

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

Trustee, William White called the meeting to order in the absence of the Supervisor, Fred Horwath.

It was the consensus for Trustee, William White to chair the meeting.

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

The Board Members in attendance were Connie Strong, Roger Zimmerman, Lois Hills, and William White. Fred Horwath was absent.

There were fourteen citizens and guests present at the meeting including Charles Meade, Rich Chudey, Skip Linden, Christie Cook, Leroy Morr, Steve Darmofal, John Rice, Myron and Betty Clark, Betty Beaverson, and several government students from Waldron High School.

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 – DECEMBER 31, 2006		
<u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u>		
Checking Account	\$	247.31
LIP Account	\$	160,578.94
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	864.23
<u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>		
Flagstar - Construction Account	\$	427.35
Operating & Maintenance Checking Account	\$	100.21
Special Assessment Money Market Account	\$	101,452.50
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>		
Checking Account	\$	100.80
LIP Account	\$	147,412.85
Statement Savings	\$	19,739.42
Loan	\$	39,994.48

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Betty Beaverson from the Country Get-A-Longs 4-H Club is seeking a place to hold meetings for the Club and asked if it would be possible to use the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building to hold their meetings. They had previously been holding their meetings at the Waldron Bank, but it is no longer available to them. Their meetings are generally held once a month on Saturday or Sunday. Craft meetings begin at 2 p.m. and regular business begin at 4 p.m.

Connie Strong voiced her concern that if they used the building they would need to clean up after themselves since we do not have a cleaning service. Roger Zimmerman voiced his concern about a responsible person locking and unlocking the building each time.

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to give the township's consent for the Country Get-A-Long 4-H Club to use the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building for their meetings as long as there is not a conflict with any of the Township or Village functions. The motion carried.

Consent will be needed from the Village of Waldron too. The Village keeps a calendar and they will need to coordinate dates with the Village in regards to scheduling.

Steve Darmofal, Project Engineer from Feller, Finch & Associates, presented an update on the current status of the construction of the Lime Lake/Prattville Sewer Improvements project.

- Rothenberger is in the process of starting up the grinder pumps with the Electrical Engineer. They expect to be substantially complete by the end of next week.
- Rothenberger is in the process of restoration of the roads as much as they can do as this time due to weather conditions. The final restoration will be completed in the spring.
- Anglin is testing the cells for leakage. This is a thirty-day test. They will not be substantially complete until probably March.
- There will be a meeting with Rural Development when substantially complete.
- Pay Request Number 8 for Rothenberger and Anglin were submitted.
- In the Electrical budget there has been a savings of about \$40,000. At this time there is approximately \$80,000 in the Contingency.
- Need to discuss about how many grinder pumps and stations to keep on hand.
- Need to discuss with Rural Development about a storage building for the grinder pumps and stations.
- David Gier, sewer operator, was out when some the grinder pumps were started up.

Myron and Betty Clark presented their need of a grinder pump at a new house.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to allow Myron and Betty Clark a new connection to the sewer system at the existing rate of \$6,436.09. The motion carried.

The Township Board will discuss with the Road Commission at their annual meeting on January 25th about the utility markers for man holes, castings, cleanouts, etc (anything sticking up above the ground) for snowplowing purposes.

Richard Chudey inquired about the guarantee from Rothenberger. Steve Darmofal replied that there is a two-year guarantee.

Christie Cook reported on the costs and fees in neighboring communities for connection, permits, and inspections. She reviewed the draft for Lime Lake/Prattville Future Connections. She passed around a list for anyone to sign that may need any financial assistance for the sewer project.

John Rice from the Health Department was present. It was discussed with him concerning septic system abandonment. The permit application and inspection fee cost is \$40.00. The septic tank must be pumped by a licensed septage pumper and the tank collapsed and filled with an approved material. The inspection occurs after this is completed. He suggested a meeting be set up between the Township, the Health Department, and the Building Inspector possibly on Thursday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m. before the Road Commission meeting.

The annual joint meeting with the Township and the Hillsdale County Road Commission has been scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Road Commission office, 1919 Hudson Road, to discuss the road and bridge projects that were performed in 2006 and to plan for the 2007 construction season.

The letter received from John Pate from JLM Tank Truck Service in regards to the 2007 dust control was presented and discussed. It included six various proposals for applying dust control to the gravel roads as follows:

- Proposal 1: 2,500 gallons per mile, 2 applications, \$575.00 per mile
- Proposal 2: 3,000 gallons per mile, 2 applications, \$645.00 per mile

- Proposal 3: 5,000 gallons per mile, 1 application, \$545.00 per mile
- Proposal 4: 3,000 gallons per mile, 1st application, \$325.00 per mile, and 2,500 gallons per mile, 2nd application, \$290.00 per mile
- Proposal 5: 3,000 gallons per mile, 1 application, \$325.00 per mile, and House to House, 2nd application, \$70.00 per 300 feet
- Proposal 6: 2,500 gallons per mile, 1 application, \$290.00 per mile, and House to House, 2nd application, \$70.00 per 300 feet

Also, if 1st application is paid between April 15, 2007 to May 15, 2007, there will be a discount of \$10.00 per mile. This discount pertains to the 2nd application also, if paid in advance.

Clerk, Lois Hills passed along information she received from Maxine Vanlerberg, Chairperson of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners. The current contract with the Hillsdale County Humane Society will expire January 10, 2007 at midnight. Until a new contract agreement is reached, all lost and stray dogs picked up by the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Department will be taken to the Branch County Animal Control Facility.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$13,553.73 from the General Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

The motion was offered by Board Member, Connie Strong, and seconded by Board Member, Lois Hills to adopt a resolution to approve for payment the following bills and invoices relating to the Lime Lake/Prattville Sewer project from the Construction Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund contingent upon approval from USDA Rural Development.

1) Feller, Finch & Associates – (Engineering)	\$ 15,976.25
2) Jack Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. - (Contract A)	\$ 124,532.84
3) Rothenberger Company, Inc. - (Contract B)	\$ 54,736.33
4) Bill Higgins Jr. - (Crop Damage)	\$ 170.66

Total Sewer Fund	\$ 195,416.08
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Roll Call vote: Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, William White – yes, and Fred Horwath – absent. The resolution was declared adopted.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk