

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, April 10, 2008 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, Fred Horwath, Lois Hills, and Bill White.

There were a total of seventeen citizens and guests present at the meeting that included Jeff and David Gier, Bob Godfrey, John Klein, Christie Cook, Rich Chudey, Denise Belson, Brad Benzing, Andrew Shaw, Rob Clarke, Ken Kurtz, Don Schemel and guest, Melvin Schaedler, and three W.H.S. government class students.

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

BALANCE ON HAND, March 31, 2008

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

Checking Account	\$ 1,013.96
Money Market Account	\$296,317.68

WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND

Checking Account	\$ 9,306.28
Money Market Account	\$190,871.27
Statement Savings	\$ 22,099.43

The meeting was opened for public comment. John Klein reported that the problem area on Zimmerman Drive was fixed, but it is still causing problems. He inquired if the township had been getting notified regarding violations and expansions of the various "Mega Farms".

Andrew Shaw, Superintendent, Rob Clarke, and Denise Belson were present representing the Pittsford Area Schools. Rob Clarke addressed the 1-mill sinking fund levy for a period of 5 years, 2008 to 2012, inclusive, for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; for Pittsford Area School district which is on the ballot for the May 6, 2008 Election. It is a way for the school district to go to the voters for a tax increase to support capital projects. Information was distributed.

Brad Benzing, a resident of Woodbridge Township, announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office of Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners Fourth District, which includes Amboy, Camden, Woodbridge, and Wright Townships. He introduced himself, gave a presentation on his background, qualifications, and a history of his experience.

Christie Cook, RCAP, addressed the financial assistance through the Community Action Agency (CAA) for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sewer System. At this time there are six active applications for financial assistance for hook up to the Sewer System. Currently there are thirty-three (33) homeowners that are not hooked up. Twenty-three are in Prattville and ten are around Lime Lake. Christie reported that Maxine Vanlerberg from CAA, and herself have been going door to door of those not currently hooked up to the system. They have left literature at those homes where no one was at home. She feels they have had some good feedback.

A letter was received from Todd MacLean from USDA Rural Development reminding us that the one-year Builders Warranty provided by Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. will expire May 1, 2008. According to our Engineering Services agreement the Engineer will assist us in performing a review of the project during the 11th month after the date of substantial completion. If any construction related problems covered by the warranty are observed, written notification should immediately be sent to the contractor with a copy to Todd.

Jeff Gier, Sewer Operator, reported that Rothenberger is not responding to calls. He has contacted him concerning problems at four different locations. Rothenberger states he will come out, but he has been a no show.

Jeff Gier, submitted for consideration a proposal for the Wastewater Treatment Operator Contract. The proposed contract is for the period May 1, 2008 to May 1, 2011. The compensation for the operator is \$2,000.00 per month for the first year (\$24,000.00 annually) with a yearly increase of two percent. Payments are to be made to the operator as a private contractor and reported on IRS Form 1099.

There was discussion on D&B Billing sending out late notices for the sewer billing.

Jeff reported that Hartley is to fix the problem on Zimmerman Drive. There is a problem area where a tile has washed out on East Channel Drive. It was estimated it would probably take two loads of stone to repair.

Bob Godfrey, Road Commissioner, reported that the Road Commission has been receiving calls about the condition of Lickley Road between Prattville Road and Burt Road. He stated he checked it out and it is bad. The county frost laws will come off on Monday, April 14th. The Road Commission spent a total of \$1,960,000.00 this season for snow removal. This is the highest cost on record. Other problematic roads were discussed.

Board Member, William White made the motion, support by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to approve and sign the contract with the Hillsdale County Road Commission (HCRC) for Spot gravel patching at various locations throughout the township for 1,000 cyd processed gravel at \$14.00/cyd. The estimated total cost is \$14,000.00. The Township's share (50%) is \$7,000.00. The motion was approved.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to approve for JLM Tank Truck Service to apply dust control this year. The first application is to be 2,500 gallons per mile, and the second application is to be 2,500 gallons per mile with the applications being applied 6 to 8 weeks apart. He did not quote this price in his proposal so a price will need to be obtained. The motion was approved.

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White, to approve and sign the contract with the Hillsdale County Road Commission to use JLM Tank Truck Service for Old Field Brine. The HCRC will reimburse the township \$100.00 per mile of gravel road for a single application of 3,000 gallons per mile per season. The HCRC reimbursement to the Township is \$4,000.00. The motion was approved.

The following Hillsdale County Road Commission cost estimates for projects suggested for the 2008 construction season were discussed.

- Lickley Road Berm & Gravel: Prattville Road to Squawfield Road. (Addendum #1 – Work Order #2830) Original estimated cost - \$24,100.00; Twp Share (75%) - \$18,075.00. Additional cost: More ditching 3 crew days @ \$5,300; Total - \$15,900.00; Twp Share (75%) - \$11,925.00. 12 driveway culverts @ \$250; Total - \$3,000.00; Twp Share (75%) - \$2,250.00. Revised Estimated Cost: Total - \$43,000.00; Twp Share (75%) – 32,250.00.

- Hartley Road from Pittsford Road to Lickley Road, a length of 0.96 miles. . Description of Work to be performed: Paver patch, sealcoat, and add shoulder gravel. Estimated Cost - \$34,500.00 – Twp Share (50%) - \$17,250.00.
- Burt Road from Waldron Road to Pittsford Road, a length of 2.93 miles. Description of Work to be performed: Paver patch, sealcoat, and add shoulder gravel. Estimated Cost - \$55,100.00 – Twp Share (50%) - \$27,550.00.
- Lickley Road from Buckeye Road to Ohio State Line, a length of 1.37 miles - Description of Work to be performed: Sealcoat only. Estimated Cost - \$24,700.00 – Twp Share (50%) - \$12,350.00.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to approve and sign the contract with the Hillsdale County Road Commission for work to be performed on Lickley Road to berm and gravel from Prattville Road to Squawfield Road. (Addendum #1 – Work Order #2830) The total estimated cost is \$43,000.00. The Township's share (75%) is \$32,250.00. The motion was approved.

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White, to approve and sign the contract with the Hillsdale County Road Commission for work to be performed on Lickley Road, to sealcoat only from Buckeye Road to Ohio State Line, a length of 1.37 miles. The total estimated cost is \$24,700.00. The Township's share (50%) is \$12,350.00. The motion was approved.

The Hartley Road and the Burt Road projects were put on hold. A cost estimate will be requested from the Road Commission for Lickley Road from Prattville Road to Burt Road.

Ken Kurtz announced that he is a Republican candidate for State Representative for the Michigan 58th District. He introduced himself, gave a presentation on his qualifications and experience. He is seeking support to spread the word and is asking for our vote.

Don Shemel, a resident of Branch County, is also a Republican candidate for State Representative for the Michigan 58th District. He introduced himself, gave a presentation on his qualifications and experience.

Jeff Gier will contact Feller, Finch & Associates to set up a time for the Engineer to assist us in performing a review of the sewer project for the one-year Builders Warranty provided by Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. for any construction related problems covered by the warranty.

Don Shemel explained how the money for roads is distributed in Branch County. He feels that it is working successfully.

An application for the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program (P.A. 116) was submitted by Ronald and Susan Merillat, 15848 Lime Creek Road, Hudson, MI 49247. It is for forty-four acres in Wright Township, Hillsdale County, Section No. - 13, Town No. 8 – South, Range No. 1 – West.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White to adopt a resolution to approve the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program (P.A. 116) application submitted by Ronald and Susan Merillat, for forty-four acres in Wright Township, Hillsdale County, Section No. - 13, Town No. 8 – South, Range No. 1 – West. The roll call vote was William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to approve for payment the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$3,153.25 from the

Sewer Operating and Maintenance Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion was approved.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$7,577.42 from the General Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion was approved.

Melvin Schaedler addressed the issue of maintenance on the drives at the cemeteries. He reported that the drives at Lickly Corners Cemetery are satisfactory, but the drives at Waldron and Prattville need the center cut out with the land leveler. There is also a tile that needs to be repaired at the Waldron Cemetery. Permission was given to repair the tile, but would like a cost estimate for cutting the center out of drives with the land leveler.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk