

The Wright Township regular monthly board meeting was held on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

The meeting was called to order by the Trustee, William White (appointed by Township Board).

The meeting was opened with reciting of the pledge of allegiance and with prayer offered by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman.

Board members present were: Trustee, William White; Treasurer, Harold Douglas; Trustee, Roger Zimmerman; and Clerk, Sharon Zimmerman.

Board member, Fred Horwath (Supervisor) was absent.

There were a total of four guests present at the meeting. Brad Benzing, Jeff Gier, John Tanner and Maxcine Vanlenberg.

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

BALANCE ON HAND, January 31, 2009	
<u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u>	
First Federal - Checking Account	\$ 1,472.71
First Federal - Money Market Account	\$ 241,311.94
Tax Account Checking	\$ 61,557.32
<u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>	
Flagstar – Checking (Construction)	\$ 7,039.50
O & M - Checking	\$ 11,210.69
Special Assessment – Money Market	\$ 275,789.81
RRI - Money Market Account	\$ 20,150.05
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>	
First Federal - Checking Account	\$ 802.80
First Federal - Money Market Account	\$ 213,649.42
First Federal - Statement Savings	\$ 24,131.58

The meeting was opened for public comment.

County Commissioner Brad Benzing stated that he is now chairman of the Economic Development and is serving on the Building and Grounds committee. He also shared about the 9-1-1 proposal. Brad reported that the elevator in the Court House is finished and working great.

Maxcine Vanlenberg spoke to us about the Community Action (Senior Center) how they were preparing tax forms for the low income people. The annual income of \$40,000. or less is who they would prepare for. Maxcine offered to come to Waldron and help the people, if there were enough of them interested.

Last year they prepared tax forms for 57. This year they have done 88 and 100 more are scheduled to do.

Maxcine was a representative for Gary Leininger, sharing about the 9-1-1 Operating Surcharge Proposal. The State cut their funding down which leaves them \$20,000. in debt each month. She asked that we please consider this as we vote.

Jeff Gier shared that there was no new hook ups for the sewer this month.

Jeff had a complaint about a drain on Kipp Street, that it was not draining properly. Jeff went by there before coming to the meeting and stated the water was almost gone and felt it was due to frozen ground.

The assessment was not up to date on Mr. Skurskies property, Jeff will hold the permit until assessments are paid up.

There are 20 that are not hooked up. Out of the 20, 7 possibly never will hook up and 13 of them are possible hook ups. Michigan Community Action, Cristy Cook is continuing to work with these people.

William White asked if the letter of walk through, things that needed to be done was sent to Rothenberger? Jeff said yes and that he had got part of it done and that they are waiting for the weather to improve to do top soil and seeding.

William White ^{inquired} ~~required~~ about the May Ballet for the proposal for Road Millage. Clerk, Sharon Zimmerman will be going to the Court House in Hillsdale tomorrow and will be talking with County Clerk, Marnie Kast about how to present the wording on the ballet. She also called Litchfield Clerk, Patty Shepard who gave her some information on how to promote the road millage. Mainly it was to get the word out to the people that this is a renewal.

Clerk Sharon Zimmerman

The Budget will be presented at next months meeting.

Clerk, Sharon Zimmerman asked to meet with the Election Commission after the general meeting.

The bill for Pontem that is used for Voters Registration will be due July 2009 at \$389.00, this an annual cost. Sharon would like to check into QVF program and get signed up in it as it is free through the State and is more up to date and would mean less traveling to the Court House to pick up voters registrations. She would like to purchase software that would go with the QVF program which would be a one time cost of approximately \$ 239.00 for software and \$35.00 for a wand which helps scan the forms.

Motion made by Harold Douglas and supported by Roger Zimmerman to purchase these items. Motion was unanimous.

Sharon will be checking about the QVF program and the definite cost of the software and wand.

Information about the 2009 Economic National Stimulus Package was sent to Hillsdale County Road Commission, addressed to Stan Clingerman and a letter sent to MTA; Steven Duke, Principal Planner. We submitted a list of projects for roads that needed to be done. See attachment.

The Board decided not to renew purchasing contract with MiDEAL. (When purchasing new equipment for the sewer, there is a discount)

Contracts for Road work was tabled till March 12, 2009 meeting, when all Board Members would be present.

Ben Wheeler sent a letter about Land Division for Wayne R. Steffens, requesting the Wright Township Boards approval.

Trustee, Roger Zimmerman made a motion that we approve the land split and Treasure, Harold Douglas supported. Roll call was taken. Trustee, Roger Zimmerman – yes -Treasurer, Harold Douglas – yes - Clerk, Sharon Zimmerman – yes - Trustee, William White – yes. The vote was unanimous.

Received a letter from unemployment stating that Connie Strong was not eligible for unemployment.

Treasurer, Harold Douglas asked about penalty fees on the taxes that people owe weather or not to charge these fees from February 15 to February 28th. The Board elected not to charge penalty fees.

Fire Department money fund is receiving $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% interest on the money that is in the savings account. Harold would like to talk with the bank personal and spread the money into some of the new higher interest accounts. The Board gave him permission to go ahead and do this.

Roger Zimmerman made a motion to pay the general fund bill, Harold Douglas supported, the motion was unanimous.

Harold Douglas made a motion to pay sewer bills, Roger Zimmerman supported, motion unanimous.

Roger Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn, Harold Douglas supported, and motion was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Wright Township Clerk
Sharon Zimmerman

