

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010
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The following minutes were taken at the September, 2010 board meeting and are APPROVE AS WRITTEN.

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 Schoenborn and supported by Westgate to approve the bills in the amount of \$54,927.05 and to accept the treasurer's report, Trust and Agency and Tax Account Profit & Loss. Motion carried. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Westgate to approve the minutes of August 5 Special & August 11 Regular Board Meetings as written. Motion carried. *Attached*

4. Gary Karr was asked by the Clerk to look at the electrical situation at Old Hall to determine what it would take to run air conditioners that were donated to the Township. After discussion with other electrician, it was determined that it might cost around \$2,000 to bring everything up to code and run several small air conditioners. The Township will look into historical and HAVA grants to see if there is any help available.

5. Linda Wagemaker, Utility Financial Officer of City of Grand Rapids explained how sewer rates were figured. City Water/Sewer has reduced operating costs, 3-year "averaging" and interest rates for "Zone-gating" has been refigured at a lower rate. All of this will be helpful in lowering monthly rates for Wright Township. Becker has been regularly attending UAB meetings in an attempt to get Wright sewer rates lowered. A motion was made by Way and supported by Becker to adopt Resolution **10-09-01** approving the **4th Amendment to the G. R. Service Agreement** which allows for a 3 year averaging of flow, lowers bond interest rates from 6% to 4.5% for zoned fixed assets, and creates possibility of pre-paying allocated capital revenue. Roll call vote – all ayes. Resolution declared adopted. *Attached*

6. **Ordinance 113 – Sewer Use Ord.** Gary DeKock, G. R. Wastewater Treatment Supervisor explained that G. R. system is required every 5 years to update to current standards for system capacity to remove pollutants. The EPA has added additional requirements which must be met causing the need to update existing G. R. Sewer Use Ordinance which all units are required to adopt. DeKock also spoke of the North Kent Sewer flow changes, homeowner's responsibility and industrial pretreatment streamlining. Public hearing opened at 8:12 p.m. Public comments: Gary Karr asked questions regarding lift stations & what industries can damage treatments. Public Hearing closed at 8:23 p.m. A motion was made by Westgate and supported by Worrell to adopt the ordinance changes. All ayes. Ordinance adopted. *Attached.*

7. Becker gave an update on improvement to the Rain Garden by the Sand Creek group. Bags of debris have to be removed and railroad ties around the garden have been pushed out of place. Westgate will work on putting the wood back in place.

8. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who worked at Cole Park all day Saturday, on August 28. A tremendous effort was accomplished by many. A foot bridge plus some other projects still need to be completed. Volunteers include: Dan Vandenberg, Tinna & Nathan Gieske, Bud, John & Cole Visser, Buck & Diane Chesla, Julie, Brian & Doug May, Rod Prys, Jim & JoAnn Becker. Thanks for Jean Curtiss' involvement & assistance.

Special thanks to Mike Rusche for donating millings, equipment and labor in the parking lot at Cole Park and on the west side of the fire station. Both areas look wonderful and were much needed.

9. Reports were given. Thanks to everyone who supported the Fire Fighters Association at the Berlin Fair. They will be upgrading the lighting on the grass rigs with the profits. Thanks to the W/T Firefighters Association for using the profits to upgrade the vehicles. New firefighters include Shaun Turner, Caleb Raap and Brian Leale.

10. Supervisor Becker thanked Board Members for continued assistance with office update and expressed special thanks to Becky Boersma and Robin Liszewski for their great efforts. Superior Automotive did an excellent paint job on cabinets.

11. Worrell expressed concerns on the age and efficiency of the Assessor's computer. Board consensus is to have Mike Ledford install new computer & software for an estimated cost of \$700. Worrell also would like to attend a training class. A motion was made by Way and supported by Westgate to approve mileage and the \$20 registration fee for Excel/Treasurer training in Grand Haven on September 23, 2010. Motion carried.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Way, Wright Township Clerk