

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, July 10, 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, Lois Hills, Fred Horwath, and William White. Roger Zimmerman was absent.

There were a total of nine citizens present at the meeting that included John Tanner, Leroy Morr, George Gier, Christie Cook, Harold Douglas, Duane and Betty Keeling, Maxine Vanlerberg, and Robert Bertram.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve the minutes of last month's meeting and to accept the treasurer's report as printed. (*Treasurer's report follows.*) The motion carried.

BALANCE ON HAND, JUNE 30, 2003	
WRIGHT TOWNSHIP	
Checking Account	\$ 2,821.71
LIP Account	\$121,948.44
Flagstar Checking	\$ 1,025.18
Flagstar Money Market	\$203,033.52
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 852.77
WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND	
Checking Account	\$ 77.03
LIP Account	\$114,126.30
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 21,202.71
BOL Statement Savings	\$ 14,007.76

The meeting was opened for public comment. There was not any public comment offered.

Fred Horwath read a letter prepared by Attorney, Daniel Boyd, giving notice to the Robert and Lela Shinaberry, in regards to the Township electing to exercise the Option to Purchase dated August 13, 1998, and subsequently extended by agreement of the parties through August 13, 2003, for the sale of the property which contains 20 acres, more or less, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 14 in Wright Township.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, that the Township exercise the Option to Purchase dated August 13, 1998, and subsequently extended by agreement through August 13, 2003, according to the terms and conditions stated in the option, with Robert and Lela Shinaberry, for the sale of the property which contains 20 acres, more or less, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 14 in Wright Township. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – absent.

Christie Cook reported on new information from testing results on the Lime Creek watershed area. She emphasized the areas where the E. coli count was elevated.

Robert Bertram from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development, gave a presentation on assistance that Rural Development can provide to those with very low income in rural communities. There is a loan program for very low income owner-occupants to receive funding assistance needed to make necessary repairs/improvements on their home. There is a grant program available to assist very low income owner-occupants who lack conventional repayment ability to remove health and safety hazards or make their dwelling accessible to household members with disabilities.

George Gier, County Road Commissioner, reported that VebraHoff Dairy Farms have been billed approximately \$15,000 for repairs of the roads which their equipment damaged. At this time Lickley Road has been paved and putting the gravel on the shoulders of the road is in process. The county road commission employees' contract has expired and they are currently working without a contract. Their hang up problem seems to be the health insurance issue.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to approve the Assessment Administration contract with BIF Associates, Betty Keeling, for assessment administration services. (*A copy of the contract is attached.*) The motion carried.

Betty Keeling reported that she received an estimated cost of \$750 from Kinko's for scanning and burning of the property assessment drawings, which would create a backup copy; but they could not be changed or edited so would be outdated as soon as changes were necessary to be made.

The motion was made by Board Member, Connie Strong, and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to purchase the Apex sketching program for \$425.00. The motion passed with three yeas and one nay.

It is necessary for the Township to hold a "Truth in Taxation Hearing". We are subject to this Hearing since we are levying more than one mill. It was the

consensus to hold the "Truth in Taxation Hearing" at the next board meeting on August 14, 2003.

Maxine Vanlerberg, County Commissioner, reported that she researched the Equalization Department fee schedule. She was unable to get a detailed cost breakdown for each item. She did state that a township wouldn't have to pay the \$1.25 fee, but they wouldn't be able to use any of the Equalization Department's services. Maxine said that the County's Grading/Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance passed. She voted no on this ordinance because it was a new revised version; it was given to her at the meeting and she didn't have time to read it. It appears that the Courthouse will be getting an elevator installed possibly before the first of the year. A detailed study to increase space at the county jail is being conducted.

A motion was made by Board Member, William White, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve the land division application submitted by Evon Schumacher. It is for property located in Section 19, Northwest Quarter, Total acres of parent – 41, Total number of splits allowed – 7, Total splits used – 1, and Number of divisions transferred – 0. Roll call vote: Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, Connie Strong – yes, William White – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – absent.

William White reported on the public informational meeting with Ray Saneholtz from Feller, Finch and Associates, that was held on Saturday, June 28th, at 2 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building, in regards to the Lime Lake/Prattville sewer system project. There were about thirty people in attendance.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$32,332.31 from the General Fund, and a total of \$8,963.75 from the BAN Sewer Fund. (*A listing of the bills is available upon request.*) The motion carried.

The motion was made by Board Member, Connie Strong, and supported by Board Member, William White to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk