

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, January 12, 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 seven citizens and guests present at the meeting including Christie Cook, Ben Wheeler, Leroy Morr, Richard Chudey, Skip Linden, Dean Hoard, and John Tanner.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White, to approve the minutes of last month's meeting with the correction submitted by Clerk, and the treasurer's report as printed. (*Treasurer's report follows.*) The motion carried.

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP	
<u>BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2005</u>	
Checking Account	\$ 100.00
LIP Account	\$ 83,980.39
Flagstar Checking	\$ 13,773.37
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 861.01
United Bank & Trust BAN Loan 2005	\$ (375,000.00)
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>	
Checking Account	\$ 1,100.00
LIP Account	\$ 99,863.64
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 47,704.73
Statement Savings	\$ 19,366.01
Loan	\$ (60,005.52)

The meeting was opened for public comment. Leroy Morr expressed his dismay on the current conditions of the gravel roads, stating "they are like soup". He believes more gravel should be applied and the township should be paving more of the roads.

Dean Hoard's two-year contract for mowing and maintenance of the Township's cemeteries will expire March 31, 2006. He inquired what the township's plans are for mowing and maintenance of the cemeteries. He submitted a bid for mowing and maintaining the Lickley Corners, Prattville, and Waldron Cemeteries and the Veteran Memorial for 2006 and 2007 mowing season. The amount of the bid is for \$11,700.00 per year.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White to accept the bid from Dean Hoard for mowing and maintaining the Lickley Corners, Prattville, and Waldron Cemeteries and the Veteran Memorial for 2006 and 2007 mowing season for \$11,700 per year. The motion passed with four in favor and one opposed.

Dean Hoard relayed the need for top dirt for each of the cemeteries.

Ben Wheeler, Assessor, reported he needs to confer with Fred concerning setting the dates for the March Board of Review.

Included with the winter invoice for tax bills and services a letter was received from Equalization Director, Nicolas Wheeler. On last year's invoice there was a \$200.00 charge for the aerial photography from April of 2004 which all jurisdictions had agreed to contribute. Later it was discovered that money was available in the GIS funds that could have went towards the project thus not making it necessary to burden the township with this expense. It was decided to give each jurisdiction the opportunity of 1) taking that \$200.00 as a credit on this year's invoice, or 2) applying the \$200.00 to the next aerial photography.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to take the \$200.00 contributed for the 2004 aerial photography as a credit on this year's winter invoice for tax bills and services from the Equalization Department as proposed in the above mentioned letter. The motion carried.

A Resolution "*Determining Necessity of Improvements and Designating Special Assessment District*" for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements as prepared by Paul Wyzgoski from Dickinson Wright PLLC was submitted and reviewed.

The "**RESOLUTION DETERMINING NECESSITY OF IMPROVEMENTS AND DESIGNATING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**" for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements was offered by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to be adopted. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, , and Fred Horwath – yes. (*See January 12 – Attachment 1 – Necessity of Improvements for a copy of the resolution.*)

Supervisor, Fred Horwath submitted the special assessment roll, 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 January 12 – Attachment 2 – Assessment Roll for a copy of the special assessment roll.*)

A Resolution "*Setting Hearing Date on 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 February 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 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**" for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements was offered by Board Member, Connie Strong, and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to be adopted. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, , and Fred Horwath – yes. (*See January 12 - Attachment 3 – Hearing Date for a copy of the resolution.*)

The letter received from John Pate from JLM Tank Truck Service in regards to the 2006 dust control was presented and discussed. It included six various proposals for applying dust control to the gravel roads.

- Proposal 1: 2,500 gallons per mile, 2 applications, \$570.00 per mile
- Proposal 2: 3,000 gallons per mile, 2 applications, \$640.00 per mile
- Proposal 3: 5,000 gallons per mile, 1 application, \$540.00 per mile
- Proposal 4: 3,000 gallons per mile, 1st application, \$320.00 per mile, and 2,500 gallons per mile, 2nd application, \$285.00 per mile
- Proposal 5: 3,000 gallons per mile, 1 application, \$320.00 per mile, and

House to House, 2nd application, \$65.00 per 300 feet
 Proposal 6: 2,500 gallons per mile, 1 application, \$285.00 per mile, and
 House to House, 2nd application, \$65.00 per 300 feet

Also, if 1st application is paid between April 15, 2006 to May 15, 2006, there will be a discount of \$10.00 per mile. This discount pertains to the 2nd application also, if paid in advance.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, for dust control this year to go with JLM Tank Truck Service's Proposal 1: 2,500 gallons per mile, 2 applications, \$570.00 per mile, which would be applying it the same as last year. The motion carried.

The annual joint meeting with the Township and the Road Commission was held on Thursday, January 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Road Commission office. The Road Commission cost sharing policy was explained along with reviewing 2006 billing procedures. The 2005 road projects were reviewed and projects suggested for 2006 construction season were discussed. Several cost estimates prepared by the Hillsdale County Road Commission for work to be performed during the 2006 construction season were received and reviewed as follows.

- ✓ Gravel Road stabilization using mineral well brine or oil field brine to be spread full length on all gravel roads.
 - 23% Mineral Well Brine: Michigan Mineral Resources - 40 miles @ 2,000 gallons/mile twice, \$0.145 per gallon, \$590.00 per mile, Estimated cost - \$23,200.00, Estimated Township cost (75%) = \$17,400.00.
 - 23% Mineral Well Brine: Michigan Chloride Sales - 40 miles @ 2,000 gallons/mile twice, \$0.16 per gallon, \$640.00 per mile, Estimated cost - \$25,600.00, Estimated Township cost (75%) = \$19,200.00.
 - Oil Field Brine: JLM Tank Truck Service - 40 miles @ 2,500 gallons/mile twice, \$570.00 per mile, Estimated cost - \$22,800.00, Estimated Township cost (75%) = \$17,100.00.
- ✓ Various Gravel Roads. The description of work to be performed is spot gravel patching at various locations throughout township.
 - 500 cyd processed gravel at \$10.00/cyd - Township share (50%) = \$2,500.00
 - 1000 cyd processed gravel at \$10.00/cyd - Township share (50%) = \$5,000.00
- ✓ Hartley Road, from Waldron Road to Lickley Road, a length 2.01 miles. The description of work to be performed is paver patch, sealcoat, and add shoulder gravel. The Township's estimated cost share (50%) is \$16,150.00.
- ✓ Seely Road, at Blanchard Drain north of Hartley Road. 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 \$36,500.00.
- ✓ Coman Road, from Lime Lake Road to Camden Road, a length of 3.01 miles. The description of the work to be performed is to sealcoat only. The Township's estimated cost share (50%) is \$14,300.00.
- ✓ Coman Road, from Camden Road north to south edge of Prattville, a length of 1.87 miles. The description of the work to be performed is to sealcoat only. The Township's estimated cost share (50%) is \$8,900.00.

- ✓ Lime Lake Road, from Elm Road to Coman Road, a length of 1.01 miles. The description of the work to be performed is to paver patch, sealcoat, and add shoulder gravel. The Township's estimated cost share (50%) is \$13,450.00.

Another project suggested by the Road Commission, although there is not an cost estimate at this time, is replacement of a culvert on Seely Road, north of Broom Road with an eight feet span culvert. The estimated cost to the township is \$13,000.00.

A list of gravel suppliers along with a copy of the Road Commission's gravel road policy for township work without Road Commission match was furnished by the Road Commission. The Road Commission has cut the amount of gravel available to townships for spot gravel patching on gravel roads this year. If more gravel is desired and the township wants to pay the full amount without any match from the Road Commission they may do so by following this policy.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to approve and sign the contracts with the Hillsdale County Road Commission as follows. The motion carried.

- 1) - 1,000 cubic yards of processed gravel @ \$10.00 per cubic yard for spot gravel patching at various locations throughout the township. The total township cost (50%) is \$5,000.00. Also, we are interested in more gravel if available.
- 2) - For gravel road stabilization using oil field brine by JLM Tank Truck Service to be spread full length on all gravel roads - 40 miles @ 2,500 gallons/mile twice, \$570.00 per mile. The Township's estimated cost is (75%) is \$15,900.00.
- 3) - Seely Road, at Blanchard Drain north of Hartley Road. 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 \$36,500.00.
- 4) - Hartley Road, from Waldron Road to Lickley Road, a length 2.01 miles. The description of work to be performed is paver patch, sealcoat, and add shoulder gravel. The Township's estimated cost share (50%) is \$16,150.00.

At this time it was the consensus to hold on doing any of the projects on Coman Road and Lime Lake Road until after completion of the sewer project.

Clerk, Lois Hills provided Income and Expense Financial report Actual vs. Budget for the General Fund for fiscal year, April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006 for review.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$7,379.80 from the General Fund, and a total of \$198.65 from the Sewer Project Fund. (*A listing of the bills is available upon request.*) The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk