

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 14, 2019-7:30 P.M.

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1. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. 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 July 2019 bills in the amount of \$18,436.39 and to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Karr to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2019 Regular Board meeting and the July 25, 2019 Special Board meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. There were no public comments.
5. A Public Hearing was held for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate application from DeWys Manufacturing, Inc. for a facility expansion. Jon DeWys was in attendance to give an overview of the expansion project. They currently employ over 200 people, and they expect to hire 40 more people over the next three years. They have also received a \$260,000.00 grant from the state for job growth. The expansion will increase the size of the facility to 130,000 square feet, and the building project is expected to be completed in October 2019 and fully operational by the end of the year. Amanda Murray from Lakeshore Advantage explained the Industrial Facilities Exemption process and noted that nothing is removed from the tax roll, it is just a reduction on improvements to the building. Westgate added that DeWys Manufacturing is requesting a certificate for 3.75 million dollars for 12 years. The 3.75 million dollar investment by DeWys will be taxed at a half rate for 12 years, and after 12 years will be taxed at 100 percent ad valorem rate. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:36 p.m. There were no public comments, and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.
6. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Schoenborn to adopt Resolution 19-08-01-Approving an Application from DeWys Manufacturing, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a Facility Expansion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Karr, Schoenborn, Carmody, Hopper, Westgate. Nays: None. Absent: None. The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.
7. Brett Laughlin from the Ottawa County Road Commission was in attendance to provide information regarding funding and costs for roads, bridges and culverts countywide and specifically for Wright Township. He also provided information regarding recently completed and upcoming road improvements in Wright Township.
8. Karr gave the fire report. There were 69 calls in July, and he also reported that Elliot Parcher has successfully completed EMT training for an EMT-B license. The Planning Commission did not have a meeting in July. Carmody reported that Sparta School District will have a sinking fund renewal proposal on the ballot for a November 5, 2019 Special election.
9. Westgate gave the Supervisor's report. The contract with Four Pointes for senior services is up for renewal in October.
10. There were no board concerns.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk