

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, August 9, 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 Connie Strong, Roger Zimmerman, Fred Horwath, and Lois Hills. William White was absent.

There were five guests and residents present at the meeting including Jeff and David Gier, Robert Godfrey, Leroy Morr, and Christie Cook.

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

<b>BALANCE ON HAND – JULY 31, 2007</b>		
<b><u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u></b>		
Checking Account	\$	964.31
LIP Account	\$	241,759.77
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	865.96
<b><u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u></b>		
Flagstar - Construction Account	\$	74,508.93
Operating & Maintenance Checking Account	\$	6,350.87
Special Assessment Money Market Account	\$	181,310.19
<b><u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE &amp; AMBULANCE FUND</u></b>		
Checking Account	\$	1,175.11
LIP Account	\$	136,058.15
Statement Savings	\$	20,779.14
Loan	\$	0.00

The meeting was opened for public comment. Leroy Morr complained about a couple of holes of his (Coman) road. He stated there is plenty of gravel, but probably needs dug out. Road Commissioner, Robert Godfrey took note.

Road Commissioner, Robert Godfrey reported on the recently failed Township road millages within the County and expressed his concern.

Steve Darmofal, Project Engineer from Feller, Finch and Associates, provided an update on the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements project.

- Steve met with the Project Manager from Anglin regarding the hydro-seeding and the seeding to be done at Shinabery's.
- Anglin has a couple of pieces of equipment to be removed yet, and a culvert to be installed.
- They did not submit a bill.
- Rothenberger dropped off some extra parts. According to Sewer Operator, Jeff Gier, there is one complete system missing. The cost of the missing system will be deducted from their pay.
- Rothenberger's submitted Pay Request Number 10 last month for the amount of \$66,779.59, which was for work done through June 29. There are three outstanding items for them to complete, a total of \$3,170.00.
  1. Repair damage to pump house at Bob Bracket Property at 13593 Young Drive - \$390.00.
  2. Repair damaged electrical line at Judy Marry property at 14232 Lake Shore Drive - \$1,100.00.

3. Replace grinder pump station wetwell at 12843 Kipp Street - \$1,680.00. At this time this item has been completed.

- A quote from Tri-County Electric for the amount of \$1,275.00 to repair the Judy Marry electrical line damage was received. It was recommended we do not go through Rothenberger for this repair. It would still be eligible for financing through USDA Rural Development.
- Feller, Finch & Associates has not submitted a bill yet. They should have a bill by next meeting when complete.

Jeff Gier reported that Ron Nagy has new construction and wants to connect to the sewer system.

Utility markers need to be installed at exposed sewer valves and manholes for the Lime Lake/Prattville sewer project. The Road Commission has requested these markers to be installed to assist road maintenance crews to locate objects that could potentially be damaged by snow plowing and roadside mowing operations. Approximately fifty markers are needed. It was suggested about checking with the Road Commission to install the markers.

The motion was made by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to purchase approximately fifty of the Reflectomarkers through the Hillsdale County Road Commission. The quoted price was \$11.65 per marker. The motion carried.

Christie Cook reported that the Community Action Agency has applied for funds for aiding those with qualified financial needs through the Michigan State Housing Development. She conveyed that at this time thirteen homeowners have received financial assistance.

Christie Cook asked the Supervisor, Fred Horwath to sign the R.C.A.P. approval and acceptance of technical assistance work plan.

Christie Cook will assist with the required USDA Rural Development "Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response Plan" (VA/ERT). This plan needs to be completed after the building construction is complete.

Debbie Girdwood from D&B Billing Services submitted her report on the quarterly collection for the first quarter billing for sewer service for those property owners connected to the sewer system by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The motion was offered by Board Member, Lois Hills, 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 System project from the Construction Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund contingent upon the approval of USDA Rural Development.

1. Jeff Gier - (Monthly operator salary)	\$ 1,916.66
2. Nextel Communications – (Sprint Cell Phone)	\$ 142.96
3. Consumers Energy – (Electrical)	\$ 12.40
4. Spielman’s Hardware & Garden Center – (Supplies)	\$ 282.87
5. Spielman’s Hardware & Garden Center – (Supplies)	\$ 63.50
6. Newell Electric Incorporated	\$ 74.00
7. Larry Siegel Excavating, Inc	\$ 30.15
8. Rothenberger Company - (Contract B – Pay Request #10)	\$ 66,779.59
(Please note: \$673.76 will be deducted for Payment made to David Young, 6/26/07)	\$ -673.76
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Total	\$ 68,628.37
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The roll call vote was Connie Strong- yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and William White – absent. The resolution was declared adopted.

Supervisor, Fred Horwath reported that Attorney, Dan Boyd is currently working on the purchase of the additional property from Shinabery's for the utility building for the sewer system.

Clerk, Lois Hills shared the letter she received from Todd MacLean from USDA Rural Development. They did not approve the Engineering Amendment No. 3 from Feller, Finch & Associates for the amount of \$11,621.75, which is for professional services related to service agreements and property access rights. Their comment was *"we have expressed on several occasions that the service agreements were unnecessary when the Township had easements in hand. Paying for engineering services that are not needed is inappropriate use of Rural Development funds. Matters were further complicated when the services were provided prior to discussing it with our loan specialist beforehand."*

Clerk, Lois Hills inquired from Steve Darmofal about the billing from Feller, Finch, & Associates. On 7/11/06, 8/10/06, and 9/07/06 they billed for professional services related to service agreements and property access rights, which had not been approved to pay by Rural Development. Their Statement of Account is showing an unpaid balance on these invoices. On 6/19/07, they billed again for professional services related to service agreements and property access rights, but did not remove their previous charges. Their Statement of Account is reflecting both of these charges.

The Township's Insurance carrier needs to be contacted to review our policy to be sure we have appropriate insurance coverage for the sewer system.

Jeff Gier reported that there is approximately seventy-five property owners connected to the sewer system at this time.

It was discussed to compose and send another letter to the property owners of the special assessment district of the Lime Lake/Prattville sanitary sewer system. Information to include in this letter is the deadline to be connected to the sewer system is December 1, 2007. Also, after the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline everyone will be charged the sewer service fee for Operating and Maintenance.

The resolution was offered by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills to set the connection fees for future connections to the sewer system as follows:

- Type 1 Connection - \$3,275.00 – Has already paid partial fee
- Type 2 Connection - \$6,550.00 – Has not paid any fees

The roll call vote was Connie Strong - yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and William White – absent. The resolution was declared adopted.

The resolution was offered by Board Member, Connie Strong, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to approve for the removal from the PA 116 Farmland Developmental Agreement 3.5 acres and buildings from Parcel Number 30-17-009-300-001-09-8-1; Property Description: W1/2 SW ¼ EXC A PCL OF LD 23 RD N&S BY 14 RD E&W OUT OF SW COR SEC 9 T8S R1W 78 A; Prior Owners: The Genevieve E. Siegel Trust; Owners: Brent and Cathy Moore, 8151 Tuttle Road, Pittsford, MI 49271. The roll call vote was: Connie Strong - yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and William White – absent. The resolution was declared adopted.

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

The motion was offered by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills to approve the bills submitted for payment, in the amount of \$20,320.47 from the General Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

The motion was offered by Board Member, Lois Hills, and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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Lois J. Hills  
Wright Township Clerk