

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 10, 2011

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The following minutes were taken at the August 10, 2011 board meeting and have been amended and approved.

1. The 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, Tracy Worrell, Rick Schoenborn, Westgate, and Deputy Clerk Theresa Frank. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Josh Westgate to excuse Clerk Linda Way who is on vacation. Motion carried.
2. No additions to the agenda were made.
3. A motion was made by Schoenborn, and supported by Westgate to approve the bills in the amount of \$13,919.48 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 13, 2011 regular Board Meeting as written Motion carried.
4. No public comments.
5. Commissioner Greg DeJong was at the meeting and gave his report. Not much was happening on the county level, but he did report on the Free Breakfast on the Farm. The breakfast was being held to acquaint the public with how a dairy actually operates, and let them know how important they are to us as consumers.
6. Auditor's report will be tabled until September board meeting.
7. Mary Alt (Historian) was at the meeting to request a vote to establish a Historical Commission for Wright Township. Along with Mary were Betty Brown and Connie Deleeuw. Who were both there to support Mary with the process. A motion was made by Worrell and supported by Westgate that a historical commission be created. Motion was carried. The commission will be called "Wright Township Historical Commission". If anyone has any information they would like to share with the Wright Township Historical Commission it would be greatly appreciated. It can be dropped off at the Township offices.
8. Resolution 11-08-01 Partial Termination P.A.116. Leo and Pat Rasch have requested a partial termination of farmland and development rights agreement with pre-existing structure, regarding parcel 70-24617-123100. Westgate made a motion, and was supported by Schoenborn. Roll call votes 4 ayes and 1 absent. Resolution declared adopted.

9. Supervisor Becker will follow up with Clerk Way regarding worker's compensation insurance.

10. Treasure Worrell gave fire report, Westgate reported on the Planning Commission,, and Becker reported on the Board of Reviews.

11. Supervisor Becker asked the boards opinion on what to do with the old copier now sitting in the township office. She asked if we should have Nordyke pick it up as they had offered. But Westgate suggested we put it in the basement for the Historical Commission to use. Everyone agreed.

12. Worrell suggested we have the Township office floor refurbished once a year. It will cost \$300.00 for the one time, but will make the floor last for years longer. Westgate made a motion and Becker supported. Motion carried.

Treasurer Worrell also wanted property owners to know that the summer tax deferments need to be in or updated by deadline September 14, 2011.

One more item, the Civil War re-enactment set for September 24, 2011, in the Marne Cemetery was discussed. The board wants everyone to know the details. The event is slated for 9:00 A.M. "Pillars of Honor" works with Camp 1 Sons of Union Veterans of Grand Rapids to hold a very solemn and dignified service to honor specifically unmarked graves of union veterans of the civil war. To that end, the ceremony will be performed at the grave side of Pvt. John Cheney, Plot 110W but will make mention of all the unmarked graves and replacement stones we are honoring that day. There were a total of five civil war veterans at rest in the Marne Cemetery that had no headstones. Individuals dress in civil war period costumes. Camp 1 SUV members will come dressed in civil war military uniforms. They perform the ceremony by placing symbolic tokens at graves and loading and firing civil war rifles. Not knowing if the veteran ever had a funeral service it is all done in a very solemn-like atmosphere. As mentioned before we lay a white rose at the grave of all headstones that we placed or replaced in conjunction with our project. Printed programs will be provided of the ceremony including biographies of the veterans we will be honoring that day.

13. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Frank, Wright Township Deputy Clerk