

Wright Township
Hillsdale County, Michigan
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Waldron, MI 49288

Meetings held at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building			Email: wrightwal@wcomco.net		
Supervisor	Frederick J Horwath	14640 Waldron Rd	Waldron, MI	49288	(517) 286-6376
Clerk	Sharon J Zimmerman	11891 Waldron Rd	Waldron, MI	49288	(517) 286-6486
Treasurer	Harold L Douglas	201 S. Main St	Waldron, MI	49288	(517) 286-6660
Trustee	Roger L Zimmerman	11891 Waldron Rd	Waldron, MI	49288	(517) 286-6486
Trustee	William W White	13160 Lime Lake Rd	Hudson, MI	49247	(517) 383-2577

The regular monthly business meeting of the Wright Waldron Township was held on March 11, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Fred Horwath, at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members present were Supervisor, Fred Horwath, Clerk, Sharon Zimmerman, Treasurer, Harold Douglas, Trustee Roger Zimmerman, and Trustee, William White.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Roger Zimmerman opened with prayer.

Sharon Zimmerman presented the board with a list of general fund transfers totaling \$625.79 that needed to be made to cover expenses for the month. Harold Douglas made a motion to transfer \$625.79 from the General contingency account and allocate them to the differing areas where needed. Roger Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Sharon Zimmerman presented the board with a list of sewer fund transfers totaling \$2,907.09 that needed to be made to cover expenses for the month. William White made a motion to transfer \$2,907.09 from the Sewer Contingency account and allocate them to the differing areas where needed. Roger Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

William White mentioned that there should be a correction to the minutes of last month listing Norman Bauman with the list of guests. A note was made to do so. William White made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report (See Attached) and the minutes with the correction. Roger Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Guests present were: Jeff Gier, Bob Godfrey and Elwood Sieple.

The floor was opened for public comment. There was none.

Jeff Gier mentioned he would be doing a discharge of the system either the first or second week of April. They are going to try to do both cells 1 and 2. They would then be "good to go" for another year or year and a half. He also stated that the property at 13091 Prattville Road is still

not hooked up to the system. Jeff told the board that the new door was working well and is more secure.

Fred Horwath attended a meeting with Cristy Cook at the Health Department and the Health Department is willing to send out letters to those who are refusing to hook-up to the system. William White made a motion to have the Health Department send the 5 people a letter to prod them along into getting hooked-up. Harold Douglas seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote. Fred will contact the Health Department to inform them of our decision to have them send the letters.

Bob Godfrey reported that the Legislators are saying that gas will be \$4 by this summer and they are looking at RMTF funds to be down again. They were down by 5% this year. They will be able to match all the funds we were told about this year, but don't think the funds will be there next year.

Sharon Zimmerman reported that she and Roger went to last month's MTA meeting where they talked about Cemetery Ordinance. They were told that it is important to have an ordinance in place to protect the township, to cover us in the event that someone was to be hurt while at the cemetery, a copy of a sample ordinance was handed out for the townships to go by. It was decided to copy the ordinance and use it for Wright Township. They were also informed that it is illegal to give land away for cemetery plots. Fred Horwath asked the clerk to check with Jefferson Township and see if we could get a copy of their cemetery ordinance to go by.

Sharon read a letter from the library. W4's were updated and turned in. She suggested going ahead and paying check #1168 which has been held. Fred told her to go ahead and do so. She reported that Rob Merry had made an inquiry as to wind energy.

Sharon read a letter from the Health Department concerning the property at 13091 Prattville Road. Jeff reported that he received a call from the Health Department as well and Mr. Wright is waiting for dryer weather in order to get the property hooked up to the sewer system.

A clean-up day for the township was discussed. Harold Douglas reported that the village contracted with ARS at \$119/ton. Roger Zimmerman had contacted Jim Lockwood regarding tire disposal and was quoted a better deal than the current quote we have. Jim will take tires for \$1.25 ea. We would charge people \$1 and we would pay the remaining \$0.25. There was discussion as to the fact that having a clean-up day would help improve sanitation.

Fred Horwath made a motion to have a township clean-up day on May 15th from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Sharon Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Sharon read a copy of a letter which she had sent to D&B Billing concerning billing and payment dates.

Sharon discussed the two pending road contracts, which are for Tamarack Road and Lickley Road. The road contracts for the spread of limestone total \$115,850 and the culvert contract for the culvert on Seely Road is \$45,500 for a total of \$161,350.

William White made a motion to contract for limestone for Tamarack Road at a cost of \$17,550 and Lickley Road at a cost of \$18,200. Harold Douglas seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

William White made a motion to contract the work for the Seely Road culvert project at a cost of \$45,500. Roger Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Fred Horwath read a letter from Domestic Harmony thanking us for our support in the past. William White made a motion to support Domestic Harmony this fiscal year in the amount of \$500. Sharon Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Jeff Gier suggested changing the sewer ordinance in the following areas: billing, shut off of service and penalties. It was decided that Jeff would contact Cindy and see what she thinks. Sharon will give Jeff a copy of the letter she wrote to D&B Billing.

William White made a motion to pay the sewer bills. Harold Douglas seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

William White made a motion to pay the general fund bills. Roger Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Harold Douglas made a motion to adjourn. Roger Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28.

BUDGET 2010-2011

The Wright Waldron Township annual budget meeting for 2010-2011 was held on March 11, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Fred Horwath, at 8:29 p.m. who then turned the meeting over to Clerk, Sharon Zimmerman.

Sharon distributed hand-outs to each board member then discussed the sewer budget. The ending budgeted revenue for 2009-2010 was \$171,706.53, the actual revenue was \$165,817.75 and the recommended revenue for budget year 2010-2011 is \$148,075.

Discussion followed concerning the drop in revenue which was due to pay offs which will lower the special assessment monies we will receive and the probable increase in delinquent tax payments. Harold Douglas stated that it is better to estimate low than to have the budget way off. He also stated that we need to invest more of the money we do have.

It was mentioned that the Flag Star grant monies we have will probably soon disappear due to hook-ups.

The ending sewer fund budgeted expenditures for 2009-2010 was \$173,580, the actual expenditures were \$137,985.33 and the recommended expenditures for sewer fund budget year 2010-2011 total \$180,460.

Harold stated that the figures were a little flush as we don't want to keep moving money around each month.

Roger Zimmerman made a motion to approve the sewer budget for the coming year. Harold Douglas seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Sharon distributed hand-outs to each board member then discussed the revenue general fund budget. The ending budgeted revenue for 2009-2010 was \$233,940, the actual revenue was \$232,344.44 and the recommended general fund budget revenue for 2010-2011 is \$224,750.

It was noted that there is a CD at County National in the amount of \$50,000.

The ending budgeted general fund expenditures for 2009-2010 were \$288,413, the actual expenditures were \$174,806.02 and the recommended expenditures for budget year 2010-2011 total \$360,821.

It was noted that this is, in part, due to a large change in the roads and bridges expenditures, as well as the computers purchased for Clerk and Treasurer. Election wages will go up as this is an election year and METRO ACT expenses are included for the 2010-2011 budget year and were not included for the 2009-2010 budget year. We are making provision to be able to use these monies.

William White mentioned that, due to motions made and passed earlier in the meeting, the roads and bridges expenditures need to be increased from \$162,000 to \$172,000.

William White made a motion to accept the General Fund budget for revenue of \$224,750 and expenditures of \$370,821 (roads and bridges increased by \$10,000). Harold Douglas seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

William White made a motion to adjourn. Harold Douglas seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted
Beth Town
Deputy Clerk

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

BALANCE ON HAND, FEBRUARY, 2010

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

CD'S

First Federal – Checking Account	\$ 120.88	
First Federal – Money Market Account	\$305,199.79	50,772
Tax Account Checking	\$153,534.39	

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

Flagstar – Checking (Construction)	\$ 4,426.26	
O&M – Checking	\$ 20,874.48	
Special Assessment – Money Market	\$192,872.08	50,772
RRI – Money Market Account	\$ 15,334.70	10,153

WRIGHT – WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND

First Federal – Checking Account	\$ 178.23	
First Federal – Money Market Account	\$120,527.64	50,772
First Federal – Statement Savings	\$ 12,147.34	12,184