

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 2017, 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. Trustee Karr gave the invocation, especially asking for prayers and blessings for the family of Treasurer Tracy Worrell who died on June 27, 2017. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Maureen Carmody, Rick Schoenborn and Gary Karr.
2. There were no additions to the agenda by Board members.
3. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to approve the bills in the amount of \$44,174.82 and accept the Treasurer's report (as presented by Westgate). Motion carried. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2017 Regular Board meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. During public comments, Jean Schwallier, 17252 40th Ave., Conklin, informed the Board that she was interested in filling the vacancy for Township Treasurer. Also present at the meeting was Nancy Hopper, 15928 Victory Lane, Coopersville, currently Deputy Clerk for Wright Township. She is also interested in filling the vacancy for Township Treasurer.
5. As the Board was not aware of any other interested candidates besides Nancy Hopper for the Treasurer vacancy before the meeting, it was decided to postpone discussion of an appointment to the position until a Special Meeting to be held for this purpose on Wednesday, July 19, 6:00 p.m. Jean Schwallier will submit an application and resume to the Township Board before the Special Meeting. The vacancy must be filled by August 11, 2017 or a special election will need to be held.
6. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to approve the PA 116 Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program request by the Stephen Vanoeffelen Trust. Motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Carmody to approve the request by the Police Unity Tour for a 5K road race to be held in Wright Township on Saturday, September 23, 2017, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The race will start just outside the fairgrounds on Berlin Fair Dr. Motion carried.
8. A motion was made by Carmody and supported by Schoenborn to appoint Stephanie Mayrose to the Coopersville Library Board. Motion carried.
9. Schoenborn presented the Fire Report. There was no Planning report due to the cancellation of the June meeting. Carmody reported that variances were granted at the June 22, 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to the Pickle Back restaurant to build a deck for outdoor seating and to Ronald and Debra Malone to rebuild a home destroyed by fire.

10. In the Supervisor's report, Westgate informed the Board that the owner of the corner lot on Kenowa Ave. and Cranberry Lake Ct. has filed a lawsuit against the other owners of the private drive in order to use Kenowa Ave. as an outlet for a driveway rather than the private drive, Cranberry Lake Ct. The judge is bringing the Township into this dispute for input because of the consent judgment that requires all property owners along Cranberry Lake Ct. to use the private drive for a driveway. Westgate also reported that the State has recently evaluated the work being done by the Township to correct deficiencies found in the AMAR review. The state is very happy with the reevaluation of properties being done by Westgate as long as the Township continues the review process.
11. Under Board concerns, Karr expressed interest in filling the vacancy on the Fire Board left by Tracy Worrell.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk