

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, August 10, 2006 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, William White, and Roger Zimmerman.

There were nine citizens and guests present at the meeting including Steve Darmofal, Christie Cook, Richard Chudey, Skip Linden, Harold Douglas, Leroy Morr, Bill Word, Chris Holloway and his stepson, Lonnie.

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 – JULY 31, 2006		
<u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u>		
Checking Account	\$	248.85
LIP Account	\$	181,588.50
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	862.51
<u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>		
Flagstar - Construction Account	\$	2,179.10
Operating & Maintenance Checking Account	\$	100.09
Special Assessment Money Market Account	\$	97,144.82
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>		
Checking Account	\$	122.56
LIP Account	\$	77,221.00
Certificate of Deposit	\$	48,060.91
Statement Savings	\$	32,795.04

The meeting was opened for public comment. Leroy Morr asked when dust control was going to be applied. He was informed that the first application of dust control had been applied earlier in July and the second application was to be applied at any time now. He was also filled in on the comments made by the Road Commission at last month's meeting concerning that next year we wouldn't be last.

Bill Word, Drain Commissioner, addressed the matter concerning the Timma Drain. Originally when the permit was applied for he denied the use of the Timma Drain, but did offer the right-of-way of the drain for the sewer system project. Now that the project is underway there are some issues concerning the Timma Drain. He explained the three different ways for maintenance of county drains. He is authorized to spend but not to exceed \$2,500.00 per mile per year for drain maintenance. Expenditures exceeding the \$2,500.00 limit must be approved by petition or township board resolution. He presented a proposed resolution to the township authorizing drain maintenance expenditures in excess of \$2,500.00 per mile.

The following resolution was offered by Board Member, William White and seconded by Board Member, Connie Strong:

WHEREAS, Sec 280.196 of Public Act of 40, of 1956, as amended (the Drain Code) requires that any expenditure of funds for maintenance of a drain which exceeds an amount equal of \$2,500.00 per mile times the number of miles of drain or fraction thereof, must be done either by petition or authorization from

each township, city and village affected by more that 20% of the cost. (This includes total assessment against individuals and at large to the municipality.)

AND WHEREAS, Landowners in Wright Township, Hillsdale County are subject to more than 20% of the project cost.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WRIGHT TOWNSHIP BOARD hereby authorizes the Hillsdale County Drain Commissioner to exceed the statutory limit of expending \$2,500.00 per total miles or fraction of mile of the TIMMA (tile) Drain in any year, for maintenance of said drain. The Township consents to the foregoing Drain Project and the Assessment At Large for a percentage of the total amount assessed for the cost of the proposed work. The Township also requires that this authorization is given with the understanding the total amount to be assessed against the entire TIMMA (tile) Drain Drainage District is 2006 is not to exceed \$5,000.00, \$5,000 in 2007, and \$5,000 in 2008.

The Roll Call Vote is as follows: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath –yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

Steve Darmofal, Project Engineer from Feller and Finch, present an update on the Lime Lake/Prattville sewer system project.

- Pay Request Number 3 for Anglin and Rothenberger were submitted for township approval.
- Rothenberger is now installing grinder pumps.
- Anglin will be doing the flexible membrane liner next week. Earthwork on the cells is basically complete.
- There are 7 service agreements that have not been signed.
- A progress meeting with the Contractors needs to be set up for next Monday or Tuesday. The meeting will try to be scheduled for Tuesday, 8/15, at 10:00 a.m.
- The appeal meeting with the Electrical Inspector and County board of appeals was held. They will allow us to install the grinder pumps and the electrical but not make the hookups since half of the residents may not have electrical up to code. They are going to make everyone upgrade electrical services to meet code. The pumps will be started up with a portable generator. The electrical permit application will need to be filled out for each address and fee will be a total of \$81.00.

Fred Horwath reported that according to Tom Traciak the special assessment cannot be changed. So if they are assessed a whole assessment which includes a grinder pump or a half assessment without grinder pump it cannot be changed.

There was a discussion with Chris Holloway concerning his special assessment on his property. Due to a misunderstanding an error was made in his special assessment. Both of his properties were assessed the ½ share. One should have been a whole assessment. Now he would also like the second property to be a whole assessment.

It was suggested a letter be sent to the sewer customers concerning the electrical issues.

Christie Cook, RCAP, discussed potential funding and other sources for getting aid for residents in Prattville/Lime Lake sewer special assessment district.

A letter was received from the County Treasurer with a listing of foreclosed real property available for sale to local units of government prior to the public auction.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$26,084.56 from the General Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White, and seconded by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman 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 and to be submitted to Rural Development for their approval. Roll Call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

1) Feller, Finch & Associates – Engineering	\$ 24,077.00
2) Rural Development – Interest	\$ 7,434.08
3) Jack Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd.	\$268,280.00
4) Rothenberger Company, Inc.	\$355,526.84

Total	\$655,317.92
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Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk