

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, February 13, 2003 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, Roger Zimmerman, Lois Hills, Fred Horwath and Bill White.

There were a total of ten citizens present at the meeting that included Skip Linden, Richard Chudey, Christie Cook, Leroy Morr, Nick Wheeler, Harold Douglas, Chuck Meade, John Tanner, and two W.A.S. government class students.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Bill White to approve the minutes of last month's meeting. The motion carried.

There was no treasurer's report.

The meeting was opened for public comment with no comment being offered.

Fred Horwath presented a letter from Carol Newcomer, Director of the Waldron District Library. The letter was an official request for continued financial support of the Library for the 2003 fiscal year. Copies of their 2002 Annual Report, showing the activities of the year and the financial overview were received. Also, a copy of the Library's audit was submitted.

Christie Cook, RCAP, announced there will a Bean Creek Watershed Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building. Also, she is applying for a \$5000 education grant from E.P.A., called "Writing on the Bean". This grant would be for the assistance of the participation of eighth grade local students.

Christie Cook reported that Wright Township was not one of three communities that received the "plastic pipe donation" for their water or waste system from The Plastic Pipe Institute, the trade association of plastic pipe manufacturers. However, the Village of Waldron was one of the three that did receive the donation along with a community in Eagle Creek, Illinois and one in Wheeler, Wisconsin.

Nick Wheeler, Equalization Director, stated he was at the meeting mainly to answer any questions. He reported the digitized mapping for Wright Township is

completed. Also, he reported that he has submitted a proposed new fee schedule with four options to the County Board of Commissioners. The fee schedule is subject to their approval. The new fee schedule will start in 2003. He stated he wants to work with the Townships to save the County money and to save the Townships money.

Myrl Meller reported that the work on the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building, in regards to the ADA requirements, has been completed except for the approach to the door, which will need to wait until warmer weather. He checked about sign placement. He wanted to see if everything was all right.

Lois Hills read the letter from Adam Mesarosh, Chairman of the Hillsdale Geographic Information Systems. It was informing us that Wright Township had been selected by the GIS committee for financial assistance to digitize our parcels. Wright has approximately 1350 parcels, and the cost of the project is expected to be about \$4725.00. Also, he requested that any contribution we could make would be appreciated and enable them to complete their goal of digitizing parcels for the entire county. Lois Hills shared that Betty Keeling talked to her and thought that \$500.00 would be an appropriate contribution amount.

We received a copy of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality permit for the Village of Waldron for constructing a new sewage treatment lagoon and effluent discharge structure and constructing new sewage force main.

Several cost estimates prepared by the Hillsdale County Road Commission were received for work to be performed during the 2003 construction season as follows.

- All county local gravels roads in the township, except seasonal Buckeye and Tuttle Roads, a total of 40 miles. The description of the work to be performed is gravel road stabilization using liquid calcium chloride, mineral well brine, or oil field brine to be spread full length (not spots).
- 38% Liquid Calcium Chloride Application: 40 miles @ 2,000 gallons/mile once, 80,000 gallons, \$.46 per gallon, Estimated cost - \$36,800.00, Estimated Township cost (75%) = \$27,600.00.
- 23% Mineral Well Brine: 40 miles @ 2,000 gallons/mile twice, 160,000 gallons, \$.17 per gallon, Estimated cost - \$27,200.00, Estimated Township cost (75%) = \$20,400.00.
- Oil Field Brine: 40 miles @ 2,500 gallons/mile twice, \$455.00 per mile, Estimated cost - \$18,200.00, Estimated Township cost (75%) = \$13,650.00.
- Various Gravel Roads. The description of work to be performed is spot gravel patching at various locations throughout township.

- 1000 cyd processed gravel at \$8.50/cyd - Township share (50%) = \$4,250.00
- 1500 cyd processed gravel at \$8.50/cyd - Township share (50%) = \$6,375.00
- 2000 cyd processed gravel at \$8.50/cyd - Township share (50%) = \$6,375.00

- Lime Lake Road from Coman Road to Elm Road, a length of 1.01 miles. The description of work to be performed is paver patch, sealcoat, and add shoulder gravel. The Township's estimated share (50%) is \$7,505.00.

- Lickley Road from Territorial Road south to State Line, a length of 0.35 miles. The description of work to be performed is paver patch, sealcoat, and add shoulder gravel. The Township's estimated share (50%) is \$6,425.00.

Board Member, Bill White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills for dust control this year to accept Proposal # 2 from JLM Tank Truck Service at \$455.00 per mile. Proposal # 2 is for applying on the first application 5,000 gallons per mile of oil field brine. (2,500 gallons will be applied, then about one week later another 2,500 gallons will be applied.) A second application may be applied in front of individuals homes at a cost of \$49.00 per 300 feet. JLM Tank Truck Service will collect payment from individuals for the second application. The motion carried.

A letter was received from Renee Batt, Executive Director of Domestic Harmony, requesting that the Township contract with Domestic Harmony once again this year. Last year the amount of the contract was \$500.00, and she is asking for the same amount this year or more if we are able. Board Member, Bill White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to contract with Domestic Harmony for \$500.00 for the next fiscal year for services for victims of domestic violence for residents of the township. The motion carried.

Lois Hills announced that at the March meeting, in addition to other regular business a budget hearing will need to be conducted.

Lois Hills submitted an Actual vs. Budget Financial Report and proposed changes to amend the budget for fiscal year, April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to amend the budget in the amount of \$2,233.92 as proposed. (*A listing of the budget modifications is available upon request.*) The motion carried.

Bill White gave a report on the County MTA meeting hosted by Wright Township on Wednesday, February 5th.

Board Member, Bill White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$12,623.80 from the General Fund and a total of \$10,193.50 from the BAN Sewer Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Bill White to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township