

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2018. 7:30 P.M.

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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 bills for May, 2018 in the amount of \$31,996.80 and to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to approve the minutes of the May 09, 2018 Regular Board meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. Jason Minier, a candidate for State Representative in the 88th district, was present to give information regarding his campaign. Amanda Price, District Director for Senator Arlan Meekhof, was present to give a state budget update.
5. A motion was made by Carmody and supported by Hopper to approve the conditional rezone agreement between Wright Township and DeMeester Wood Products to do a contract rezoning of parcel 70-06-29-400-012, 15519 32nd Ave. from AG to Industrial. Motion carried. Westgate explained that a contract rezoning would rezone the property to industrial for the current use of the property only, so that the applicants can expand their facility, which currently is an existing, non-conforming use in the AG zoning district. If the use of the property is changed, or if the property is sold, the zoning would revert to the original AG zoning, and only uses allowed in AG would be permitted. Karr reported that the Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the Township Board approve the rezoning contract at the May 21, 2018 Public Hearing. He also explained that the applicants have voluntarily offered to do a boundary line adjustment to the property so that the rezoned portion would be smaller, and the remainder would be added to the adjacent AG parcel which the applicants also own.
6. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Schoenborn to adopt Ordinance 134, a Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance to amend the Wright Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning certain lands to the Industrial Zoning District, parcel number 70-06-25-300-023 owned by DeWys Manufacturing. The property is located immediately east of 15300 8th Ave. Karr reported that at the May 21, 2018 Public Hearing, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the Township Board adopt an Ordinance to rezone this parcel to Industrial as it is adjacent to the Industrial parcel owned by DeWys, and also that the small size of approximately five acres would not adversely affect the surrounding AG property. DeWys requested that the parcel be rezoned to Industrial so that parking area lost due to the expansion of the facility on the existing Industrial parcel can be relocated to the smaller adjacent parcel. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Westgate, Karr, Carmody, Hopper, Schoenborn. Nays: None. Absent: None. The Supervisor declared Ordinance 134 adopted.
7. The Wright/Tallmadge Joint Fire Department Agreement was reviewed.

8. The Soil Mining Permit request by JM Development for the Arthur Street Sand Mine was discussed. The Township Engineers did a site inspection and found that a portion of the mining operation may be outside the permitted grading area southwest of Phase II. The applicant is to review the mining permit and verify the property line setbacks are being maintained as required and to reestablish the required setbacks as necessary. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Hopper to approve the Soil Mining Permit conditionally upon the applicant providing current monitoring well data, plus a topographic survey drawing showing the required property line setbacks and the final proposed lake configuration if different from the permitted layout, and to reestablish the required setbacks. Motion carried.
9. A Soil Mining Permit request by Rusche Trucking for the Rusche Sand Mine on 24th Ave. was discussed. The Township Engineers did a site inspection and reported that no mineral removal has occurred since the last inspection since the mining permit was not renewed. Rusche wishes to obtain a new permit to continue working on the site, and the applicant also provided a Proposed Reclamation Survey for the purpose of filling in the site for development. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Karr to approve a Soil Mining Permit only. The applicant would need to submit an updated Reclamation Plan drawing that accurately notes the proposed fill volume before the Township will consider approval for the filling operation. Motion carried.
10. Schoenborn gave the fire report. There were 65 calls in May. Karr gave the Planning report. There was a Public Hearing in May to discuss the DeWys rezoning and the DeMeester Contract rezoning. There will not be a Planning Commission meeting in June.
11. Westgate gave the Supervisor's report. The DeWys sewer line expansion project has been delayed by the City of Grand Rapids Utility Advisory Board as they want more time to review the project. The MEDC has offered grants totaling \$810,000.00 to help DeWys with the sewer extension project. There have been Senior Service activities hosted by the Berlin Baptist Church in Marne. The Township will be doing a postcard mailing to inform residents of how to receive information regarding senior services offered locally. The dust control application planned for May 28 was rained out, and the contractor, Michigan Chloride Sales, has rescheduled Wright Township's dust control application for July 5th. Board members were not happy with this result, and Karr recommended that the Township look into the possibility of going back to Great Lakes Chloride, which was used last year and nullifying the contract with Michigan Chloride sales.
12. Under Board Concerns, Karr expressed appreciation for the timely fire department reports delivered by Jon Alkema. Carmody mentioned that there are issues with the Township drop box. The design of the box does not keep out nesting birds and rain, both of which are damaging items put into the drop box. A new drop box will need to be purchased. Carmody also congratulated Westgate for his election as MTA District 15 director, which includes Kent, Muskegon and Ottawa counties.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk