

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 08, 2017, 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, Tracy Worrell, Rick Schoenborn, and Gary Karr. No parking in the reserved fire spaces was announced.
2. The 2017 Memorial Day Parade and Marne Fest was added to the agenda as new number nine, with subsequent agenda items moved down.
3. A motion was made by Worrell and supported by Karr to approve the bills for February 2017 in the amount of \$86,968.57 and to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. The Budget was reviewed at the Special meeting prior to the Regular Board meeting. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to approve the minutes of the February 08, 2017 Regular Board meeting as written. Motion carried. A motion was made by Westgate and supported by Worrell to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 Special Board meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. There were no public comments.
5. Karr presented a draft of the updated Master Plan which the Planning Commission had approved for submission to the Wright Township Board for review and comment. Karr explained that the Planning Commission's revisions of the Master Plan consisted mainly of reorganizing chapters so that they coordinate with the chapters of the Wright Township Zoning Ordinance, which will facilitate usability. The Commission also redrew Master Plan map lines to connect sections of the Commercial and Industrial Zoning districts that had been previously disconnected into contiguous sections, and the village and fairground districts were combined into a single zoning district. Karr also expressed his appreciation of the valuable assistance provided by the Township Planner, Greg Ransford, throughout the Master Plan review process. As the Board members were highly satisfied with the revised Master Plan as submitted by the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to approve the distribution of the updated Master Plan to adjoining municipalities. Motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Worrell to appoint Rich Dausman to the Planning Commission for a three-year term renewal to expire in February, 2020.
7. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to change the percentage of grave sales being deposited in the perpetual care fund from fifty percent of grave sales to 15 percent of grave sales, with the remainder being deposited into the general fund. Motion carried.

8. Discussion was held regarding the demise of the Township printer/copier. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to accept the proposal from Noordyk Business Equipment to purchase a refurbished printer in the amount of \$4,275.00. Motion carried.
9. A motion was made by Worrell and supported by Carmody to approve the 2017 Memorial Day Parade and Marne Fest. Motion carried.
10. Worrell and Schoenborn gave Fire reports. There is concern about the large number of calls already this year and the possibility of needing more funding for the fire department in the future. Karr gave the Planning report. Carmody gave the ZBA report. A dimensional variance was granted to John Stuyfzand for property at 11514 Jackson St. in Marne. Carmody also presented information regarding new election equipment.
11. Under the Supervisor's report, Westgate informed the Board that DTE is interested in installing a wind turbine in Wright Township. They would have to comply with the Wright Township Ordinance regarding wind turbines. The Wright Township Board of Review will meet next week to hear appeals of assessments. The Supervisor will be attending a meeting next week with the City of Coopersville regarding the Council on Aging. The MTA quarterly meeting will be Monday, March 29, 2017 at the Polkton Township office.
12. Karr informed the Board that there is a new broken stone in Wells Cemetery. It is suspected that the damage may be caused by animals. Horses have been loose in the cemetery at various times. The Township will be requiring a fence around the Cemetery to protect the stones. The owner of the surrounding property will be contacted for possible solutions.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk