

Township of Wright
Hillsdale County, Michigan
112 East Center Street

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Clerk	Sharon J Zimmerman	11891 Waldron Rd	Waldron, MI	49288	(517) 286-6486
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Trustee	William W White	13160 Lime Lake Rd	Hudson, MI	49247	(517) 383-2577

The Wright Township regular monthly board meeting was held on Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

The meeting was called to order by the Trustee, William White (appointed by the board members).

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

Board Members present were: Trustee, William White; Trustee, Roger Zimmerman; Treasurer, Harold Douglas and Clerk, Sharon Zimmerman.

Board Member, Fred Horwath (Supervisor) was absent.

There were a total of six guests present at the meeting: Charles Mead, Rick Niveson, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Godfrey, Jeff Gier and Richard Buck.

The motion was made by Roger Zimmerman and supported by Harold Douglas to approve the minutes of the last month's meeting as printed; and to accept the Treasurer's report. (See attached for Treasurer's report.) The motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Rick Niveson, who lives on Tamarack Road, had a complaint about the amount of dust on his road as the Vanderhauff Dairy trucks go by his house several times a day. He said that they keep the windows closed most of the time which is unbearable! He wanted to know what the Township was going to do about the dust control.

Bob Godfrey commented that if we put brine on the road and the brine dissipates from the dairy's multiple use, the Road Commission is to be notified of this problem. With agreement with the dairy, they will rebrine at the dairies expense.

Jeff Gier commented that he contacted the Health Department to ask them for assistance with enforcing the hookup of people that have not done this as of yet. The Health Department told him that was the Townships problem; they have no authority to enforce hookups. Christy Cook is still trying to contact the people that are not hooked up.

Jeff shared with us the need for Ben Wheeler to keep us updated better on any changes of properties. Ben needs to give the Clerk names and changes as soon as possible which allows her to fill out the Identity Theft papers and send to D&B Billing. The Board asked the Clerk to send Ben Wheeler a letter concerning this situation.

Jeff commented that all was going pretty good.

Bob Godfrey was asking about the contract for limestone and inquired as to our intentions. He wanted to know if we liked the blend of the limestone that we had last time. Bill White commented, that he liked the bigger stone for the problem areas, maybe later we could drop down to the other blend, which is a smaller stone for less problem areas.

Bob said they are trying to get the seal coat finished up so they can get to the ditch and berm as soon as possible. They will try to do a mile in each Township.

He shared about comments made from the road crew, related to the truck accident on Prattville road; they felt the Fire Department and Rescue Crew did an excellent job.

Sharon Zimmerman presented the contract for limestone.

Motion was made by Roger Zimmerman and supported by Harold Douglas to go ahead with the Limestone Contract – 23A – 2,000 tons. Motion was unanimous. The board signed the contract and handed it to Bob Godfrey that night at the meeting.

Clerk gave information about a Land Division Application for David J. Duquette and Tina L. given to her by Ben Wheeler.

Motion was made by Roger Zimmerman and supported by Harold Douglas to accept the land division application for David J. Duquette and Tina L. Roll Call:

Harold Douglas - yes
Roger Zimmerman – yes
William White - yes
Sharon Zimmerman – yes

Motion was unanimously passed.

Information was given by the Clerk as to the need to transfer money out of the Contingency Fund General. Motion was made by Harold Douglas and supported by Roger Zimmerman to transfer out of the Contingency Fund General for the following:

1. Treasurer Service	\$1,000.00
2. Election Service	\$ 500.00
3. Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

Total transfer of \$2,000.00. The motion was unanimously passed.

Information was given by the Clerk as to the need to transfer money out of the Contingency Fund Sewer. Motion was made by Roger Zimmerman and supported by Harold Douglas to transfer out of the Contingency

Fund Sewer and increase to the following accounts: 1. O&M Supplies \$1,000.00
2. Repair & Maintenance \$1,000.00

Total transfer of \$2,000.00. The motion was unanimously passed.

Information was given by the Clerk as to the need to transfer money out of the Sewer Loan #92-03 and 92-05. Motion was made by Sharon Zimmerman and supported by Harold Douglas to increase the Interest Debt Retirement 92-03 by \$19,975.00 and increase Debt Retirement 92-05 by \$33,152.50
Total transfer of \$53,127.50. The motion was unanimously passed.

Fred informed Sharon, by phone, that Kevin Shirk is our Township attorney.

Sharon presented a letter of Failure to Connect/Permission to Access to the board. The letter was approved. Bill White asked the Clerk to send this letter to the people that are not connected.

A letter of overdue accounts was presented and approved.

Motion was made by Harold Douglas and supported by Roger Zimmerman to have the Clerk send out a letter to all who are \$100.00 or more overdue on their Sewer Account. The motion was unanimously passed.

Question was asked if we wanted to go ahead with dust control.

Motion was made by Sharon Zimmerman and supported by Roger Zimmerman to go ahead with dust control. To put down 2,500 gallons of brine per mile this fall. The motion was unanimously passed.

Harold Douglas presented a list for Wright Township Sewer Usage Collection (list is attached). Because of the cost of repairs and maintenance the board felt the need to increase the usage fee by \$1.00 a month per unit.

Motion was made by Harold Douglas and supported by Roger Zimmerman to increase the sewer usage charge, starting with the next billing cycle, from \$66.00 per quarter to \$69.00 per quarter. The motion was unanimously passed.

Bill White asked the Clerk to call D&B and notify them of the increase.

Motion was made by Harold Douglas and supported by Bill White to have D& B take off penalty charges due to wrong address on one side of their billing card. The motion unanimously passed.

Bill White felt D&B should keep the late payment envelopes that they receive, so they would have proof of mailing date. They could throw them away after the next billing cycle.

Jeff Gier said that he has a lot of cost coming up in maintenance in repair of several pumps that need rebuilt. Bill White asked him to check with Hudson Sewer System and see what they would charge for rebuilding a pump. Jeff said the motor is a little over \$800.00 and then you need to buy a seal kit to go along with it. The cost will be approximately \$1,100.00 per unit.

The board looked at the Metro Act Money Funds to see what we could use the monies for.

Motion was made by Roger Zimmerman and supported by Harold Douglas to use Metro Act Monies for dust control on roads and Prattville Street Lighting. The motion unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Roger Zimmerman and supported by Harold Douglas to pay Sewer bills. The motion unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Bill White and supported by Roger Zimmerman to pay General Fund bills. The motion unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Sharon Zimmerman and supported by Harold Douglas to adjourn. The motion unanimously passed.

Adjourned at 8:52

Respectfully Submitted
Wright Township Clerk
Sharon Zimmerman