

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, April 10, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

The Supervisor, Fred Horwath called the meeting to order.

The meeting was opened with reciting of the pledge of allegiance and with prayer offered by Board Member, Lois Hills.

The Board Members in attendance were Connie Strong, Roger Zimmerman, Lois Hills, Fred Horwath, and Bill White.

There were a total of eleven citizens present at the meeting that included Skip Linden, Richard Chudey, Ivan Cole, Christie Cook, John Tanner, Maxine Vanlerberg, Keith Brown, Ray Saneholtz, Steve Darmofal, Mildred Flower, and Alice MacArthur from DEQ.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Bill White to approve the minutes of last month's meeting and accept the treasurer's report as printed. (*Treasurer's report follows.*) The motion carried.

BALANCE ON HAND, MARCH 31, 2003	
WRIGHT TOWNSHIP	
Checking Account	\$ 2,683.54
LIP Account	\$126,240.11
Flagstar Checking	\$ 1,026.34
Flagstar Money Market	\$228,409.25
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 851.28
WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND	
Checking Account	\$ 292.56
LIP Account	\$111,464.97
Statement Savings	\$ 13,983.46
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 21,040.19

The meeting was opened for public comment with no comments being offered.

Ray Saneholtz from Feller, Finch & Associates, reported on the progress they are making in regards to the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer project. The surveying has been completed. The soil borings have been submitted to DEQ. Steve Dermofal, also of Feller, Finch & Associates, gave a presentation of the blueprint plan of the proposed lagoon and explained the plans of operation. At this time they are working on preparing the maps designating the location of

all underground lines. Ray described the typical grinder pump installation at each individual home. Ray believes that the "reality of the situation" is for bids to be taken in the Fall of 2003 with actual construction of the project to commence in the Spring of 2004 with completion in the Fall of 2004. The next step the Attorney needs to begin the process of obtaining the easements on the affected properties.

Christie Cook suggested that in order to keep the public informed of the progress of this project that they possibly attend every other township board meeting. They thought that this was a good idea and will plan on attending the June meeting.

Christie Cook announced there will a Bean Creek Watershed Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

Keith Brown, a representative from Congressman Nick Smith's office, presented a legislative update on current events in Washington. He also reported on the Jackson District office.

A letter was received from the Hillsdale County Road Commission concerning their spring tire clean up be held on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Waldron FFA will be contacted to see if it is possible for them to assist in this project as they have in the past.

A letter was received from MTA about the Township Official Exchange Program. The board was not interested in participating in this program.

Clerk, Lois Hills, presented information she received concerning the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Right-Of-Way Oversight Act (METRO), PA 48 of 2002 that became effective November 1, 2002. It is designed to compensate Michigan's local governments for managing and maintaining their public rights-of-way and to ensure effective review and disposition of disputes with municipalities and telecommunication providers. Municipalities are required to opt in the Act to be eligible to collect a portion of the funds. To opt into the Act a resolution or ordinance must be adopted demonstrating compliance with the new act by the deadline of December 31, 2003. More research and information will be sought concerning this matter.

Maxine Vanlerberg, County Commissioner, addressed the topic of the soil erosion ordinance. There has been some false understanding of this ordinance. She presented information to clarify some questionable areas. This ordinance has been in existence, but to comply with state requirements it needed to be revised to change the authority from the Drain Commissioner to the Building Inspector.

Board Member, Bill White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to sign the contract with the Road Commission for 2,000 cubic yards of processed gravel @ \$8.50 per cubic yard for spot gravel patching at various locations throughout the township. The total township cost (50%) is \$8,500.00. The motion carried.

Jean Laser contacted Connie Strong asking about the possibility of having electricity installed in the Waldron Cemetery for a light for the flagpole for the veteran memorial that is being created. The board would like more information regarding costs before taking any action.

Connie Strong and Lois Hills attended the Project Launch meeting of Hillsdale County Community Information System (CIS) on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Phillips Auditorium at Hillsdale College. A public web site, Hillsdale County Community Center, has been created by public officials and citizens working together on a project called Information Technology for Community and Intergovernmental Cooperation (ITCIC). It was primarily supported by grants. Local units of government received computer equipment. Local units of government are expected to keep their respective web sites updated.

Roger Zimmerman reported that a new chimney is needed on the Fire Hall. It is leaking and is causing water to run into the furnace, which will ruin the furnace if the problem is not corrected.

John Tanner related that the US flag on the outside flagpole at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building is in need of being replaced. Keith Brown shared that the Office of Nick Smith has 3' x 5' nylon flags for sale for \$17.00. They are flags that have been flown once at the US capitol.

Board Member, Bill White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to purchase a 3' x 5' nylon US flag for \$17.00 from the Office of Nick Smith. The motion carried.

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$9,516.70 from the General Fund, and a total of \$17,238.75 from the BAN Sewer Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Bill White to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Lois J. Hills  
Wright Township Clerk