

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 10, 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. Pastor Jonathan Walter from the Seventh Day Adventist Church was present to give the Invocation. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Maureen Carmody, Tracy Worrell, Rick Schoenborn. Gary Karr arrived at 7:35 p.m. No parking in the reserved fire spaces was announced.
2. Discussion of Township policies was added to the agenda as new item number eight, with subsequent items moved down.
3. A motion was made by Carmody and supported by Westgate to approve the bills for April 2017 in the amount of \$85,259.17 and to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and the April 20, 2017 Special Board Meeting as drafted. Motion carried.
4. Several members of the public were in attendance. Mary Goericke, 15550 32nd Ave., commented on excessive noise issues she has been experiencing regarding the dirt bike and motorcycle track on her neighbor's property. She informed the board that the bikes are very loud and are running on a regular basis, sometimes for an entire day. Supervisor Westgate gave copies of the police reports regarding this matter to the board members for review. Ms. Goericke was informed that Wright Township does not have an ordinance that prohibits the use of dirt bikes on private property in the Rural Agricultural Zoning district. Karr suggested that the Board could request the Township attorney to review existing ordinances to see if there is anything that can be used to resolve the issue without creating new laws. Karr also stated that it would be better for the neighbors to communicate and work on resolving the issue on their own. Ms. Goericke was assured that the matter would be investigated. Mike Spicuzza, 2176 Berlin Fair Drive, complained about cars speeding on Berlin Fair Drive. Westgate told him he would talk to the local deputies and ask them do more patrols in the area. Mr. Spicuzza also informed the Board that there is a property on 24th Ave. just north of Cleveland St. which has large amounts of trash in the yard. He was told that a written complaint needs to be filed in order for any action to be taken by the Township.
5. Nick Mesman and Mike Bursley from the Berlin Raceway presented to the Board the results of the survey they mailed to area residents within a one-half mile radius of the racetrack regarding the proposed change in the Wednesday practice schedule from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. every other Wednesday. They stated that they sent out 300 letters and received 133 responses. Ninety-two responses were in favor of the schedule change, and many of those responses included additional statements of support. Thirty-nine responses were not in favor of the change. One response was unsure and one response was not in favor before school is out. The Board reviewed the results of the survey and read aloud a letter from Theodore and Suzanne Clum stating their opposition to the proposed schedule change. As a great majority of the returned responses were in favor of the change, and taking into consideration some qualifications for approval made by some residents, a motion was made by Worrell and supported by Karr to approve the change in the 2017 practice schedule from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. every other Wednesday beginning June 14 and ending by August 31, not to exceed seven practices. Motion carried.

6. The Board reviewed a request by Charles and Susan Rasch to enroll land in the PA 116 (farmland preservation) program. As there were no objections from the reviewing agencies, a motion was made by Worrell and supported by Schoenborn to approve the PA 116 request by Charles and Susan Rasch. Motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Worrell and supported by Carmody to adopt Resolution 17-05-01 Sewer REU change-Marne Industrial Buildings to be set at 1 REU for the new building on their property. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Westgate, Schoenborn, Carmody, Karr, Worrell. Nays: None. Absent: None. The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.
8. Schoenborn presented information to the board regarding review of Township policies. The Board members will review the materials for discussion regarding improvement of policies at a later meeting.
9. Reports were given. Worrell presented the fire report. There were 68 calls for both Townships. The next Planning Commission meeting will be on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Carmody reported that the May 02, 2017 Special Election went very well, and there was a smooth transition to the new polling location for both precincts. Voter turnout was approximately thirteen percent for this election. It was the last election using the old voting equipment. Carmody also wished to thank the volunteers from Little Farms Chapel who helped to clean up Maple Hill Cemetery on April 22.
10. In the Supervisor's report, Westgate informed the Board that there is another beaver problem at Cranberry Lake, and the Drain Commissioner will be arranging to have traps set. There will be another meeting with local Townships next week regarding the Council on Aging. He also commented on problems with the current website company. They recently shut down the website while in the process of verifying that the Township was a real entity. He is going to take bids from another company. The Board was informed that the recent Township audit went very well. Westgate invited Karr to give a Historical Commission update. Mary Alt would like the Board's support for installing a historical plaque at the original Township Hall on Cleveland St. Karr stated that he emphasized to the Commission that the building's usefulness is limited due to the lack of plumbing and heat. The Board supports the Commission's efforts in obtaining a Historical plaque for the building. An update on the complaint regarding junk cars on property at 2891 Roosevelt St. was given. A second notice has been sent to require clean-up of the site.
11. Under Board concerns, Worrell requested that a dust control application be applied to dirt roads as soon as possible. Karr informed the Board that there are many people in the community who would like to be on the Historical Commission which is limited to five official members. He wondered if wording could be changed in the charter to offer a designation of Associate Commission member.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk

