

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2009**

*The following minutes were taken at the August, 2009 board meeting and are currently unapproved.*

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Becker at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge and a prayer. Board members present were JoAnn Becker, Rick Schoenborn, Linda Way, Josh Westgate and Tracy Worrell.
2. No additions, but agenda items 5 will be switched with item 11
3. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Westgate to approve the bills in the amount of \$15,401.01 and to accept the treasurer's report, Trust and Agency and Tax Account Profit & Loss. Motion carried. A motion was made by Westgate and supported by Worrell to approve the minutes of July 8 Regular Board meeting. Motion carried.
4. No public comments.
5. Not every student desires to go to college; not every student can afford college, so the Ottawa County Career and Tech Center has been furthering educations with different options but now the school will be changed to a college prep school. This is not what the voters approved the millage for in 1975. We listened to Patricia Meyer who pleaded the case for the Career and Tech Center and about the changes that will be made. A motion was made by Worrell and supported by Way to sustain the career center by adopting a resolution supporting bill HB 4410 (*attached*). Roll call vote. All ayes Resolution declared adopted.
6. A motion was made by Worrell and supported by Schoenborn to adopt resolution 09-08-02 which sets purpose, scope and objectives for township investments predicated on attorney checking for accuracy. (*copy attached*) Roll call vote – all ayes. Resolution declared adopted.
7. A motion was made by Way and supported by Schoenborn to approve registration and mileage for any board member that will be able to attend the MTA Fall Regional Meeting to be held on Monday, Sept 28 in Grand Rapids. Motion carried.
8. State law now allows for a second ZBA Alternate Member to be appointed. A motion was made by Westgate and supported by Worrell to accept the supervisor's recommendation of Theresa Frank to fill the position of Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate for term of 9/1/09-9/1/12. Motion carried.
9. Wright/Tallmadge Fire Department will hold an Open House at Tallmadge on September 19, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All board members have volunteered to help with kids programs that day. A sign-up sheet will be available.

10. The Board studied the Wright Township Disaster Preparedness Plan. A motion was made by Way and supported by Schoenborn to adopt the plan and include the plan in the Wright Township Policy Book. Motion carried. (*copy attached*)

11. A motion was made by Way and supported by Westgate to adopt Resolution 09-08-01 - Conflict of Interest Disclosure Policy. Roll call vote - All ayes. Resolution declared adopted. Resolution will be distributed to each board member and all commission members. Signed disclosures need to be returned to the Supervisor. These disclosures should be renewed each year. (*attachment*)

12. Reports were given.

13. Supervisor Reports: \*Wright Township Board appreciates Mike Keefe's many years of service to our community and congratulates him for his new position of Fire Chief for Allendale Fire Department.

\*We had complaints regarding the visibility problem at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue & the railroad tracks. We brought this to Dan Vandenberg's attention and he immediately took care of it. Thank you so much! Also, a thank you to Jim Walcott for installing new dispensers for the Township.

14. Board Concerns:\*Way presented invoice, payroll and bid process policies to the board for their information and approval. Each item will be included in the Policy Manual. (*attachment*) Motion by Worrell, supported by Schoenborn to adopt this policy and to include also the policy language from existing Res. 99-07-03. Motion carried.

\*We continue to have problems with someone dumping rubbish in the Marne Cemetery. If anyone has any knowledge of this individual, please let us know. We did receive one phone call, but they gave an incorrect address. The police are aware of the problem.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Way, Wright Township Clerk