technology installed in the next few weeks, replacing some antennas in the area, that will hopefully resolve radio issues for emergency services in Marne. Westgate and Carmody also reported on the quarterly local Senior Services board meeting held on January 08, 2020. At that meeting, the Wright Township representatives indicated to the Senior Board that due to low participation of Wright Township residents in local programming in Coopersville, and due to a lack of activities offered by the local program in Wright Township, they would be recommending to the Wright Township Board that Wright Township withdraw from the Intergovernmental agreement that established a joint Senior Services Board. Wright Township would instead utilize millage funds entirely for the benefit of seniors in Wright Township. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Carmody that Wright Township give notice of withdrawal from the Intergovernmental Agreement to Establish a Joint Senior Services Board, which will become effective six months from the date of notification in writing to the other jurisdictions which are part of the agreement. Motion carried. A letter will be sent to Wright Township residents requesting that persons interested in serving on an advisory committee regarding the use of Senior millage funds contact Supervisor Westgate.
9. There were no board concerns.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk