

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 08 2020, 7:30 P.M.

Via Teleconference

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1. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Westgate remotely via teleconference due to restrictions on public gatherings during the covid-19 crisis. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Maureen Carmody, Nancy Hopper, Gary Karr, Rick Schoenborn.
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Westgate to approve the June 2020 bills in the amount of \$75,537.23 and to accept the Treasurer's report. Schoenborn inquired what the Homestead fee reimbursement was for. Westgate replied that it is the annual Township website hosting fee. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Karr, Schoenborn, Hopper, Westgate, Carmody. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Schoenborn to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2020 Regular Board meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Westgate, Hopper, Schoenborn, Karr, Carmody. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.
4. During public comments, Bonnie Thoms asked why a Township credit card isn't used for Township expenses. Westgate replied that when the Board last looked into obtaining a Township credit card, the banks required a personal guarantee for the Township debt.
5. No action was taken regarding a soil mining permit renewal for J & M Development, as they still have not submitted a reclamation plan for filling in the site on 24th Ave.
6. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to reappoint Steve Gray, Harold Popma and Jim Molyneux to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two-year term to expire in July of 2022. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Schoenborn, Carmody, Westgate, Hopper, Karr. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.
7. Westgate gave the fire report. Due to issues with power outages, the final report was not available, but there were approximately 89 calls in June. Karr reported that there was no Planning Commission meeting on June 15. Carmody reported that as the regular polling location for Precincts 1 and 2 at St. Mary's Church is currently unavailable due to the Covid-19 crisis, polling locations for the August 4, 2020 primary will be in different locations. Voters in Precinct 2 will vote at the Marne American Legion Hall, 1469 Arthur St., Marne 49435, and voters in Precinct 1 will vote at Little Farms Chapel, 2518 Arthur St. E., Coopersville 49404. Notices will be mailed to voters regarding this temporary change in polling locations.
8. Supervisor Westgate gave information regarding Sand Creek drain assessments. Residents with questions regarding this matter should contact the County Drain Commissioner.
9. Under board concerns, Karr stated that the road and parking area adjacent to the Veteran's park in Marne is in desperate need of repair. Schoenborn voiced various concerns, including a recommendation that the Township look into adopting an Ordinance to restrict the number of large animals on smaller properties in the AG zoning district. He also voiced concerns regarding pay for technical support for the planning commission video conferences, substation construction access on 16th Ave., dust control options during a dry year for consideration next year and campaign signs.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk