

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 11, 2017

1565 Jackson St., Marne, Michigan 49435

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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 Carmody to approve the bills for September 2017 in the amount of \$39,132.92 and to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Karr to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2017 Regular Board meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. During Public Comments, Patricia Looks, 18866 8th Ave., Conklin MI 49403, informed the Board that there is no school speed zone sign approaching St. Joseph's Church and school from the north. She expressed concern regarding excessive speed and reckless driving near the school. Westgate said that he would contact the Road Commission to resolve the issue.
5. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to approve the PA 116 -Farmland and Open Space Preservation application submitted by Jesse and Jean Ricord, 2704 Berlin Fair Dr., Marne, Michigan 49435. Motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to approve the PA 116-Farmland and Open Space Preservation application submitted by Thomas and Kathleen Ritz, 2721 Wilson St., Conklin, Michigan 49403. Motion carried.
7. Schoenborn presented the Fire Report. Karr presented the Planning Report. The Public Hearing for the Master Plan has been scheduled for October 23, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
8. Westgate informed the Board that Supervisors of the three local townships have been meeting with the Council on Aging and have sent a draft agreement to the attorneys for input. The hope is to have more local input and access for seniors. The Berlin Baptist Church has agreed to host an open house. A potential mailing to all households regarding available senior resources was also discussed. The agreement will be independent of Coopersville. Westgate also gave an update regarding the driveway lawsuit on Cranberry Lake Ct. The Judge is refusing to release the Township from the lawsuit despite the fact that the Township does not issue driveway permits. The Township's lawyer has filed a motion for summary disposition, a formal request to release the Township from the lawsuit. The Township has also asked for sanctions against the

opposing attorney regarding egregious inaccuracies in her complaint. Most likely, though, Westgate will have to appear in court on the behalf of the Township.

9. Under Board concerns, Karr expressed concern regarding excessive speed on 16th Ave. between Hayes St. and Comstock St, where the speed limit is posted at 30 mph. He would like an electronic sign installed temporarily to inform motorists of the posted speed and their speed. Westgate will contact Sheriff Kemper to see if they have any electronic speed signs available. Schoenborn requested that payroll and reimbursement forms be signed and that payroll and reimbursement forms be submitted on a monthly basis. Carmody and Schoenborn informed the Board that they will not be able to attend the November 8th Regular meeting.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk