

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2019-7:30 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 and a Prayer. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Maureen Carmody, Nancy Hopper, Rick Schoenborn, Gary Karr.
2. The annual Four Pointes contract was added to the agenda as new number 13, with subsequent items moved down.
3. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Carmody to approve the October 2019 bills in the amount of \$20,391.45 and to accept the Treasurer's report. Per a request by Schoenborn, it was agreed to submit reimbursement claim forms monthly. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Schoenborn to approve the minutes of the October 09, 2019 minutes as written. Motion carried.
4. There were no public comments.
5. Nick Mesman from the Berlin Raceway was present to give an annual report. Concerns regarding fireworks, traffic, events running past 11:00 p.m., and enforcement of Ordinance 63 were voiced by Theodore Clum, 2081 Berlin Fair Dr. Westgate advised him to contact the Ottawa County Sheriff department when issues arise so that there is official documentation of violations, and Karr recommended more discussion of these concerns, and requested specific details regarding incidents be provided. There was no Berlin Fair representative present to give the annual Berlin Fair report.
6. Mary Alt presented the annual Historical Commission report. Quarterly meetings will now be held on the second Thursday of January, April, July and October at the Berlin Fairgrounds. The Berlin Fair Historical display in 2020 will feature local Berlin Raceway drivers. They have also developed a database of family files for anyone researching family history.
7. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to renew the Historical Commission terms for Betty Brown, Bret Petrauskas and Mike Keefe for a term to expire in November 2022. Motion carried.
8. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Karr to renew the Zoning Board of Appeals term for Maureen Carmody for a term to expire in November 2022. Motion carried.
9. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Hopper to renew the Planning Commission term for Steve Van Timmeren for a term to expire in November 2022. Motion carried.
10. A motion was made by Carmody and supported by Schoenborn to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Member term for Don Engle for a term to expire in November 2022. Motion carried.
11. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Carmody to accept the resignation of Rita Carmody from Board of Review. Motion carried.
12. Westgate reported that the Marne Tree lighting event will be on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at the Veteran's park across from the Depot Restaurant. A music presentation and Christmas Carol sing-a-long begins at 6:00 p.m. with the tree lighting at 6:30 p.m. A party will be held at the Wright Township fire barn afterward with a meal, cookie decorating, pictures with Santa and gifts provided for children. All portions of the event are free of charge.
13. Westgate presented the Four Pointes Senior Services contract renewal for 2020. The agreement and the amount of millage funds in the amount of \$11,750.00 to be distributed to Four Pointes is the same as last year. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Carmody to approve the contract renewal for Four Pointes. Motion carried.
14. Karr gave the fire report. There were 86 calls in October. Karr also gave the planning report. At the October 21, 2019 Planning Commission meeting, a special use permit and site plan with conditions was approved for Michigan Electric Transmission Company for an Electric Transmission Substation on vacant land North of Arthur and West of 16th Ave. and South of Cleveland St., parcel number 70-06-22-400-010. Karr stated that the only authority the Planning Commission had was regarding the two structures proposed on the site. The Planning Commission was able to require extensive buffers on the site, and the revised site plan will be reviewed at the November 18, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. Carmody reported that at the November 05, 2019 Special Election, zero voters voted in the precinct on Election day, and only two voters voted absentee.
15. In the Supervisor's report, Westgate stated that according to the Grand Rapids Sewer rate study, rates for sewer users will go up 3.99 percent in 2020. He also reported that there was discussion at the Lion's Club meeting of planting a tree in Veteran's park instead of buying a tree for the Marne Tree Lighting event each year.
16. There were no board concerns.
17. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody, Wright Township Clerk