

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 13, 2011
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The following minutes were taken at the July, 2011 board meeting and are APPROVED.

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, Tracy Worrell and Josh Westgate.
2. No additions to the agenda.
3. A motion was made by Westgate and supported by Schoenborn to approve the bills in the amount of \$47,548.68 and to accept the treasurer's report, Trust and Agency and Tax Account Profit & Loss and Quarterly reports. Motion carried. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Westgate to approve the minutes of June 8, 2011, as written but verify the spelling of a resident's name. Motion carried.
4. Tammy Sayles from Pinnacle Insurance discussed in detail what our current coverage includes.
5. Commissioner Greg DeJong discussed 8th Avenue bridge, Triick farms, previous Pratt property in Allendale which will be a boat launch on one side and a kayak launch on the other; August 13, first ever Breakfast on the Farm at Daybreak Dairy, and Republican Party meet with greater Holland Latino business owners.
6. Reports from Dep. Drain Commissioner, Linda Brown, indicate that Sand Creek has a lot of trees, sedimentation and needs maintenance plan. O. C. County Drain Commission may work with Fishbach to get aerial photos to define the drainage district. We would like to have a representative from the drain commission attend a township meeting to explain possible costs and how assessment will work.
7. In an effort to make it possible for residents to be eligible to purchase flood insurance, the Township must comply with FEMA regulations, have a Pre Hazard Mitigation Plan, adopt floodplain maps, and adopt a resolution for floodplain development for NFIP along with an ordinance addressing floodplain mgt. provisions of the State construction code. This will be tabled until August to allow time to make sure everything is in place.
8. A motion was made by Way and supported by Schoenborn to accept the 10 year contract attachment from Charter which allows the Township to receive free internet service for 10 years and not require them to charge a fee to all Wright Township Charter customers. Motion carried. (*attached*)
9. The weight limits imposed on the 8th Avenue Bridge are creating hardships and economic impact for our Industrial District. In an effort to speed the process along, instead of waiting until 2014 for repairs to be scheduled, we will try to secure a loan so

that in November, 2011 if MDOT approves this project OCRC can get process started in 2012. (MDOT sets schedule). The project will be paid 95% by MDOT and 5% by OCRC. Short term loan interest will owed until MDOT money comes in. The Township financially cannot pay more than one-half portion of the interest and are looking for assistance from other agencies for the balance. Motion by Way, support by Becker to approve loan interest expense of \$6,000 contingent upon loan eligibility and supplementary assistance with other portion to facilitate urgent repairs for 8th Avenue Bridge because of economic impact regarding our business district area. Motion carried.

10. Way explained that after each census, any township with 2000 or more residents is eligible to become a charter twp. A motion was made by Westgate and supported by Worrell to adopt Resolution 11-07-01 which opposes incorporation for Wright Township (Ottawa County) as a charter township as this would require the election of 2 additional trustees and making other costly changes. Roll call vote. All ayes. Resolution declared adopted.

11. Becker updated the board on the next steps with the foot bridge being installed at Cole Park - sincere thanks to the Bud Visser family and Tom May family.

12. Reports were given. Way informed everyone that the book on the Civil War veterans from all five cemeteries in Wright Township is complete and available for viewing at the Office. It lists all the veterans, their ranks and pictures of the headstones. We appreciate and thank Pillars of Honor, Ben Looks and Marne American Legion for all their efforts in making this possible. A dedication and re-enactment will take place in Marne Cemetery in September. As soon as a date is available, it will be announced.

13. Supervisor Becker discussed her concerns with Governor Snyder's Best Practice initiative. We have always been extremely frugal to hold down costs by doing many projects by ourselves and using our dedicated volunteers. Becker is working up a list for Representative Dave Agema on the many ways we are already keeping costs down so he can present to the Governor.

14. Board concerns – Worrell discussed adding cost of central system server to the budget sometime in the future.

15. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Way
Wright Township Clerk