

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, February 12, 2004 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, Fred Horwath, and Lois Hills. Roger Zimmerman and William White were absent.

There were twelve citizens and guests present at the meeting that included Skip Linden, Leroy Morr, John Tanner, Dean Hoard, Harold Douglass, Scott Knapp with a W.H.S. student, Christie Cook, George Gier, Betty Keeling, Maxine Vanlerberg, and Ray Saneholtz.

The motion was made by Board Member, Connie Strong, and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, 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 - JANAUARY 31, 2003**

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP**

Checking Account	\$ 99.71
LIP Account	\$ 96,241.80
Flagstar Checking	\$ 1,287.07
Flagstar Money Market	\$ 62,007.12
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 855.01

**WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND**

Checking Account	\$ 334.19
LIP Account	\$127,288.53
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 21,313.50
BOL Statement Savings	\$ 15,145.99

The meeting was opened for public comment.

The cemetery contract with Dean Hoard will expire on March 31, 2004. He submitted a bid for mowing and maintenance of the Waldron, Prattville, and Lickly Corners Cemeteries. His bid was for \$11,500.00 per year for either a one or two year contract. The increase in the amount of his bid was due to the additional mowing around the veteran's memorial.

No other bids for mowing and maintenance of the township's cemeteries were received.

Board Member, Lois Hills made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to award the contract for mowing and maintenance of the Waldron, Prattville, and Lickly Corners Cemeteries to Dean Hoard for a two-year contract at \$11,500.00 per year. The motion carried. (*A copy of the contract is attached.*)

Leroy Morr questioned Road Commissioner, George Gier why there isn't a pull off on U.S. 127 at Broom Road like there is at Camden Road since Broom Road is an all-season road. Morr's personal opinion was that there should be one. The State of Michigan has jurisdiction over U.S. 127 not the County Road Commission.

George Gier reported that at this time 96% of the county's budget for snow removal has been expended. The average work hours for one week per man in the last pay period was 65.5 hours. This spring the Road Commission is going to try a "berming" project. They will berm about 10% of the gravel roads in each township. He recommended that a light coat of gravel be added afterward. It will push back the dust control application for about a month.

Ray Saneholtz, Engineer from Feller, Finch & Associates, presented an update on the Lime Lake/Prattville sanitary sewer project. He has assembled a list of all properties in the service area. There are 305 individual properties in this sewer area, with 178 of these properties needing a grinder pump. There are about 70 vacant parcels with the possibility of building lots. The mailing regarding the location of the grinder pumps on each individual property was sent as addressed at last month's meeting. At this time there has been a response from approximately 50%. In regards to the easements there has not been any response from about 80 easements. A majority of these easements appear to be those that are farm land and an easement may not be necessary. There are about 20 easements needed for the grinder pumps. He presented information on suggested methods of assessment types. Ray stated the project seems to coming together.

Assessor, Betty Keeling, provided a sample resolution concerning choosing an alternate starting day for Board of Review.

#### **RESOLUTION REGARDING MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

WHEREAS, Public Act 194, 2003 allows the township board by resolution to select an alternate starting date in March when the board of review shall begin the second meeting, and

WHEREAS, MCL 211.30 provides the alternative starting dates shall be the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March, and

WHEREAS, the board of review requests the assessor to be available to assist with the public meetings

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wright Township Board does hereby authorize the March Board of Review to begin public meetings on the second Monday in March or the alternate Tuesday which follows.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member, Lois Hills. The second was offered by Board Member, Connie Strong.

Upon roll call vote, the following votes were cast. Supervisor, Fred Horwath – Aye; Clerk, Lois Hills – Aye; Treasurer, Connie Strong – Aye; Trustee, Roger Zimmerman – absent; and Trustee, William White – absent.

The Supervisor declared resolution adopted.

The schedule for the board of review is Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Assessor, Betty Keeling reported that using the digital camera for pictures of properties while assessing has been working great. She needed more assessment cards. There was a minimum order so she ordered Wright Township's and Hillsdale Township's together and the bill will be split. She also explained about a web site hookup connection for access for deeds online with the Hillsdale County Register of Deeds. The cost is one time fee of \$120.00, The cost would be shared with Hillsdale Township.

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to share the cost of the \$120.00 fee for the web site hookup connection for access for deeds online with the Hillsdale County Register of Deeds. The motion carried.

County Commissioner, Maxine Vanlerberg, reported the bids the County received concerning installing an elevator at the Hillsdale County Court House was excessively higher than estimated.. The project will be put out for bids again. She stated if the bids don't come down she will not be in favor of it. Maxine reported on a conference she recently attended. She stated it was very informative but very disheartening. The state is making more revenue sharing cuts, possibly up to 10%. It appears the state will come out all right, but counties and townships will feel the crunch.

A letter was received from Charles McKeown the Land Use/GIS Agent. The Hillsdale County Geographical Information Systems Committee will be hiring a contractor to take geo-referenced digital orthographic photos of the entire county at six inch resolution in the spring of 2004. As a potential user of the data we are being offered the opportunity to contribute financially to the project which allow us full access to the photography for our township. If we would like to share this dataset we are asked to contribute \$500.00, which would be included on our township's Equalization Invoice of 2004. A data sharing agreement was enclosed. It was tabled.

A letter was received from John R. Pate of JLM Tank Truck Service with a couple of proposals for dust control for 2004. Proposal #1: 1<sup>st</sup> application of 5,000 gallons per mile, (2,500 gallons applied, then about one week later, another 2,500 gallons applied). The cost is \$465.00 per mile. 2<sup>nd</sup> application would be optional - 300 feet application in front of individuals homes with JLM Tank Truck Service collecting the payment of \$51.00 per 300 feet. Proposal #2: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> applications of 3,000 gallons each application, at \$290.00 per mile per application. The applications to be about 6 to 8 weeks apart. It was tabled.

In addition to other regular business at the March meeting a budget hearing for the new fiscal year, April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005, will be conducted.

Several cost estimates have been received from the Hillsdale County Road Commission. They were tabled to next month.

Clerk, Lois Hills provided Income and Expense Financial reports for the General Fund and the Sewer Project Fund.

The motion was made by Board Member, Connie Strong, and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$9,630.27 from the General Fund, and a total of \$14,588.08 from the BAN Sewer Fund. (*A listing of the bills is available upon request.*) The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Lois J. Hills  
Wright Township Clerk

The Wright Township Board agrees to pay the sum of **\$11,500.00** to **Dean Hoard** for the fiscal year, **April 1, 2004**, to **March 31, 2005**, and for the fiscal year, **April 1, 2005** to **March 31, 2006**, for labor and equipment involved in maintaining the Lickly Corners, Prattville, and Waldron Cemeteries.

I, **Dean Hoard**, promise to furnish all equipment necessary to mow and maintain the Lickly Corners, Prattville, and Waldron Cemeteries, unless otherwise stated in this contract; and will furnish all gas, oil, and maintenance for equipment.

I, **Dean Hoard**, promise to render the following services:

(1) I will provide a minimum of \$300,000.00 liability insurance and provide the Township with a Certificate of Insurance.

2) Workers under the age of 18 years are not to be employed to work on township properties.

3) I will be responsible for all leaf and trash removal; and the removal of old flowers according to the posted dates.

4) I will put out flags up to one week prior to Memorial Day on Veterans' graves and be responsible for their removal.

5) I will maintain drives, and level and seed new graves.

6) I will do all mowing and trimming of the Lickley Corners, Prattville, and Waldron cemeteries including the Veterans Memorial at the Waldron Cemetery.

7) I will spray around tombstones as needed for easier care.

The Township Board will furnish the following supplies:

- 1) All flags and their holders,
- 2) Gravel, topsoil, and grass seed,
- 3) All herbicides and sprayer, and
- 4) Other necessary supplies with the township board's approval.

The contract payment is as follows with the check available after the second Thursday of each month

<b>PAYMENT SCHEDULE</b>	
May	\$1,725.00
June	\$1,725.00
July	\$1,725.00
August	\$1,725.00
September	\$1,725.00
October	\$1,725.00
December	\$1,150.00

This is a two-year contract; it is subject to review after the second year.

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Contractor

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Township Representative

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Date

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Date