

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, April 14, 2005 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, Fred Horwath, Lois Hills, Roger Zimmerman, and William White.

There were twelve citizens and guests present at the meeting including Skip Linden, Richard Chudey, Ivan Cole, Chuck Meade, Duane Keeling, Christie Cook, Maxine Vanlerberg, Harold Douglas, John Tanner, Leroy Morr, George Gier, and Steve Darmofal.

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

BALANCE ON HAND – March 31, 2005

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

Checking Account	\$	48,474.90
LIP Account	\$	113,526.55
Flagstar Checking	\$	786.85
Flagstar Money Market	\$	0.00
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	858.75
United Bank & Trust BAN Loan	\$	(300,000.00)

WRIGHT – WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND

Checking Account	\$	107.59
LIP Account	\$	92,478.44
Certificate of Deposit	\$	56,116.23
BOL Statement Savings	\$	17,116.77
Loan (Liability)	\$	100,000.00

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Leroy Morr asked when dust control was going to be applied. He was informed that the County Road Commission policy does not allow dust control to be applied before May 15th or until released by the Road Commission.

Christie Cook, RCAP, reported on her recent communication with Todd MacClean from USDA Rural Development. Two Ordinances are needed 1) "Sewer Use" Ordinance, and 2) "Mandatory Use of Sewer System" Ordinance. Paul Wyzgowski from Dickinson Wright PLLC, is currently working on the ordinances. Also, two other decisions need to be made 1) Billing person for the sewer system, and 2) Operator for the sewer system. Suggestions for operators of the sewer system were David Gier, Rick Mahoney, and Ben Anspaugh. Connie Strong indicated her interest in the billing position for the sewer system.

Steven Darmofal from Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc. reported that the MDEQ Construction Permit for WWTP Improvements – Contract A, and MDEQ Construction for Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Contract B have been received and submitted to USDA Rural Development.

Christie Cook volunteered to contact U.S. Senator Carl Levin; and Fred Horwath volunteered to contact State Representative Bruce Caswell, for their assistance in contacting the appropriate officials for encouragement for the additional funding needed for the Lime Lake sewer system project. More funding is needed due to the higher cost estimate.

George Gier, County Road Commissioner, reported starting on Monday the satellite garages will be closed for the season and all employees will be working out of the Hillsdale location. The berming project on the gravel roads in the county has been started. When three or four townships are completed they will begin the gravel patching.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong; to approve the land division application submitted by Joshua Monahan in Section 24, Northeast ¼. Total acres of parent – 40, Total number of splits allowed – 7, Total splits used – 1, Number of divisions transferred – 0. Roll Call Vote: Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, Connie Strong – yes, William White – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – yes.

A copy of the revised Equalization Fee Schedule adopted by The Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners on March 22nd was received. The Fee Schedule is too simplify the way Townships and Cities are billed for services through the Equalization Department. We were asked to review, select Option 1 or Option 2 and sign the contract. The contract is in affect for a period of three years ending December 31, 2007.

The motion was made by Board Member, Connie Strong, and supported by Board Member, William White to sign the contract for the Equalization/Mapping Service Agreement, County of Hillsdale, Michigan, utilizing Option 2, which includes all the services listed in Option 1 for a \$1.30 per parcel; plus printing of the Winter Tax Bills and Tax Rolls (with alpha listings) at \$0.25 per parcel, and Summer Tax Bills and Tax Rolls (with alpha listings) at \$0.25 per parcel. Tax Bills are currently printed on 3 separate forms any unit that do not have all three printed may deduct 5 cents a parcel for each form not used. *(A copy of the agreement is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

Several resumes from interested individuals were received for the Township's Assessor position. We will request for them to submit a bid. At this time there is approximately 1400 parcels in the township.

Clerk, Lois Hills submitted Financial Reports for the fiscal year ending, March 31, 2005.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$54,447.51 from the General Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

John Tanner inquired if Board of Review members are required to have any special training. He was informed that Board of Review members are not required to have any training.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk