

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 09, 2019-7:30 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, Gary Karr.
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Carmody to approve the October 2019 bills in the amount of \$49,176.16 and to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Hopper to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2019 Regular Board meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. There were no public comments.
5. A Public Hearing was held for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate application from Competition Engineering, Inc. for a Facility Expansion. Greg King, from Lakeshore Advantage, and Scott Leasure, the operations manager for Competition Engineering were present to give an overview of the expansion project. Competition Engineering is constructing a 15,200 square foot expansion to an existing facility in Wright Township within an Industrial Development District in order to add a larger press and more equipment. This will result in additional jobs being created as well. Westgate stated that the request is for an IFT certificate for \$943,257.00 for 12 years. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:32 p.m. There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Karr to adopt Resolution 19-10-01-Approving an Application from Competition Engineering, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a Facility Expansion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Karr, Carmody, Schoenborn, Hopper, Westgate. Nays: None. Absent: None. The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.
6. Greg King from Lakeshore Advantage gave the 2019 economic update report for the West Michigan Lakeshore Region in Allegan and Ottawa counties. He stated that Ottawa County currently has the fastest job growth in Michigan.
7. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Carmody to approve the request by Legacy Acres Farms, LLC to enroll land in the PA 116 Farmland and Open Spaces Program. Motion carried.
8. Snowplow bids from J.B. Outdoor Services LLC and Turf Plus Lawn Care and Plowing, LLC were reviewed. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to accept the bid from Turf Plus Lawn Care and Plowing, LLC for snow plowing services for the 2019-2020 Winter in the amount of \$1,240.00. Motion carried.
9. Karr gave the fire report. There were 75 calls in September. Karr also gave the Planning Commission report. There was a Public Hearing at the September 16, 2019 Planning Commission meeting to consider a request by Michigan Electric Transmission Company (METC) for a Special Use Permit for an Electric Transmission Substation and associated buildings on vacant land located north of Arthur St. and west of 16th Avenue and south of Cleveland St., Marne MI 49435, parcel number 70-06-22-400-010. A decision regarding the request for a Special Land Use permit was tabled until the October 21, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. Karr recommended YouTube videos by Practical Engineering for basic facts regarding electric transmission substations. Carmody gave information regarding changes in Four Pointes Outreach office hours. There will no longer be a Four Pointes representative at the Wright Township office on the second Wednesday of every month due to a lack of participation by residents. Residents can make appointments to speak with a Four Pointes staff member for support and help. There WILL be office hours at the Wright Township office on Wednesday, November 13 from 12:30-2:30 for help with Medicare open enrollment. A worksheet must be completed and returned to the Four Pointes office in order to get an appointment scheduled for this day.
10. In the Supervisor's report, Westgate gave an update regarding the recent meeting of the local Senior Service Board and Four Pointes. He also presented bids for new computers and technology upgrades to Windows 10 from Shoreline Technology Solutions and CCS Technologies. A Motion was made by Hopper and supported by Schoenborn to accept the bid from CCS Technologies in the amount of \$6,983.09. Motion carried.
11. There were no board concerns.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk