

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2021 – 7:30 pm

In Office at 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI 49435

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1. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Schoenborn. Board members present include: Supervisor Rick Schoenborn, Treasurer Sharyl Dietrich, Trustee Adam Taylor, Trustee Brad Anderson. Clerk Theresa Frank absent—attending MTA Clerk Conference. Meeting was held at Township Office at 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI.
2. APPROVE AGENDA and ADDITIONS
 - a. No additions.
 - b. Dietrich moved to approve the agenda and Anderson supported. All ayes, motion carried.
 - c. Evelyn Coxon was introduced as the new Deputy Clerk. Jan Redding will be Office Manager/Deputy Treasurer. Amanda Erler, former Deputy Clerk, took a full-time position elsewhere.
3. REVIEW AND APPROVE
 - a. Anderson moved to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$58,894.99, and accept as information the Treasurer Report. Dietrich explained the new format of the Treasurer report. Support by Taylor. All ayes, motion carried.
4. REPORTS
 - a. Fire Report by Fire Chief Mike Gavin
 - Gavin reported of a recent semi-truck hauling lumber that caught fire. He pointed out how the full-time staffing made the losses minimal and response time quicker. The accident was at 6:00am, which is the time of the morning that night shift firefighters are not home from work yet and the day shift firefighters are committed to their day job. This is a perfect example of why the fulltime staffing is very beneficial.
 - The fires have been busy this year. They will be interviewing 3 people, which makes them overstaff by 1 if all three are hired. This will help to reduce “burn out” or “overload”.
 - The Wright/Tallmadge Fire Department has decided to not do the annual open house on Halloween but will be on site to hand out candy outside in the parking lot.
 - b. Planning Commission report given by Brad Anderson-Board Representative.
 - Approval was given for a land split on Arthur.
 - New Zoning Ordinance on Temporary Dwelling was given to Township Board.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Resident suggested to Board to possibly organize a class on the Constitution.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Paving-Schoenborn will call and check on the paving of Arch Street.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. New Zoning Ordinance—Temporary Dwelling
Needs editing-tabled until next month to edit the document.
- b. Adopt 2021 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)
Motion by Dietrich, supported by Taylor to adopt IPMC Ordinance #2021-10-02.
Roll call vote taken: Dietrich, aye-Schoenborn, aye-Anderson, aye-Taylor, aye-Absent Frank. Motion carried.
- c. Ordinance 31.5, effective June 23, 1998 entitled “Municipal Civil Infraction: Violations of Ordinance”. Motion by Dietrich to repeal with support from Anderson. Roll call vote taken: Dietrich, aye-Schoenborn, aye-Anderson, aye-Taylor, aye-Absent Frank. Motion carried.
- d. Ordinance No. 2021-10-03 an ordinance to amend Chapter 1, Section 101 (Ordinance No 31.5, effective June 23, 1998) entitled “Municipal Civil Infraction: Violations of Ordinance” Motion by Anderson to adopt Ordinance 2021-10-03, supported by Dietrich. Roll call vote taken: Dietrich, aye-Schoenborn, aye-Anderson, aye-Taylor, aye-Absent Frank. Motion carried
- e. Amendment to Compensation Schedule. Motion by Dietrich to increase the hourly rate for the Office Manager/Deputy Treasurer to \$21.00 an hour and the Deputy Clerk hourly rate to \$18.00 an hour. Anderson voiced concern about that being too much at one time. Schoenborn mentioned we want staff to feel valued. Taylor supported motion. Vote taken: 3 ayes with Anderson nay. Motion carried.
- f. Quarter Budget Review—no amendments, review only.
- g. Approval of the purchase of two (2) new street lights was tabled.
 - i. 1460 Comstock Street-the Board will drive by the requested sight to determine if it is a property light that is needed or a roadside street light.
 - ii. Corner 16th Ave & Cleveland St. Dietrich wondered why a light was not there already and wondered about what the neighbors on the corner thought. Schoenborn said if it a safety concern, being the darkness of the corner and it turns to gravel, the property owners may not get to decide. Tabled until next month to contact the two corner property owners.
- h. Change November 10, 2021 Board Meeting date to November 8, 2021 due to Rick being out of town. Motion by Anderson, supported by Taylor. All ayes, motion carried.
- i. Bids for snow plowing. Motion by Dietrich, supported by Taylor to accept the bid by Turf Plus for snowplowing for the 2021-2022 season. All ayes, motion carried.
- j. Authorize signatures for bank accounts. Dietrich explained that with the change is staff and titles, new signature cards at the bank are required. The tax account will have Treasurer & Deputy Treasurer as signers. All other accounts will have Treasurer, Deputy

Treasurer, Clerk and Deputy Clerk as signers. Motion by Tayler, supported by Dietrich. All ayes, motion carried.

8. SUPERVISOR REPORT

- a. Flags-Anderson and Taylor will take down the flags.
- b. Sanford invited the board to walk through their facility before they have occupancy. A date will be determined.
- c. Our attorney from Bloom Sluggett offered free training for ZBA, Planning Commission, and Township Board on the Open Meetings Act. A date of 11/23/2021 was picked with a time and place to be decided.
- d. Schoenborn announced that due to the death of long-time Board of Review Member, Ben Looks, another member is needed. Anyone interest should please contact Rick Schoenborn.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

- a. Dietrich would like to look into having a free Senior Luncheon. Community discussion is needed to determine what services and activities our senior citizens would like to have. A mass mailing could be done inviting the seniors. There are a couple of potential volunteers. She will look into more details and the board agreed it was a good idea. There is money from the Senior Millage to cover the costs.
- b. Anderson noted the darkness in the parking lot. Lighting needs to be looked at.

10. Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:56pm.

Respectfully submitted by Township Deputy Clerk Evelyn Coxon

(Any documents referenced in these minutes are on file in the Clerk's office)