

The Wright Township regular monthly board meeting was held on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

The meeting was called to order by the Trustee, William White, due to the absence of the Supervisor.

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

The Board Members in attendance were Roger Zimmerman, Connie Strong, Lois Hills, and William White. Fred Horwath was absent.

There were a total of twelve guests and residents present at the meeting including Sharon Zimmerman, Harold Douglas, Jeff Gier, Leroy Morr, Christie Cook, Rich Chudey, Ben Wheeler, Jim Marry, Chuck Meade, Richard Buck, and Bob and Jean Laser.

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

BALANCE ON HAND, JULY 31, 2008	
<u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u>	
First Federal - Checking Account	\$ 483.51
First Federal - Money Market Account	\$ 268,069.32
<u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>	
Flagstar – Checking (Construction)	\$ 14,427.81
O & M - Checking	\$ 7,792.79
Special Assessment – Money Market	\$ 245,161.93
RRI - Money Market Account	\$ 20,077.49
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>	
First Federal - Checking Account	\$ 781.11
First Federal - Money Market Account	\$ 195,692.51
First Federal - Statement Savings	\$ 22,610.46

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Jim Marry presented a copy of his invoices on the cost to repair 1) install outlet and catch basin - \$4308.00, and 2) field tile east of East Channel Drive - \$1378.00. The total cost was \$5,686.00. He also mentioned about the problem with the tracer wire.

Jeff Gier reported he contacted Rothenberger regarding the tracer wire. Rothenberger claimed that it wasn't on the "specs".

Leroy Morr inquired about how much manure effluent can be applied on a field.

Ben Wheeler, Assessor, submitted a Land Division application from Property Owner, Grover Dietrich, 19480 County Road 20-50, Alvordton, OH (previous owner was Doris Meister). The location of the parent parcel to be split is 11430 East Territorial Road and the parent parcel number is 30-17-009-100-005-19-9-1. The proposal is for one new parcel.

Board Member, Lois Hills, made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to adopt a resolution to approve the Land Division application from Property Owner, Grover Dietrich, 19480 County Road 20-50, Alvordton, OH (previous owner was Doris Meister). The location of the parent parcel to be split is 11430 East Territorial Road and the parent parcel

number is 30-17-009-100-005-19-9-1. The proposal is for one new parcel. The roll call vote was Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, William White – yes, and Fred Horwath – absent. The resolution was declared adopted.

Christie Cook reported that Attorney, Dan Boyd sent letters to the property owners that are not currently connected to the sewer system or in the process of getting funding to connect to the sewer system. The mailing of the letters was July 27th. She has had a few more contacts since the mailing of the letter.

The following eight properties have a grinder pump installed but are either uninhabitable with no bathroom facility, or completely vacant with no buildings. 1) 12739 Prattville Road, 2) 12830 Prattville Road, 3) 9860 Coman Road, 4) 10055 Coman Road (The old school building, which is on the foreclosed real property list up for public auction), 5) 13091 Prattville Road, 6) 13123 Prattville Road, 7) 14400 Prattville Road, and 8) 13624 Lenore Drive.

There are eighteen (18) property owners that need to connect to the sewer system.

Christie Cook believes that the township needs to go forward with a letter from our Attorney to Rothenberger and Anglin concerning issues that are under warranty. Jeff Gier will compile a list to present to the Attorney for his preparation to send a letter to Rothenberger and Anglin.

Christie Cook reported that it is unknown if the construction of the sewer or the Grain Elevator is responsible for the damage to the drain tile that created the water hole in between Kipp Street and the Prattville Elevator. She suggested the township send a letter and a copy of the invoice asking if the Prattville Grain Elevator would share in the cost of the repair.

Jeff Gier reported that the Staff of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Bureau conducted an inspection of the Wright-Township-Hillsdale County Wastewater Stabilization Lagoons (WWSL) on July 24, 2008. The purpose of the inspection was for DEQ to familiarize themselves with the newly operating lagoons and to evaluate initial compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Certificate of Coverage and associated General Permit for WWSL Discharge.

Clerk, Lois Hills read the letter she received from Donald L. Feller, President of Feller, Finch, & Associates, Inc. He addressed the outstanding charges of \$11,621.75 for their work regarding the development of service agreements and property access rights for the Lime Lake Sanitary Sewer Project. It was the consensus of the board to send a letter in reply addressing this issue.

Clerk, Lois Hills obtained suggested wording from the Hillsdale County Clerk concerning the ballot proposal for the Road Millage.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve the ballot wording for the Road Millage Proposal as follows. The motion was approved.

SHALL THE LIMITATION ON THE AMOUNT OF TAXES IMPOSED UNDER ARTICLE IX, SECTION 6 OF THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION BE INCREASED ON ALL TAXABLE REAL AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN WRIGHT TOWNSHIP, HILLSDALE COUNTY, IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO (2) MILLS (\$2.00 PER \$1000.00 OF TAXABLE VALUE) FOR THE PERIOD 2009 TO 2014 INCLUSIVE, OF WHICH 1.925 MILLS IS A RENEWAL OF THE MILLAGE RATE EXPIRING IN 2008 AND 0.075 MILL IS ADDITIONAL MILLAGE TO OFFSET THE MILLAGE REDUCTION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING ROADS AND BRIDGES; AND SHALL THE TOWNSHIP LEVY SUCH MILLAGE FOR THIS PURPOSE DURING SUCH

*PERIOD WHICH WILL RAISE IN THE FIRST YEAR AS ESTIMATED
\$97,840.07?*

Clerk, Lois Hills presented the results of the Primary Election held on August 5, 2008 for the Wright Township offices as follows:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>TOTAL VOTES</u>
Supervisor:	Frederick Horwath	131
	Connie Strong	61
Clerk:	Sharon Zimmerman	158
Treasurer:	Donald Achenbach	77
	Harold Douglas	102
Trustee:	William White	117
	Roger Zimmerman	138

Clerk, Lois Hills presented the letter she received from Mark Bernath from the Waldron Telephone Company to extend its existing METRO Act Right-of-Way Permit, which is set to expire on 5/08/08. The extension is for a term to end on 5/08/2010 (Extension Term). Upon expiration of the Extension Term, the METRO Act Permit will automatically renew for additional six-month terms (Renewal Terms) unless either the Company of Wright Township provides notice of termination no less than 30 days before the expiration of the Extension Term or a Renewal Term.

Board Member, Lois Hills, made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to approve and sign the agreement to extend the existing METRO Act Right-of-Way Permit for the Waldron Telephone Company. The extension is for a term to end on 5/08/2010 (Extension Term). Upon expiration of the Extension Term, the METRO Act Permit will automatically renew for additional six-month terms (Renewal Terms) unless either the Company of Wright Township provides notice of termination no less than 30 days before the expiration of the Extension Term or a Renewal Term. *(A copy of the permit is available upon request.)* The motion was approved.

A listing of foreclosed real property available for sale to local units of government prior to the public auction was received from the Hillsdale County Treasurer. Two properties in Wright Township were listed: 1) 10055 Coman Road – Minimum bid \$1,845.03, and 2) 123 Marcus Street – Minimum bid \$5,440.89.

Clerk, Lois Hills, received a call from Beverly Cookson of 14215 Lime Lake Road. She did not receive her quarterly sewer bill in April for either her property at 14215 Lime Lake Road or 14205 Lime Lake Road. She is requesting that the late charges be removed.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong that any problem with the sewer billing needs to be put in writing if the problem cannot be presented in person at a township board meeting. 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 \$15,798.49, from the General Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion was approved.

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to approve for payment the sewer bills submitted for payment, a total of \$2,445.18, from the Sewer Operating and Maintenance Fund; to approve to pay the two bills from Hartley Sand & Gravel: 1) Zimmerman Drive – clean up (grass, straw, labor) - \$360.00; and 2) Sewer Driveway – installation of culverts - \$2,477.65 from the Construction Account; and also to approve to pay the interest due on September 1, 2008 on Loan 92-03 - \$9,987.50, and the

interest on Loan 92-05 - \$16,756.25 from the Special Assessment Debt Retirement Account. (*A listing of the bills is available upon request.*) The motion was approved.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk