

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, Fred Horwath.

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, Lois Hills, and William White.

There were twelve citizens and guests present at the meeting that included Maxine Vanlerberg, Skip Linden, Rich Chudey, Christie Cook, Leroy Morr, Harold Douglass, John Tanner, Dean Hoard, and four Waldron High School students.

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

BALANCE ON HAND NOVEMBER 30, 2003

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

Checking Account	\$ 3,627.21
LIP Account	\$ 40,826.64
Flagstar Checking	\$ 1,347.75
Flagstar Money Market	\$108,069.82
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 855.01

WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND

Checking Account	\$ 359.72
LIP Account	\$132,680.64
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 24,184.74
BOL Statement Savings	\$ 15,145.99

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Christie Cook, RCAP, reported on the evaluation of responses concerning the DEQ/CMI Lime Creek Watershed Monitoring project five-question survey. The survey was sent to 38 municipal officials, agencies and individuals who were involved in some way with this project. A total of 14 responses were received for 36.85% response rate overall.

Dean Hoard, the township's contractual cemetery caretaker, asked about a rumor that the Waldron Cemetery was being expanded to include the area where the Veteran's Memorial has been placed. He was inquiring as it would affect his bidding cost on the cemetery contract. The memorial was not placed on Township property and the Township board has no knowledge that it will become part of Township property. He was referred to Jeanne Laser, the coordinator of this project for more information.

Maxine Vanlerberg, our District's County Commissioner, reported on current issues of the Board of Commissioners concerning a breakdown of the fee schedule by the Equalization Department, a policy on the sale of data, County budget, and negotiating labor contracts. A breakdown of the fee schedule for the cost of services provided by the Equalization Department is expected around the first of the year. The breakdown of the fee schedule may enable townships to save money by paying for only the services they use instead of paying for all services including services that are not used. Also, she addressed the question that was asked her concerning the building of a new Court House and the installation of an elevator at the present Court House.

A questionnaire was received pertaining to the scheduling of the annual meetings with the County Road Commission and the Townships to plan and discuss road and bridge projects for the 2004 construction season. It was completed with our choices of date and time for our meeting.

Clerk, Lois Hills, read a letter of correspondence she received from Raymond Sanholtz, Engineer for Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc., concerning several tasks that need to be addressed regarding the Lime Lake sewer system project.

- 1) Establish a sewer use regulation that sets forth regulations for the use of the sanitary sewer system once it is installed as well as establishes rate, tap fees and main line extension polices. A draft document of a possible regulation was provided for our review.
- 2) Need to begin to solicit the services of a licensed operator for the system.
- 3) Also, need to have a contractor on hand who is familiar with the system and who can make repairs to the grinder pumps as needed.
- 4) At this time they are working on a list of property owners and their appropriate assessments. They will soon be providing a listing and an assessment roll for our review and consideration.

Copies of the draft document of an ordinance pertaining to establishing a sewer use regulation was distributed to all board members and Christie Cook for review. One will be also sent to Attorney, Dan Boyd, for his review.

Rick Mahoney, David Gier, and Richard Buck were suggested as possible candidates for a licensed operator for the sewer system. They are currently operators of other sewer systems in the community.

Supervisor, Fred Horwath, presented information he received from Engineer, Steven J. Darmofal from Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc. regarding DEQ wastewater permit applications and Hillsdale County soil erosion permit applications for both the sanitary sewer collection system and the new wastewater treatment plant for our approval. At this time an application fee is not needed for the DEQ permits. The Hillsdale County permits will each require an application fee and a performance guarantee as indicated on the fee schedule for each project. The Performance Guarantee may be in one of two forms. We will need to discuss the fees for the county with Steve.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to grant approval and sign the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Permit Application for Wastewater Systems for the Wright

Township – Lime Lake/Prattville Area Waste Water Treatment Plan Site Improvements – Contract A as prepared by Steven J. Darmofal, Engineer from Feller, Finch & Associates. Roll Call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. *(A copy is on file with the clerk.)*

The motion was made by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, William White, to grant approval and sign the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Permit Application for Wastewater Systems for the Wright Township – Lime Lake/Prattville Area Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Contract B as prepared by Steven J. Darmofal, Engineer from Feller, Finch & Associates. Roll Call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. *(A copy is on file with the clerk.)*

The motion was made by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$6,927.35 from the General Fund, and a total of \$24,338.00 from the BAN Sewer Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk