

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, February 10, 2005 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, William White, and Roger Zimmerman.

There were seven citizens and guests present at the meeting including Christie Cook, Skip Linden, Richard Chudey, Leroy Morr, John Tanner, Duane Keeling, and Bart Tinder.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman 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 – JANUARY 31, 2005

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

Checking Account	\$	397.61
LIP Account	\$	102,304.80
Flagstar Checking	\$	786.49
Flagstar Money Market	\$	0.00
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	858.01

WRIGHT – WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND

Checking Account	\$	121.29
LIP Account	\$	88,676.71
Certificate of Deposit	\$	56,116.23
BOL Statement Savings	\$	17,102.01
Loan (Liability)	\$	100,000.00

The meeting was opened for public comment. There were no comments offered.

Carol Masters is currently serving as a member of the Waldron District Library Board representing the Village of Waldron. She has moved to the Township. For her to continue to serve on the Library Board it is being requested that she be appointed by the Township to be a Township representative.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to appoint Carol Masters to the Waldron District Library Board to represent the Township. The motion carried.

Christie Cook, RCAP, reported she is currently working on completing the Commercial Credit application for the Lime Lake Sanitary Sewer System project. She had a couple of questions concerning it, and then had the Supervisor, Fred Horwath to sign it.

A letter was received from United Bank and Trust that the principal of \$300,000 on the Bond Anticipation Note is due on March 1, 2005, along with interest in the amount of \$3,735.00.

Fred Horwath announced that there will be a special township board meeting on Thursday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building to sign required documents concerning the Lime Lake Sanitary Sewer System project.

Fred Horwath read a letter from the Attorney representing Vebra Hoff Dairy LLC. It was requesting certification of the legal descriptions for real property owned by Vebra Hoff Dairy LLC. The letter was also requesting us to certify that the land is in compliance with zoning regulations and requirements. Assessor, Betty Keeling stated she would certify the legal descriptions for the real property, but submitted the letter to the board for the zoning portion.

Fred Horwath read John Klein's letter of resignation from the Board of Review.

Fred Horwath reported that our Assessor, Betty Keeling, has taken a new job and moved to Holland, Michigan. She will at least continue as Township Assessor through the end of March, or through July, the end of the contract year. She will work with us in regards to what will work out. Her husband, Duane Keeling, will still be in the area at this time. She did recommend that the township obtain a new land division officer.

In addition to other regular business at the March 10th board meeting there will be a budget hearing for the new fiscal year, April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

A letter was received from the Hillsdale GIS Committee announcing a needs assessment meeting on Monday night, February 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Michigan State University Extension Building at 20 Care Drive in Hillsdale in Conference Room A.. It will be moderated by Mark Williams. It is concerning the future direction of the GIS program.

Several cost estimates prepared by the Hillsdale County Road Commission for work to be performed during the 2005 construction season were received and reviewed as follows:

- All county local gravels roads in the township, except seasonal Buckeye Road, a total of 40 miles. The description of the work to be performed is gravel road stabilization using mineral well brine or oil field brine to be spread full length on all gravel roads.
 - 23% Mineral Well Brine: 40 miles @ 2,000 gallons/mile twice, 160,000 gallons, \$0.155 per gallon, Estimated cost - \$24,800.00, Estimated Township cost (75%) = \$18,600.00.
 - Oil Field Brine: 40 miles @ 2,500 gallons/mile twice, \$530.00 per mile, Estimated cost - \$21,200.00, Estimated Township cost (75%) = \$15,900.00.
- Various Gravel Roads. The description of work to be performed is spot gravel patching at various locations throughout township.
 - 1000 cyd processed gravel at \$8.00/cyd - Township share (50%) = \$4,000.00
 - 1500 cyd processed gravel at \$8.00/cyd - Township share (50%) = \$6,000.00
 - 2000 cyd processed gravel at \$8.00/cyd - Township share (50%) = \$8,000.00
- Coman Road from Camden Road to Prattville Village Limits, a length of 1.90 miles. The description of work to be performed is paver patch, sealcoat, and add shoulder gravel. The Township's estimated share (50%) is \$11,035.00

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to approve and sign the contract with the Hillsdale County Road Commission for 2,000 cubic yards of processed gravel @ \$8.00 per cubic yard for spot gravel patching at various locations throughout the township. The total township cost (50%) is \$8,000.00. Also, we are interested in more gravel if available. The motion carried.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to approve and sign the contract with the Hillsdale County Road Commission for gravel road stabilization using oil field brine by JLM Tank Truck Service to be spread full length

on all gravel roads - 40 miles @ 2,500 gallons/mile twice, \$530.00 per mile. The Township's estimated cost is (75%) is \$15,900.00. The motion carried.

Clerk, Lois Hills, ask what was the desire of the board concerning the Hillsdale Daily News bill. The Township was billed a total of \$384.00 for advertising the October Lime Lake public hearing. This advertisement was not published in its entirety and so the Lime Lake public meeting had to be held again in December. The first publication of the hearing notice for the December meeting was \$407.88 and the second publication of the notice was \$543.84, a difference of \$135.96. Lois stated she had talked with the Hillsdale Daily News concerning this amount difference and said they told her they would adjust the bill the difference in the amounts for the December meeting, but it was not deducted on the January 31st bill. It was the consensus of the board to contact Attorney, Dan Boyd for his recommendation as to how to handle this situation and then proceed on his recommendation.

Clerk, Lois Hills provided Income and Expense Financial report Actual vs. Budget for the General Fund for fiscal year, April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005 for review.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$10,796.40 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, Roger Zimmerman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk