

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 E White	13160 Lime Lake Rd	Hudson, MI	49247	(517) 383-2577

The April meeting for Wright Township was held on April 8, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Fred Horwath at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and Roger Zimmerman opened in prayer. Board members present were: Supervisor, Fred Horwath - Clerk, Sharon Zimmerman – Treasurer, Harold Douglas – Trustee, Roger Zimmerman – Trustee, Bill White.

Guests present were: Cristy Cook, Wanda Wilks, Steven Wilks and Melvin Schaedler and Beth Town, Deputy Clerk.

The meeting was opened for public comment. Wanda Wilks stated that they own a small piece of property with no grinder pump, yet they are being charged for sewer services. They would like their money back. After some discussion it was discovered that they are paying a ½ sewer rate. Because of the way the sewer was put in, and the division of that piece of property, they will continue to pay on sewer until it is paid off. They were grateful to finally have some answers to their questions.

Cristy Cook reported on the following:

- She commented concerning proposed changes to the bond ordinance. A copy of the existing ordinance has been requested. The new ordinance should reflect the difference in time line of billing and payment, as well as penalties that will be incurred for late payments. They are checking with our lawyer.
- It was mentioned that a new home is going in at 13761 Young Drive. This belongs to Willis S. Grime. The proof of ID form has been filled out and the \$7,000 needed for sewer hook-up has been paid. We are waiting to see if other properties are being connected.
- The need to get a copy of the Health Department letter to Mr. Wright on the property at _13091 Prattville Rd. This is the property where the septic was emptied onto the ground. Mr. Wright needs a copy of the letter so as to be aware of the time line for hook-up that this property is under.
- She mentioned that the Health Department is looking to do some sampling to check for contamination.

Sharon Zimmerman stated that the tagging on the deeds for the 4 or 5 properties not yet hooked up to the sewer system has been done. If these properties are sold the hook-up must be completed before the new owner can take occupancy.

Melvin Schaedler reported for Neil Hinckly.

- He mentioned that the center needs to be cut out of the drive at the Prattville Cemetery and some trees need to be trimmed. The drive may possibly need stone as well.
- The Waldron Cemetery needs two or three trees trimmed.
- We need to have rules in place stating that bushes are not allowed to be planted around the tombstones.
- Melvin quoted a price of \$700 – 750 for cleaning up the drive at the Prattville Cemetery, unless stone is required. He then stated he would do the job for \$650.

Bill White made a motion to take the center out of the drive at the Prattville Cemetery and have the branches trimmed for \$650.00, Sharon Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

It was decided that Melvin will get the stone this spring from the big pile of township stone for roads to fill in the holes at the Waldron Cemetery.

Sharon Zimmerman reported on the following:

- She had a contract in hand to sign for brine in order to get reimbursement. The contract was signed by the board members.
- Concerning the clean-up day for Wright Township – for any tires brought in people will be charged \$1 each. The township will pay the additional \$0.25. Semi truck tires brought in will be charged at the rate of \$5. each. Tractor tires will be \$25-35 depending on their size. We will need to haul any tires coming in. Roger and Harold will supervise the collection of tires and garbage.
- We have been told by Kevin Shirk that Ben Wheeler, Assessor, needs to have part of monies paid to him put into wages in order to satisfy employee vs. contractual legalities, and have our tax roll certified. It was mentioned maybe having \$50 as wages and everything else would be contractual.
- In relation to the sewer ordinance – we are in the process of finding the bond ordinance. Jeff called and is having a copy of the bond ordinance sent so we can make appropriate changes.
- Mr. Shirk will look over the new cemetery ordinance and make suggestions. Neil said the signs on the building at the Waldron Cemetery need to be updated. It was mentioned that there are no signs at all at the Prattville or Likely Cemeteries.
- It was mentioned that there are piles at the cemeteries that need to be cleaned up.
- In regard to the cemetery brochure – we were informed that it needs to say By-Laws and Regulations, not ordinance. There are a few changes that need to be made yet and then we will draw up a brochure and it will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Dean will burn the piles at the Waldron and Likely road cemeteries, but there are problems with the pile at the Prattville Cemetery. This pile has plastic flowers mixed in with the brush. It was decided that Fred will see if Melvin will haul the pile and see what he would charge. (\$250 was approved.)
- The ID theft permit for the new tank going in at Grime place at the Lake needs to be approved.

Bill White made a motion to approve the permit for the Grimes. Roger Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Report by Sharon Zimmerman continued with the following:

- The \$7,000 for the sewer charges at the Grime home need to be put into the special assessment account. Grimes have hired Clarence Wright to hook-up to the sewer system. Cristy mentioned that we need to get hold of D&B to have them added to the billing once they are hooked up.
- Check #8749 to Consumer Electric needs to be added to the bills to pay.

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

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

Bill white made a motion to adjourn. Roger Zimmerman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Beth Town, Deputy Clerk