

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2019, 7:30 P.M.

1565 Jackson St., Marne MI 49435

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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. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Schoenborn to approve the March 2019 bills in the amount of \$124,161.21 and to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Karr to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 Special Budget Prep meeting, the March 13, 2019 Regular Board meeting and the March 27, 2019 Special meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. There were no public comments.
5. There was a Public Hearing to establish an Industrial Development District for DeWys Manufacturing, 15300 8th Ave. Jon DeWys was present, along with Jennifer Owen from Lakeshore Advantage, to give information regarding the expansion of the facility. The establishment of the IDD district would allow the company to apply for a tax abatement. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:32 p.m. Linda Yonkers, 15486 8th Ave. expressed concern about the potential for increased noise, and she also wanted to know how much land was affected by the rezoning to Industrial at a previous meeting. She was informed that the land surrounding the property owned by DeWys Manufacturing is still zoned Agricultural. The Industrial Development District would only apply to the land owned by DeWys Manufacturing. DeWys stated that the expansion would actually reduce noise, but there will be more traffic due to the hiring of a significant number of new employees. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:41. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Carmody to adopt Resolution 19-04-01-Resolution to establish an Industrial Development District (15300 8th Ave.) in Wright Township, Ottawa County, Michigan. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Carmody, Schoenborn, Karr, Hopper, Westgate. Nays: None. Absent: None. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.
6. A motion was made by Schoenborn and supported by Hopper to approve the request by K & H Grain to enroll four parcels in the PA 116, Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program. Motion carried.
7. Karr gave the Fire report. There were 78 calls in March. Carmody gave the Planning Report. At the April 1, 2019 Planning Commission meeting, the revised site plan for DeWys Manufacturing was approved. There will not be a Planning Commission meeting on April 15, 2019. In the cemetery report Carmody wished to thank the anonymous person who has been removing debris generated by the cleanup of Marne Cemetery. Carmody also informed board members that she would be seeking bids for a Ground Penetrating Radar Scan of Maple Hill Cemetery to aid in the updating of burial records, as there is very little data available for that cemetery.
8. Westgate gave the Supervisor's report.
9. Under board concerns, Karr stated that he thought the recent Michigan Township Conference was excellent and very informative.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk