

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, December 9, 2004 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, Fred Horwath, Lois Hills, and William White. Roger Zimmerman was absent.

There were thirty-nine citizens and guests present at the meeting.

Board Member, William White made the motion, 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.

**BALANCE ON HAND – NOVEMBER 30, 2004**

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP**

Checking Account	\$	732.00
LIP Account	\$	48,799.25
Flagstar Checking	\$	1,531.05
Flagstar Money Market	\$	0.00
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	858.01

**WRIGHT – WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND**

Checking Account	\$	78.98
LIP Account	\$	77,862.25
Certificate of Deposit	\$	56,116.23
BOL Statement Savings	\$	17,102.01
Loan (Liability)	\$	100,000.00

The meeting was opened for public comment. Verna Fuller, a lady who lives in Prattville stated she had to have a new septic system installed within the past few years. She is disgruntled that she will have to hookup to the Lime Lake/Prattville sanitary sewer system after having to spend the money on this new system.

A letter was received from the Hillsdale County Road Commission concerning scheduling the annual winter meetings with each township board to plan/discuss road and bridge projects for the 2005 construction season. Our first choice for our meeting is Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and our second choice is Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk, Lois Hills presented the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) proposed resolution from the Hillsdale County Clerk. The M-100 optical scan equipment has been selected for all political subdivisions in Hillsdale County. Elections Systems & Software (ES & S) is the vendor that will provide the equipment and also provide training and support for the system. In order to proceed, each city and township (and the county) must pass a resolution authorizing their clerk to submit a grant application so the equipment may be obtained without cost to the local unit of government. This all being paid for by the State of Michigan with federal grant money. The HAVA resolution follows.

***WHEREAS, the Wright Township Board wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase an optical scan voting system and related Election Management System (EMS) software to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).***

***WHEREAS, the Wright Township board has chosen to submit a grant application for a new optical scan voting system in 2005.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Wright Township Clerk is authorized to submit this grant application on behalf of Wright Township Board, Hillsdale County on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

*The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member, William White. The second was offered by Board Member, Connie Strong.*

*Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye" – William White, Connie Strong, Fred Horwath, Lois Hills; "nay" – none; and "absent" – Roger Zimmerman.*

*The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.*

The Clerk, Lois Hills submitted an Income and Expenses – Actual vs. Budget for Fiscal Year, April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005, for review.

Connie Strong reported that the Hillsdale County Chapter Michigan Township Association would not be changing their meeting night from Wednesday to Tuesday. A suitable meeting place could not be obtained for Tuesday night.

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$8,101.62 from the General Fund and a total of \$123.78 from the Sewer Project Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

A Hearing was held concerning the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements. This is a repeat of the hearing held on the October 14, 2004. Due to the Hillsdale Daily News insufficient publication of the notice for the October 14, 2004 meeting this hearing had to be repeated. The purpose of this hearing was to hear and consider any objections that may be submitted by any interested person with respect to the making of the improvements and the assessing of part of the cost thereof to the special assessment district

*"The Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements shall consist of the construction of a new wastewater lagoon and grinder pump sewage collection system serving approximately 240 properties located in the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements Special Assessment District. The Special Assessment District shall consist of properties near or adjacent to Lime Lake and the unincorporated area of Prattville located along Lime Lake Road, Lake Shore Drive, Zimmerman Road, West Channel Drive, East Channel Drive, Willow Trace, Prattville Road, Coman Road, Young Drive, Lenore Drive, Emens Drive, Kipp Street, and Knox Street."*

Ray Saneholtz, Engineer from Feller, Finch & Associates, conducted the Hearing. He presented an update on the sewer system project. At this time basically we are waiting on United States of Department of Agricultural (USDA) to give their go ahead on the project. It has been approved by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The next step after approval has been received from the USDA is for the project to advertise and seek bids for the project,. He gave an overview of the bidding process. All prices have been estimated. He gave an explanation how the first cost estimate was made, then the reasons for the increase in the current cost estimate of the project.

A time was allowed for discussion, comments and questions from the public.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Lois J. Hills  
Wright Township Clerk