

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, December 14, 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, Roger Zimmerman, Lois Hills, and William White.

There were fourteen citizens and guests present at the meeting including Jim Marry, Charles Meade, Rich Chudey, Skip Linden, Christie Cook, Leroy Morr, Ray Saneholtz, and several government students from Waldron High School.

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.

<b>BALANCE ON HAND – NOVEMBER 30, 2006</b>		
<b><u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u></b>		
Checking Account	\$	326.47
LIP Account	\$	141,271.68
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	864.23
<b><u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u></b>		
Flagstar - Construction Account	\$	543.40
Operating & Maintenance Checking Account	\$	100.19
Special Assessment Money Market Account	\$	101,233.25
<b><u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE &amp; AMBULANCE FUND</u></b>		
Checking Account	\$	242.94
LIP Account	\$	150,492.96
Statement Savings	\$	19,739.42
Loan	\$	39,994.48

The meeting was opened for public comment. No public comment was offered.

Christie Cook reported that she is talking with homeowners in the Lime Lake/Prattville sewer district that may need some financial assistance.

A letter was received from the Hillsdale County Road Commission concerning scheduling the annual winter meetings with each township board to discuss road and bridge projects that were performed in 2006 and to plan for the 2007 construction season. Our first choice for our meeting is Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and our second choice is Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Ray Saneholtz, Engineer from Feller, Finch & Associates, reported on the current status of the construction of the Lime Lake/Prattville Sewer Improvements project. Pay Request Number 7 for Rothenberger and Anglin were submitted. Both contractors are winding down. December 31<sup>st</sup> is the date for them to be substantially complete. At this time Rothenberger is a little behind schedule. He is in the process of testing the pressure on the lines. All but one area passed and he is currently working on that area. The electrical work is mostly completed. There are about twenty yet to go. The electrical project is estimated to be under budget \$40,000.00 according to Steve Darmofal's statistics. Rothenberger is requesting for a 30-day extension for his substantially completion date.

Ray reported that Feller & Finch is not staying in budget. He submitted Engineering Amendment #2. The price adjustments to the contract per this amendment are necessary to compensate for additional work outside of the original scope necessary to complete the project. The proposed amendment is as follows:

	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>NEW</u>
A. BASIC SERVICES	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00
B. RESIDENT PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES	\$125,000.00	\$136,000.00
C. ADDITIONAL SERVICES, with testing (\$30,000)	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00
D. <i>Additional Redesign for Effluent Sewer Revisions</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,500.00
E. <i>Additional assistance to obtain Service Agreements and Property access rights for grinder pump stations</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,621.75
TOTAL	----- \$515,000.00	----- \$539,121.75

Ray submitted a draft copy for our review concerning future connections for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer system.

Three draft items were submitted for Board review, revision, and ultimate use with respect to the connection of homes to the new sanitary sewer system. The same three items were forwarded to Mr. John Rice with the County Health Department for his review and concurrence, and at this time feedback has not been received.

Form No. 1 is instructions to the property owners for sanitary sewer connection. This form would be handed out to the property owner after they have applied for a sewer connection permit through your office. It is recommended that when a property owner applies for connection to the sanitary sewer system, they be given a step-by-step process sheet so that the connection to the system is properly constructed and inspected by proper authorities.

Form No. 2 is a draft sanitary sewer construction permit, which essentially is the form the home owner will use to apply for a new sanitary connection and will also pay necessary fees that are due to the Township.

Form No. 3 is a sanitary sewer connection record. This form is completed by the Township inspector who records various information related to the new sewer installation on each property.

It was recommended a list of Electricians and Excavators be prepared for handout to homeowners. Suggestions for Excavators were Mel Schaedler, Phil Hartley, and Larry Siegel.

A building is needed for storing extra equipment for the sewer system.

The County Road Commission would like utility markers erected at man holes, castings, cleanouts, etc (anything sticking up above the ground) for snowplowing purposes. There are a total of 56. There are 24 within 12 feet of the road right-a-way. Rothenberger will install the utility markers for \$115.00 each. The utility marker cost is \$25-\$30 per marker.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to consent to the extension of the substantial completion date to January 31, 2007. The motion carried.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White, and seconded by Board Member, Connie Strong 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 contingent upon approval from USDA Rural Development.

1) Feller, Finch & Associates – Engineering	\$ 11,044.75
2) Jack Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. (Contract A)	\$ 67,408.72
3) Rothenberger Company, Inc. (Contract B)	\$ 95,913.21
4) Michigan Dept of Environmental Quality (Permit)	\$ 400.00
5) Feller, Finch & Associates – (Bldg Insp appeal fee)	\$ 335.00
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Total	\$ 175,101.68
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Roll Call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – yes, and Lois Hills - yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to approve the increase in the proposed Agreement No. 2 with Feller, Finch & Associates - Item B: RESIDENT PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES - \$136,000.00 (an increase of \$11,000.00; and Item D: ADDITIONAL REDESIGN FOR EFFLUENT SEWER REVISIONS - \$1,500.00. Item E for Additional assistance to obtain Service Agreements and Property access rights for grinder pump stations for \$11,621.75 will not be approved at this time. Roll Call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – yes, and Lois Hills - yes. It was declared adopted.

Ray stated Feller & Finch will provide a new Amendment No. 2 to reflect this change.

John Rice from the County Health Department will be invited to attend the Township's January board meeting.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$9,019.79 from the General Fund. (A listing of the bills is available upon request.) The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Lois J. Hills  
Wright Township Clerk