

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, April 12, 2007 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 Fred Horwath Connie Strong, Lois Hills, Roger Zimmerman, and William White.

There were sixteen citizens and guests present at the meeting including Rich Chudey, Skip Linden, Robert Godfrey, David and Jeff Gier, Leroy Morr, Ben Wheeler, Christie Cook, Jim Marry, Richard Buck, Maxine Vanlerberg, Ray Saneholtz, John Rice, and two Waldron High School students.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman 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, 2007		
<u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u>		
Checking Account	\$	480.91
LIP Account	\$	27,5080.38
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	864.23
Tax Account	\$	964.48
<u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>		
Flagstar - Construction Account	\$	169.85
Operating & Maintenance Checking Account	\$	6,437.26
Special Assessment Money Market Account	\$	117,935.10
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>		
Checking Account	\$	192.85
LIP Account	\$	158,314.90
Statement Savings	\$	19,758.89
Loan	\$	39,994.48

The meeting was opened for public comment. Leroy Morr complained about the condition of the gravel roads and their need for more gravel.

Christie Cook commented that it is close to the time for resident's to begin to connect to the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer System. She introduced John Rice from the Health Department.

John Rice reported that a contractor's list is being prepared of those approved by the Health Department and the Community Action Agency (CAA) for completion of the work necessary for hookup to the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer system. For anyone requiring financial assistance from the CAA an approved contractor from this list must be used. Others may use a contractor of their choice.

John address the requirements for pumping and crushing of the old septic system for disbandment. According to John Rice the County Building Inspector is requiring an Electrical Permit and a Plumbing Permit.

An organizational meeting for contractors was proposed to be set up for Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

Ray Saneholtz, Engineer from Feller, Finch & Associates, presented an update on the current status of the construction of the Lime Lake/Prattville Sewer Improvements project.

- Rothenberger Company – (Contract B) is substantially complete. Restoration will begin as soon as weather permits.
- Jack Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. - (Contract A) will be done testing on the lagoon on April 19th. Electrical service for the Flow Meter needs to be inspected. Anglin made an offer to give back \$2,000.00 for not meeting the April 1st deadline for substantial completion.
- There were no pay requests this month from Rothenberger, Anglin, or Feller & Finch.
- The Contingency Budget for the sewer project is estimated that it may be as high as \$130,000.

Jim Marry voiced his concerns of three field tiles that need repair due to damage by the construction of the sewer system. According to Ray, he will get with Jim to have the repairs made.

Ray acknowledged there is an allowance in the contracts for repairs so anyone who has concerns about repair of tile or anything else that may need repaired due to damage from the construction of the sewer system needs to be in contact with him.

Ray also addressed the following other items:

- Myron and Betty Clark's grinder pump needs to be installed yet.
- According to Ray, Rothenberger has two-years to care of any problems.
- One grinder pump had a hole that was repaired. If it doesn't hold it will need to be repaired or replaced.
- There is about \$13,000 allowance for repairs. At this time approximately \$12,000 has already been spent on repairs.
- Ray submitted an Engineering Amendment #3 for Feller, Finch & Associates. The amendment increases the "Resident Project Representative Services" - \$15,000.00 and \$11,621.75 for "Additional assistance to obtain Service Agreements and Property access rights for grinder pump stations." The total of their current agreement is \$527,500.00 and total new amount would be \$554,121.75.

Jeff Gier, Operator of Sewer System, compiled and submitted a list of items requested for the sewer operation start up. There was discussion on the placement of the utility/storage building. The total cost of the list of items was approximately \$62,000. He didn't have a cost on some items and they are not included in this price. The list will be submitted to Todd MacLean from Rural Development. It is subject to Rural Development's approval. He also addressed the subject matter when the Operator will start receiving wages.

Robert Godfrey, Hillsdale County Road Commissioner, presented an update on the Hillsdale County Road Commission.

- He announced that the Road Commission will sponsor a roadside scrap tire cleanup program this spring. The scheduled dates when the Road Commission will receive roadside tires will be two Saturdays, April 21st and May 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the main road commission complex on M-99 at Steamburg Road.
- The gravel roads are in pretty rough shape after the winter and recent thaw. The gravel roads are going to need a lot of gravel to restore them for summer driving. They are asking that we consider increasing the gravel patch program by 500 or 1,000 cyd to help repair the gravel roads. A cost estimate was submitted as follows.
 - Spot gravel patching a various locations throughout the township.
 - 500 cyd processed gravel at \$10.00 / cyd – Township Share (50%) - \$2,500.00
 - 1,000 cyd processed gravel at \$10.00 / cyd – Township Share (50%) - \$5,000.00
 - 1,500 cyd processed gravel at \$10.00 / cyd – Township Share (50%) - \$7,500.00

- 2,000 cyd processed gravel at \$10.00 / cyd – Township Share (50%) - \$10,000.00
- He also submitted two cost estimates for work to be performed during the 2007 construction season on two gravel roads within the township.
 - Elm Road and Lime Lake Road, from Prattville Road to Squawfield Road, a length of 2.50 miles. The description of the work to be performed is berm and ditch, apply thin layer of processed gravel down center of roadway (500 cyd/mile), and dust palliative. The estimated cost of the project is a total of \$31,250.00. The Township cost based up on the current cost sharing policy (75%) is \$23,437.50.
 - Lickley Road, from Prattville Road to Squawfield Road, a length of 2.00 miles. The description of the work to be performed is berm and ditch, apply thin layer of processed gravel down center of roadway (500 cyd/mile), and dust palliative. The estimated cost of the project is a total of \$24,100.00. The Township cost based up on the current cost sharing policy (75%) is \$18,075.00.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to approve the three contracts with the Road Commission as follows. The motion carried.

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- Spot gravel patching a various locations throughout the township. 2,000 cyd processed gravel at \$10.00 / cyd – The estimated cost of the project is a total of \$20,000.00. The Township's cost based up on the current cost sharing policy (50%) is \$10,000.00. Note: This agreement will supersede any previously signed gravel patch agreement for 2007.

Assessor, Ben Wheeler, submitted a Land Division application for property located at 8231 South Waldron Road in Section 3, previously the Max Carncross property.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to approve the Land Division application for property located at 8231 South Waldron Road in Section 3, previously the Max Carncross property. It is for three splits – three (3) acres, thirty-nine (39) acres, and one-hundred four (104) acres. Roll Call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes.

Ben Wheeler presented an Information chart for Wright Township 2007 assessed values. He was given our compliments on a superb piece of work.

Maxine Vanlerberg, County Commissioner, addressed the county animal control issues and concerns. She also stated she will make contact with the county building inspector. She is concerned that he has not attended a meeting as the Township requested him too or is not sending communication as he stated he would.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$5,524.13 from the General Operating Fund. (*A listing of the bills is available upon request.*) The motion carried.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to adopt a resolution to approve for payment the following bills and invoices relating to the Lime Lake/Prattville Sewer project from the Construction Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund contingent upon the approval of Rural Development.

1) Frontier Communications of MI	\$ 56.85
2) USDA Rural Development (Interest)	\$27,782.50

Total	\$27,839.35
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Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes.

The draft of the Future Connections for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sewer system was discussed. A copy had been given to the Jeff Gier for his review. It was the consensus to have Attorney, Dan Boyd review the Future Connection document for legality.

A letter was received from David Young, the owner of the property at 13320 Lime Lake Road, Hudson, Michigan 49247, regarding a drain problem that occurred during the construction of the sewer system. They were having reoccurring drain problems and had tried several methods to correct the problem. Finally they hired a plumber to dig up the drain and discovered that when the grinder pump was installed the drain was never hooked back up. Also, two bills were enclosed of the expenses they accrued, a total of \$673.76.

- Bill 1 – Wright Plumbing, January 24, 2007 # 4536, Bobcat Backhoe Service - \$75.00
- Bill 2 – Wright Plumbing, April 3, 2007 # 4131, Bobcat Backhoe Service, Labor, and Supplies - \$598.76

A letter will be written to Rothenberger and a copy of David Young's letter along with a copy of the two bills will be included, requesting reimbursement to David Young for this expense.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk