

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 14, 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, Gary Karr and Rick Schoenborn.
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. A motion was made by Carmody and supported by Karr to approve the bills for February, 2018 in the amount of \$21,320.58 and to accept the Treasurer's report. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Carmody, Hopper, Karr, Westgate. Nays: Schoenborn. Absent: None. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Schoenborn to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 Regular Board meeting with a correction to item number 9. Motion carried. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Hopper to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2018 Special meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. Members of the public commented regarding the condition of roads in the Township. JoAnn Becker requested that the Township establish a committee to evaluate the roads and find solutions for the upkeep of roads in the Township. Karr recommended that the Township look into forming a road committee composed of residents from various quadrants of the Township to determine if there is enough support for a local road millage.
5. A bid for the removal of several trees in the Marne cemetery by Brower Tree Service was discussed. The Board requested that more bids be obtained to review at the April meeting.
6. Dust control bids from Great Lakes Chloride and Michigan Chloride sales, LLC were reviewed. The Township has been using Great Lakes Chloride, but Schoenborn was not satisfied with the timing of the Calcium Chloride application ~~and the quality of the product used~~ (correction at the April 11, 2018 meeting) last year on the gravel roads. After discussion, a motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to approve a one-time Mineral well brine application by Michigan Chloride Sales, LLC of 3,000 gallons per mile 2 wide 1 down the middle at \$600.00 per mile. The condition of the gravel roads will be reviewed later in the year to determine if a second application is necessary and which company will be used for the second application. Motion carried.
7. Westgate gave a Senior Services update. The City of Coopersville has agreed to join Wright, Polkton and Chester Townships in the joint Senior Services agreement between the Townships and Four Pointes. Berlin Baptist church has offered the use of classroom space for some local services in Wright Township.

8. Carmody presented information regarding the new election equipment. In order for Election workers to have more opportunity to use the new equipment before the August and November elections, there will be a mock election on Wednesday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wright Township office. Township residents are also welcome to attend in order to view and use the new equipment as well.
9. Carmody also presented information from the County Department of Public Health regarding the Step It UP Fitness Challenge. Information is available at the Township office or at miOttawa.org/StepItUp.
10. Carmody gave Board members a packet of job descriptions for Township elected officials and employees. They will be reviewed next month.
11. Karr gave the fire report. Run calls were down last month at only 70 calls for February. There was discussion of how the number of priority three medical calls could be reduced. There was no planning meeting in March. Carmody reported that at the March 7, 2018 ZBA meeting, a request for a dimensional variance from the maximum height for an accessory structure in the LDR zoning district was approved. Westgate gave a report regarding the March Board of Review meeting to hear appeals of assessments and process veteran's exemptions.
12. Supervisor Westgate gave an update regarding the new computers and software purchased by the Historical Commission with their donation balance. Westgate also reported that Dewys Manufacturing is planning a large expansion and is intending to pursue a CDBG Grant in order to have the sewer line extended.
13. Under Board concerns, Schoenborn expressed approval regarding the signing of reimbursement forms. He also would like there to be evening office hours. Also discussed was the issue of security when officials are working alone in the office.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk