

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, February 9, 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, Lois Hills, William White, and Roger Zimmerman.

There were sixteen citizens and guests present at the meeting including Ben Wheeler, Leroy Morr, Richard Chudey, Skip Linden, Jim Marry, Ray Saneholtz, Bruce Caswell, Margo Fether (WHS FFA Advisor), and nine students from WHS FFA.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White, to approve the minutes of last month's meeting and the minutes of the public hearing held on February 2, 2006, and the treasurer's report as printed. (*Treasurer's report follows.*) The motion carried.

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP	
<u>BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 31, 2006</u>	
Checking Account	\$ 393.00
LIP Account	\$ 126,790.24
Flagstar Checking	\$ 13,623.11
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 861.01
United Bank & Trust BAN Loan 2005	\$ (375,000.00)
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>	
Checking Account	\$ 100.00
LIP Account	\$ 106,993.49
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 47,704.73
Statement Savings	\$ 19,366.01
Loan	\$ (60,005.52)

The meeting was opened for public comment. Leroy Morr inquired if the township was going to be able to get more gravel. Jim Marry commented that he saw the County Road Commission scraping a private a road (Young Drive) and was asking if this was right. We didn't have answers and there was not a Road Commissioner present to answer the questions.

Two proposed Loan Resolutions prepared by USDA Rural Development for the issuance of bonds for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements were submitted for consideration.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to adopt the resolution authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving, and/or extending its sewer facility to serve an area lawfully within its jurisdiction. Whereas, it is necessary to raise a portion of the cost of such undertaking by issuance of its bonds in the principal amount of \$796,000.00. (*The complete wording of the resolution is available upon request.*) Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

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Supervisor, Fred Horwath was authorized to sign the “Certification Regarding Debarment Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions” required by USDA Rural Development. *(A copy of the certification of debarment is available upon request.)*

A letter was received from Steven Darmofal from Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc. regarding the bids submitted for the Wright Township – Lime Lake/Prattville Wastewater Treatment Plant – Contract A, and Sanitary Sewer Collection System – Contract B.

- ❖ Based on the submitted bids, the apparent low bidder for Contract A is Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. from Novi, MI at \$1,448,676.00. They have reviewed this bid and have checked their references; and based on their review, it is their recommendation to award Contract A to Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. subject to USDA/Rural Development approval.
- ❖ Based on the submitted bids, the apparent low bidder for Contract B is Rothenberger Co., Inc., from Concord, MI at \$1,669,304.96. They have reviewed this bid and have checked their references; and based on their review, it is their recommendation to award Contract B to Rothenberger Co., Inc. subject to USDA/Rural Development approval.

A letter was received from USDA/Rural Development concurring with Steven Darmofal from Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc. recommendation letter regarding the awarding of Contract A to Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. from Novi, MI at \$1,448,676.00; and Contract B to Rothenberger Co., Inc., from Concord, MI at \$1,669,304.96.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White to adopt a resolution awarding the Contract A for Wright Township – Lime Lake/Prattville Wastewater Treatment Plant to Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. from Novi, MI at \$1,448,676.00. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to adopt a resolution awarding the Contract B for Wright Township – Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Collection System to Rothenberger Co., Inc., from Concord, MI at \$1,669,304.96. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

At the special assessment hearing on February 2, 2006 a number of residents voiced their objections to how their property was treated with respect to the unit charge. A number of them had written letters and others voiced their concerns to the township. Fred Horwath spoke to the Township attorney about these items. There had to be a few changes to correct the assessment roll. This deleted a few unit charges, and thus increased the assessment charges for the remaining units.

Supervisor, Fred Horwath submitted the revised special assessment roll. He signed and affixed his certificate to the roll; in which are entered and described all parcels of land to be assessed, with names of the respective record owners of each parcel, if known, and the total amount to be assessed against each parcel of land, which amount shall be the relative portion of

the whole sum to be levied against all parcels of land in the special assessment district as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in the special assessment district. (See February 9 Attachment 1 for a copy of the revised special assessment roll.)

A Resolution "Setting Hearing Date on Revised Special Assessment Roll" for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements as prepared by Paul Wyzgoski from Dickinson Wright PLLC was submitted and reviewed. It sets the public hearing for March 2, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. to be held at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building located at 112 East Center Street, Waldron, Michigan. At this time objections may be submitted by any interested person with respect to the special assessment roll. The board will review such items and consider any objections.

The Resolution "SETTING HEARING DATE ON REVISED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL" for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements was offered by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to be adopted. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, , and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted. (See February 9 Attachment 2 for a copy of the resolution.)

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to adopt a resolution requesting an additional thirty (30) day extension to the bid hold period for Contract A – Wright Township – Lime Lake/Prattville Wastewater Treatment Plant and Contract B - Sanitary Sewer Collection System. At the end of the bid hold extension period then award Contract A – Wright Township – Lime Lake/Prattville Wastewater Treatment Plant to Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. from Novi, MI; and award Contract B - Wright Township – Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Collection System to Rothenberger Co., Inc., from Concord, MI. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, , and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

Raymond Saneholtz from Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc. presented an amendment to the Agreement for Engineering Services between Wright Township and Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc. dated June 27, 2000 for the Wright Township Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer System Improvements. The price adjustments to the contract per this amendment are necessary based on cost increases since original contract execution. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement for engineering Services remain in full force and effect. It includes the following changes in price:

	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>NEW</u>
A. BASIC SERVICES	\$140,000.00	\$180,000.00
B. RESIDENT PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES	105,000.00	125,000.00
C. ADDITIONAL SERVICES, with testing (\$30,000)	146,000.00	210,000.00
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	\$391,000.00	\$515,000.00

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to adopt a resolution to approve the amendment to the Agreement for Engineering Services between Wright Township and Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc. dated June 27, 2000, for the Wright Township - Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer System Improvements project as listed above. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, , and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

Michigan State Representative for the 58th District, Bruce Caswell was present. He relayed information on the proposed Governor's budget presented today, the "Water Package" bills that passed the House today, and the "Annex 2001" agreement. Also, he conveyed information about the governor's proposal of paying \$200.00 additional per student to schools.

Presently \$6,875.00 per student is being paid to the school. He then held a question and answer session.

The Board of County Road Commissioners approved three of the four agreements for summer road work. The Board did not approve the agreement to replace the Seely Road Bridge north of Hartley Road, because they learned that we will likely receive "local bridge funds" from MDOT in the next cycle for possible replacement of this bridge in 2009. This would be funded 95%, and be a better structure than we could do their selves. They submitted a contract to replace the smaller Seely Road bridge at Smith Branch Drain North of Broom Road that is not eligible for MDOT's local bridge program. The description of work to be performed is to remove existing structure, prepare streambed, install new pipe arch culvert, backfill and widen roadway, erosion control and riprap, construction signing and engineering. The Township's estimated cost share (50%) is \$13,000.00.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White, to approve and sign the contract with the Hillsdale County Road Commission for replacement of the bridge structure on Seely Road at Smith Branch Drain North of Broom Road. The motion carried.

A letter was received from Renee Batt, Executive Director of Domestic Harmony, thanking us for supporting them through the Purchase of a Service Contract last year; and requesting we contract with them once again this year. Domestic Harmony provides services to victims of domestic violence and their children. The board would like a more detailed report on the usage from Wright Township. It was tabled to next month.

Clerk, Lois Hills submitted for review a Financial Report of the Township's Income and Expenses to date – Actual versus Budget, and proposed changes to amend the budget for the current fiscal year, April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to amend the budget in the amount of \$1,310.24 as proposed. *(A listing of the budget modifications follows.)* The motion carried.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS, FEBRUARY 9, 2006 FOR FISCAL YEAR, APRIL 1, 2005 to MARCH 31, 2006						
ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET AMOUNT	Y.T.D. ACTUAL	RECOMMEND INCREASE	RECOMMEND DECREASE	NEW BUDGET
276-930	Cemetery – Repr & Maint	500.00	1,548.50	1,100.00		1,600.00
445-800	Drains	4,000.00	4,041.78	41.78		4,041.78
103-800	Legislative – Membership	800.00	807.81	7.81		807.81
735-801	Sanitation Activities	0.00	13.65	13.65		13.65
253-955	Treasurer – Miscellaneous	0.00	27.00	27.00		27.00
101-703	Trustee - Meetings	195.00	255.00	120.00		315.00
	INCREASE – TOTAL BUDGET CHANGES			\$1,310.24		
890-000	Contingency Fund	30,000.00	0.00		1,310.24	28,689.76
	DECREASE – TOTAL BUDGET CHANGES				\$ 1,310.24	

Clerk, Lois Hills presented a proposal for changes in the elected township officials salary as follows:

	4/1/2004 - CURRENT		PROPOSED		INCREASE	
	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY
SUPERVISOR	\$ 5,040.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 5,220.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 15.00
TREASURER	\$ 12,120.00	\$ 1,010.00	\$12,600.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 40.00
CLERK	\$ 8,640.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 30.00
TRUSTEE (each)	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$ 27,540.00	\$ 2,295.00	\$28,620.00	\$ 2,385.00	\$1,080.00	\$ 90.00

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White, to approve the proposed changes in the elected township officials annual salary effective April 1, 2006 as follows: The motion carried.

Supervisor	\$ 5,220.00	(\$435.00 monthly)
Clerk	\$ 9,000.00	(\$750.00 monthly)
Treasurer	\$12,600.00	(\$1,050.00 monthly)
Trustee (each)	\$ 1,800.00	(\$150.00 monthly)

In addition to other regular business at the March 9th board meeting there will be a budget hearing for the new fiscal year, April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007, covering the proposed expenditures and estimated revenues.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$9,269.53 from the General Fund, and a total of \$302.36 from the Sewer Project Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

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

Following the board meeting two panels from the FFA organization from the Waldron High School gave a presentation. One panel gave a presentation on urban sprawl, and another panel gave a presentation on Ethanol.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk